

# Appendix P: First Exhibition Viewpoints



## Viewpoints

Six visualisations from local viewpoints have been provided to demonstrate how the proposed wind farm could look based on the current proposal of up to 10 turbines up to 250m to blade tip height. These illustrations provide a good representation of the current plans from several local viewpoints.\*

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

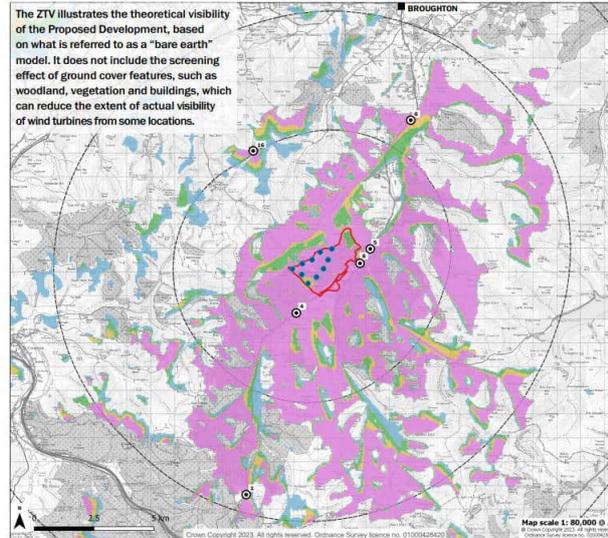
We will hold another exhibition later this year. We expect the viewpoint locations to be agreed prior to the second exhibition and there will be another opportunity to view a selection of visualisations at that time.

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

\* These visualisations are based on photographs taken recently. For the EiAR, photographs will be taken during clear weather conditions as per requirements.

## Zone of Theoretical Visibility (ZTV)

The ZTV illustrates the theoretical visibility of the Proposed Development, based on what is referred to as a "bare earth" model. It does not include the screening effect of ground cover features, such as woodland, vegetation and buildings, which can reduce the extent of actual visibility of wind turbines from some locations.



- Key**
- Site Boundary
  - Proposed Turbines – 250m tip
  - 5km buffer intervals from the Site boundary
- No. of Turbines Theoretically Visible**
- Light Blue: 1 - 3 tps visible
  - Green: 4 - 6 tps visible
  - Yellow: 7 - 8 tps visible
  - Pink: 9 - 10 tps visible
- Predicted Viewpoint Location**
- 1: A701 Source of the Tweed Layby
  - 4: A701 Layby east of Glendernock
  - 5: A701 by Tweedbank Village Hall
  - 6: A701 by Stanhope
  - 8: Tweedbank Bridge
  - 16: Culler Fell

Viewpoint 1: A701 Source of the Tweed Layby



CURRENT VIEW

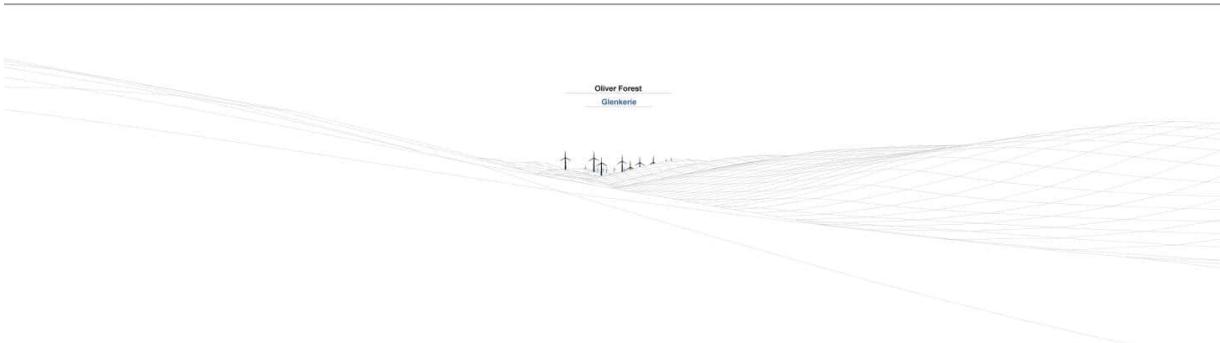


Photo showing current view.

Viewpoint 1: A701 Source of the Tweed Layby



WIREFRAME



Wireframe showing current proposed layout.  
Based on current proposal of 10 @ 250m to blade tip height.

Viewpoint 1: A701 Source of the Tweed Layby



PREDICTED VIEW



Photomontage showing current proposed layout.  
Based on current proposal of 10 @ 250m to blade tip height.

Viewpoint 4: A701 Layby east of Glenbreck



CURRENT VIEW

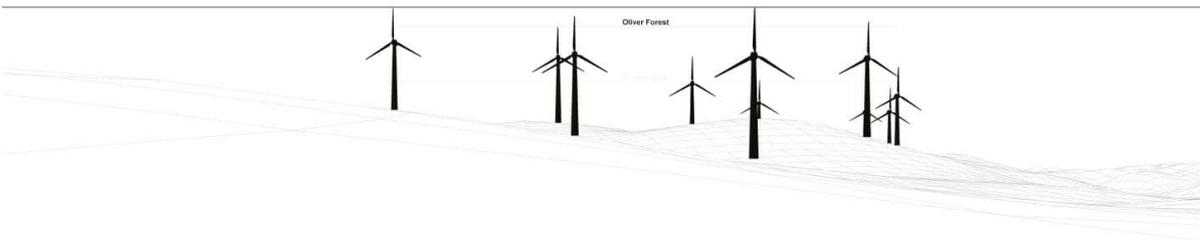


Photo showing current view

Viewpoint 4: A701 Layby east of Glenbreck



WIREFRAME



Wireframe showing current proposed layout.  
Based on current proposal of 10 @ 250m to blade tip height.

Viewpoint 4: A701 Layby east of Glenbreck



CURRENT VIEW



Photo showing current view

Viewpoint 5: A701 by Tweedsmuir Village Hall



CURRENT VIEW

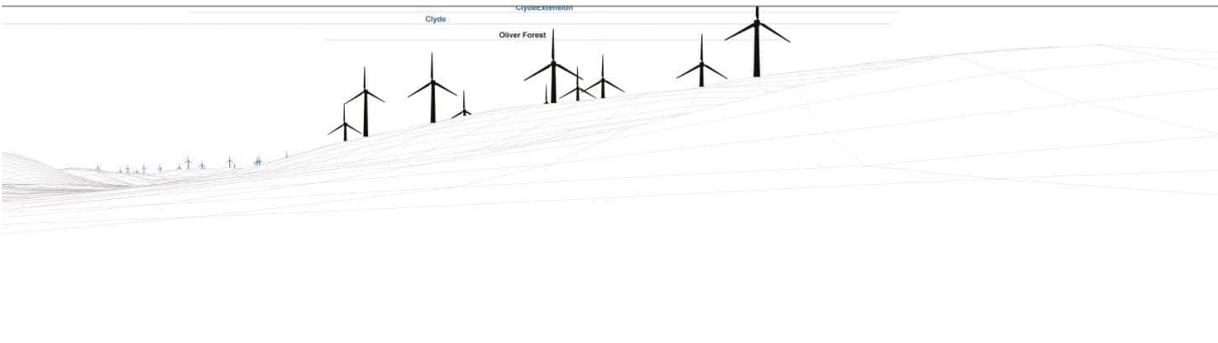


Photo showing current view.

Viewpoint 5: A701 by Tweedsmuir Village Hall



WIREFRAME



Wireframe showing current proposed layout.  
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Viewpoint 5: A701 by Tweedsmuir Village Hall



PREDICTED VIEW



Photomontage showing current proposed layout.  
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Viewpoint 6: A701 by Stanhope



CURRENT VIEW

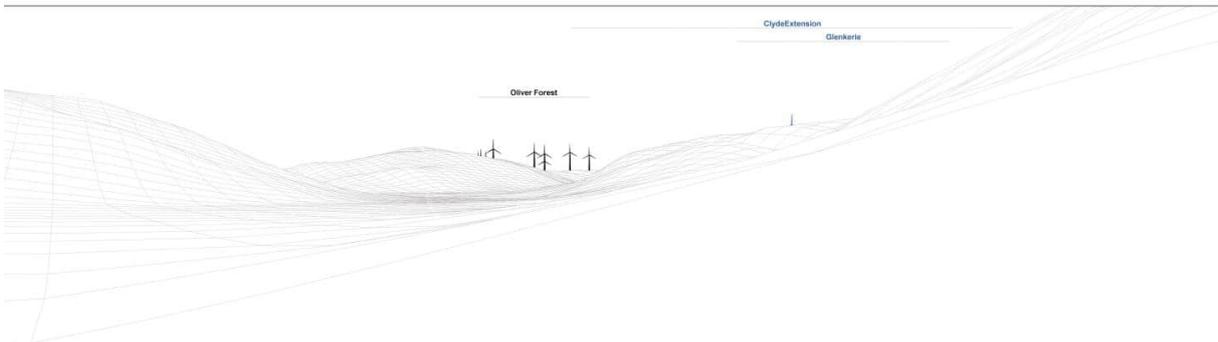


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Viewpoint 6: A701 by Stanhope



WIREFRAME



Wireframe showing current proposed layout.  
Based on current proposal of 10 @ 250m to blade tip height.

Viewpoint 6: A701 by Stanhope



PREDICTED VIEW



Photomontage showing current proposed layout.  
Based on current proposal of 10 @ 250m to blade tip height.

Viewpoint 8: Tweedsmuir Bridge



CURRENT VIEW

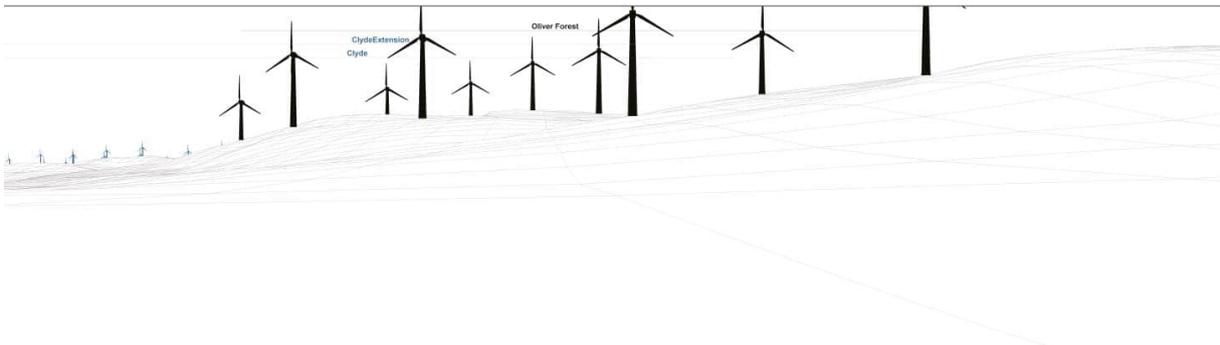


Photo showing current view.

Viewpoint 8: Tweedsmuir Bridge



WIREFRAME



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Viewpoint 8: Tweedsmuir Bridge



PREDICTED VIEW

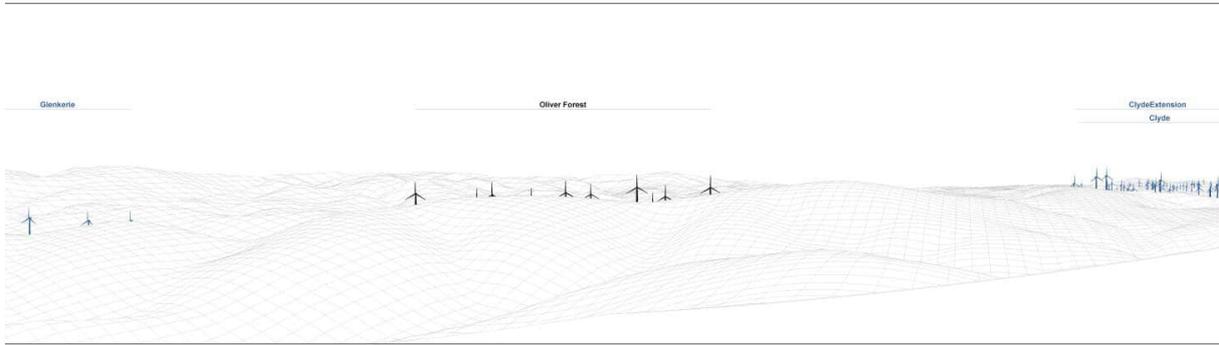


Photomontage showing current proposed layout.  
Based on current proposal of 10 @ 250m to blade tip height.

Viewpoint 16: Culter Fell



WIREFRAME\*



Wireframe showing current proposed layout.  
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\* A wireframe is only available from this viewpoint as weather conditions prevented photographs to be taken safely in time for the exhibition. A full set of results will be available at the next exhibition and for submission of any future application.

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# Appendix Q: Second Exhibition Viewpoints



## Viewpoints

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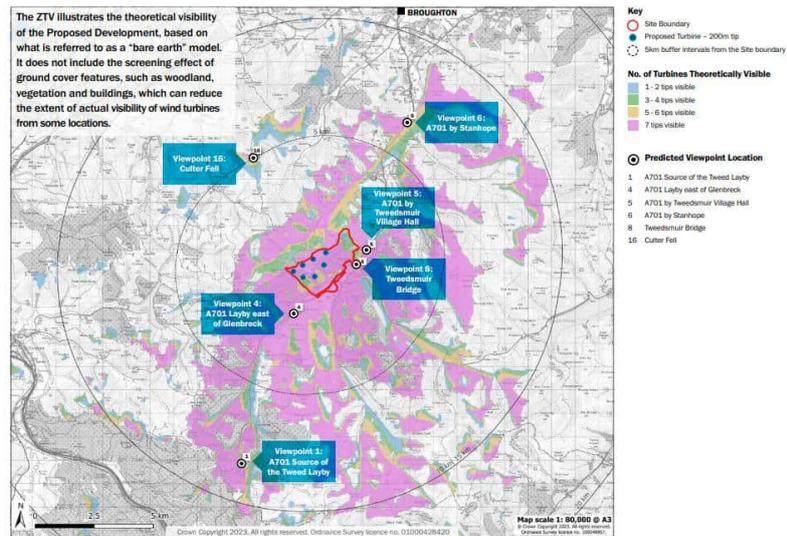
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\* Several visualisations presented show the proposed wind farm during snowy conditions. For the EIA, photographs will be taken during clear weather conditions as per requirements.

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Viewpoint 1: A701 Source of the Tweed Layby



CURRENT VIEW

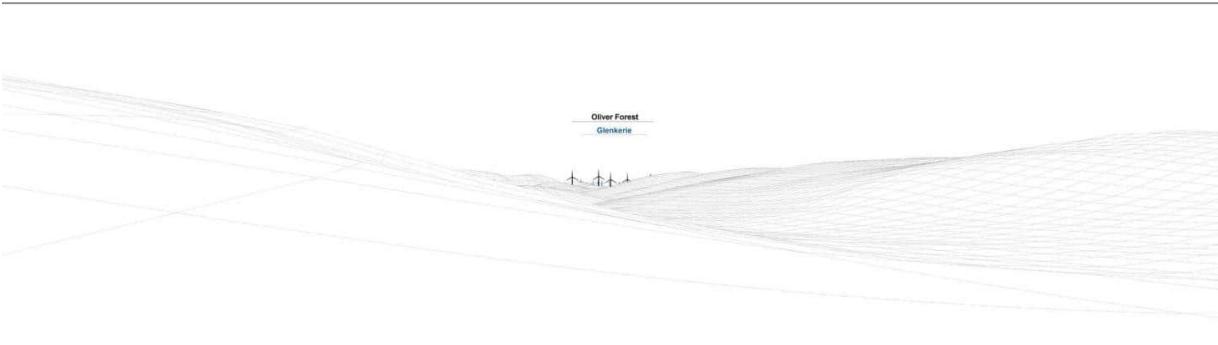


Photograph showing current view.

Viewpoint 1: A701 Source of the Tweed Layby



WIREFRAME



Wireframe showing current proposed layout. Based on current proposal of 7 turbines at 200m to blade tip height.

Viewpoint 1: A701 Source of the Tweed Layby



PREDICTED VIEW



Photomontage showing current proposed layout. Based on current proposal of 7 turbines at 200m to blade tip height.

Viewpoint 4: A701 Layby east of Glenbreck



CURRENT VIEW

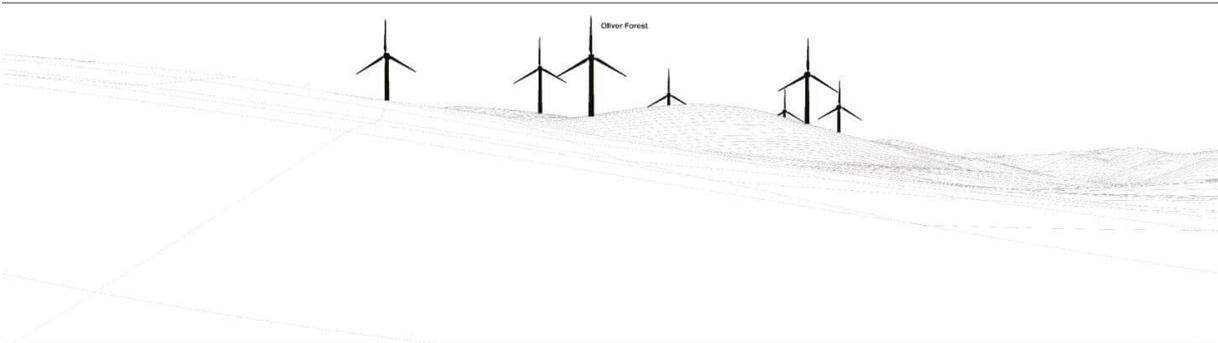


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Viewpoint 4: A701 Layby east of Glenbreck



WIREFRAME



Wireframe showing current proposed layout. Based on current proposal of 7 turbines at 200m to blade tip height.

Viewpoint 4: A701 Layby east of Glenbreck



PREDICTED VIEW



Photomontage showing current proposed layout. Based on current proposal of 7 turbines at 200m to blade tip height.

Viewpoint 5: A701 by Tweedsmuir Village Hall



CURRENT VIEW

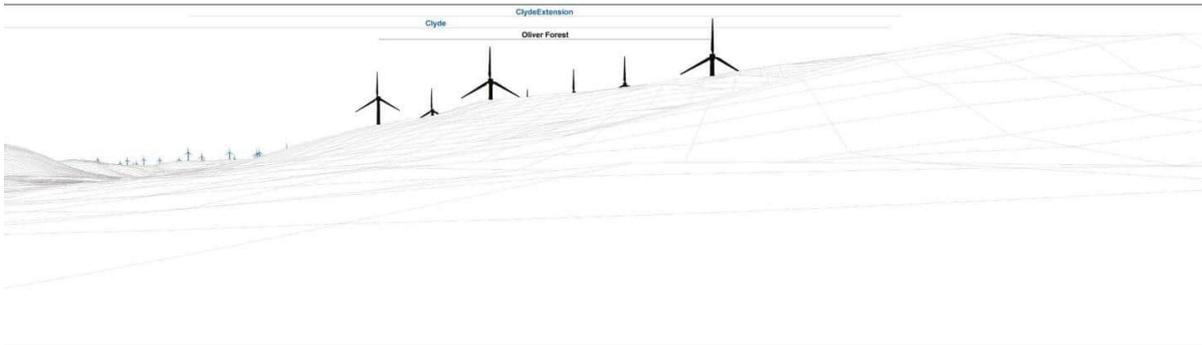


Photograph showing current view

Viewpoint 5: A701 by Tweedsmuir Village Hall



WIREFRAME



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PREDICTED VIEW



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Viewpoint 6: A701 by Stanhope



CURRENT VIEW

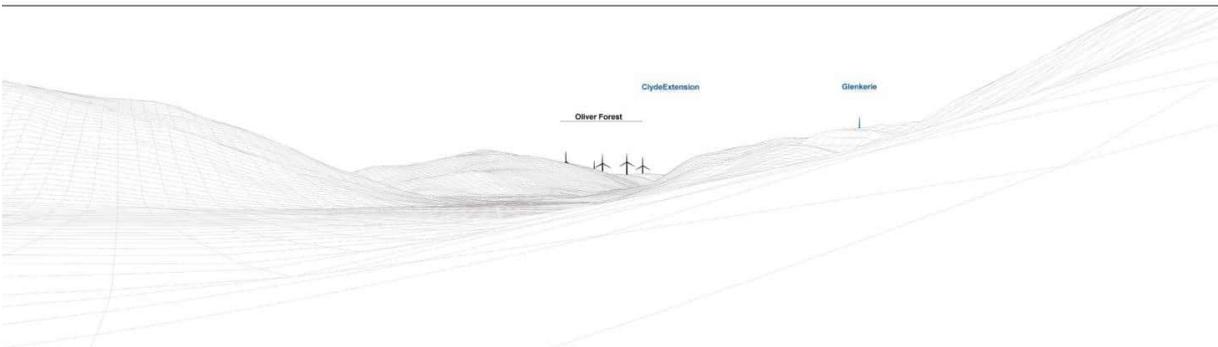


Photograph showing current view

Viewpoint 6: A701 by Stanhope



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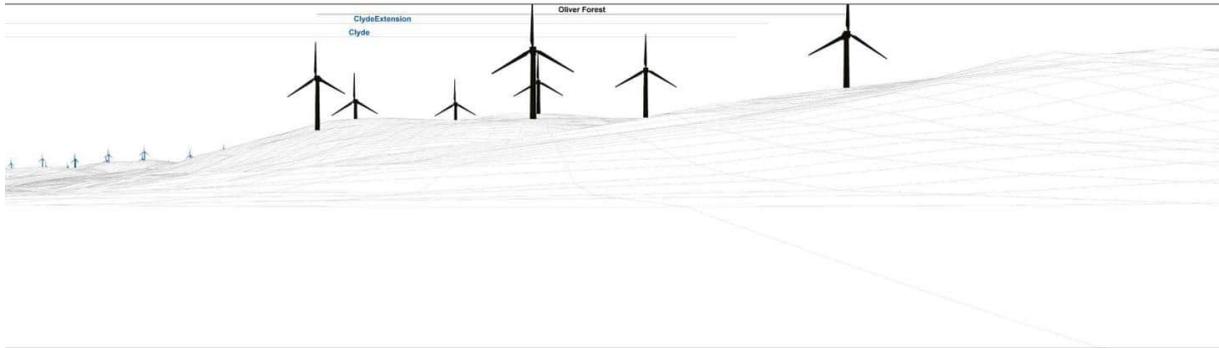


Photomontage showing current proposed layout. Based on current proposal of 7 turbines at 200m to blade tip height.

Viewpoint 8: Tweedsmuir Bridge



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Viewpoint 8: Tweedsmuir Bridge



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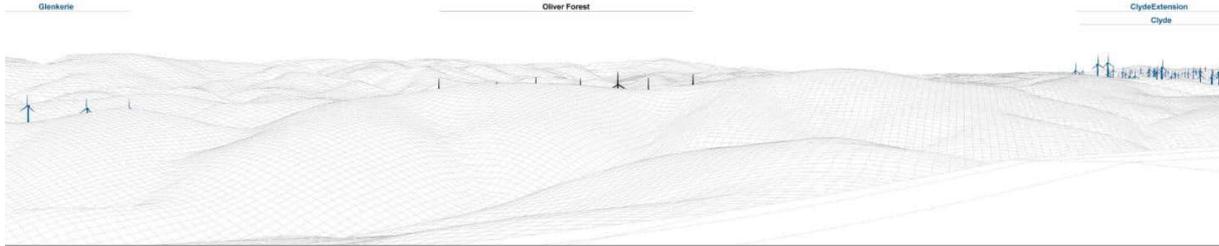


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# Appendix R: First Exhibition Feedback Forms



## OLIVER FOREST WIND FARM

You can use this form to let us know your views or ask any questions, we will respond to all queries as quickly as possible.

### 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. Go to <http://bit.ly/SKUKo2>

Comments made to Statkraft are not representations to the consenting authority. If an application is submitted, there will be an opportunity to make representations on that application to the consenting authority. Please note all comments should be received no later than 31 March 2023.

Please tell us what you think – complete and return in the envelope provided

Do you think that the country needs to generate more electricity from renewable sources?

YES  NO  UNSURE

Do you agree that onshore wind power is a good way to help achieve this?

YES  NO  UNSURE

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

YES  NO  UNSURE

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

YES  NO  UNSURE

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

No thank you, I do not want project updates

Your questions and comments:

Area for handwritten questions and comments with horizontal lines.

continue overleaf...

Yes, please respond to my comment and advise when the project is submitted

Title: Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Email:

Tel:

In person exhibition feedback form from first exhibition:



## Oliver Forest Wind Farm Feedback Form

**You can use this form to let us know your views or ask any questions, we will respond to all queries as quickly as possible. Complete and return in the envelope provided or post in the box.**

1. Do you think that the country needs to generate more electricity from renewable sources? YES  NO  UNSURE
2. Do you agree that onshore wind power is a good way to help achieve this? YES  NO  UNSURE
3. Do you think this is an acceptable location for a wind farm? YES  NO  UNSURE
4. Do you have any concerns regarding the current proposal? Please write your thoughts below:
5. What are the benefits of the current proposal? Please write your thoughts below:
6. What topic would you like more information about at the next exhibition (please tick those that apply):

None		Landscape and Visual Amenity	
Ecology		Noise	
Cultural Heritage		Traffic and Transport	
Forestry		Climate Change	
Land Use, Socioeconomics and Tourism		Aviation	
Hydrology			

7. We are open to offering shared ownership on our project. If the Oliver Forest project went ahead, would this be of interest? YES  NO  UNSURE
8. We offer Community Benefit of £5k per MW of Installed Capacity on all our projects, in line with Scottish Government Good Practice Principles. Should the project go ahead, what types of projects would you like to see provided funding?
  - a. A Local Energy Discount Scheme for local residents? YES  NO  UNSURE
  - b. Assistance for Energy Efficiency measures for local residents? YES  NO  UNSURE
  - c. Assistance for Energy Bills for local venues i.e. halls etc? YES  NO  UNSURE
  - d. Assistance for Energy Efficiency measures for local venues? YES  NO  UNSURE
  - e. To support local environmental and biodiversity projects? YES  NO  UNSURE
  - f. For local groups to deliver capital programmes i.e. repair buildings? YES  NO  UNSURE
  - g. For local clubs to improve access to or deliver recreational programmes (sports & leisure)? YES  NO  UNSURE
  - h. For local residents to access educational opportunities i.e. travel grants, bursaries? YES  NO  UNSURE
  - i. For local businesses to develop their businesses/explore opportunities? YES  NO  UNSURE
  - j. Opportunities to create apprenticeships and training opportunities? YES  NO  UNSURE
  - k. For local area to promote tourism? YES  NO  UNSURE
  - l. Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to receive project updates? YES  NO

**Contact details**

Name:  Postcode:

Address:  Email:

Tel:

**Please feel free to ask questions and leave comments on the reverse of this form.**



In person exhibition feedback form from second exhibition:



## Oliver Forest Wind Farm Feedback Form

**You can use this form to let us know your views or ask any questions, we will respond to all queries as quickly as possible. Complete and return in the envelope provided or post in the box.**

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- 2. Do you agree that onshore wind power is a good way to help achieve this? YES  NO  UNSURE
- 3. Do you think this is an acceptable location for a wind farm? YES  NO  UNSURE
- 4. Do you have any concerns regarding the current proposal? Please write your thoughts below:

- 5. What are the benefits of the current proposal? Please write your thoughts below:

- 6. We are open to offering shared ownership on our project. If the Oliver Forest project went ahead, would this be of interest? YES  NO  UNSURE

7. We offer Community Benefit of £5k per MW of Installed Capacity on all our projects, in line with Scottish Government Good Practice Principles. Should the project go ahead, what types of projects would you like to see provided funding?

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- b. Assistance for Energy Efficiency measures for local residents? YES  NO  UNSURE
- c. Assistance for Energy Bills for local venues i.e. halls etc? YES  NO  UNSURE
- d. Assistance for Energy Efficiency measures for local venues? YES  NO  UNSURE
- e. To support local environmental and biodiversity projects? YES  NO  UNSURE
- f. For local groups to deliver capital programmes i.e. repair buildings? YES  NO  UNSURE
- g. For local clubs to improve access to or deliver recreational programmes (sports & leisure)? YES  NO  UNSURE
- h. For local residents to access educational opportunities i.e. travel grants, bursaries? YES  NO  UNSURE
- i. For local businesses to develop their businesses/explore opportunities? YES  NO  UNSURE
- j. Opportunities to create apprenticeships and training opportunities? YES  NO  UNSURE
- k. For local area to promote tourism? YES  NO  UNSURE
- l. Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to receive project updates? YES  NO

**Contact details**

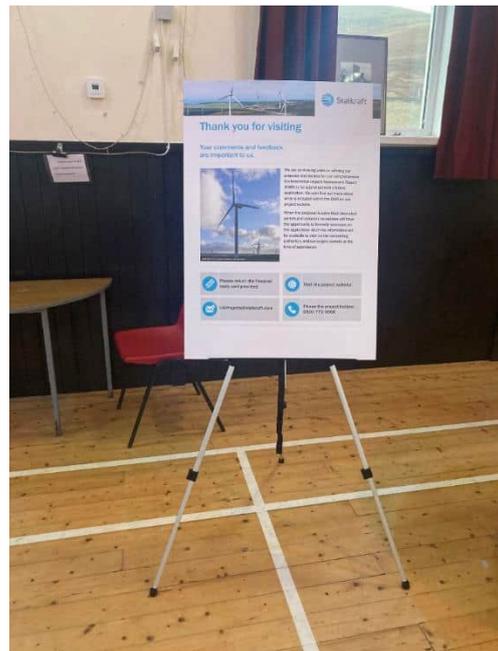
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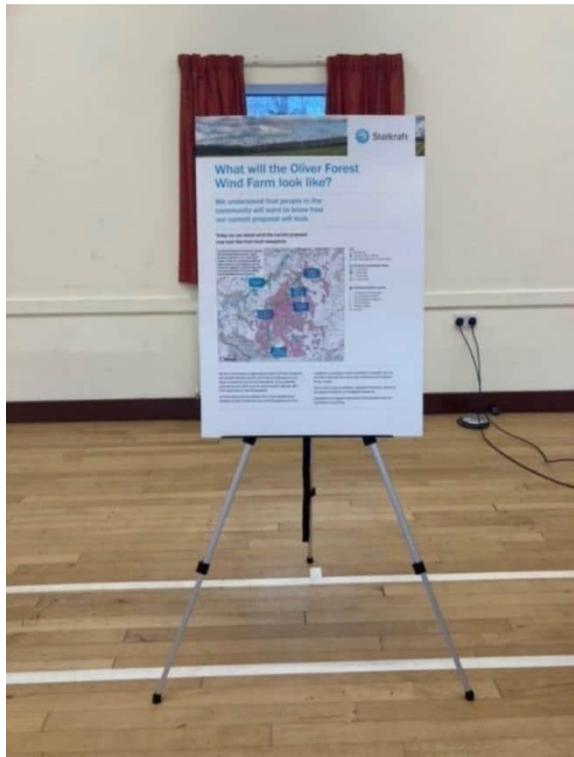
# Appendix T: First Exhibition Pictures

Tweedsmuir Village Hall 5 March 2023





Broughton Village Hall 6 March 2023





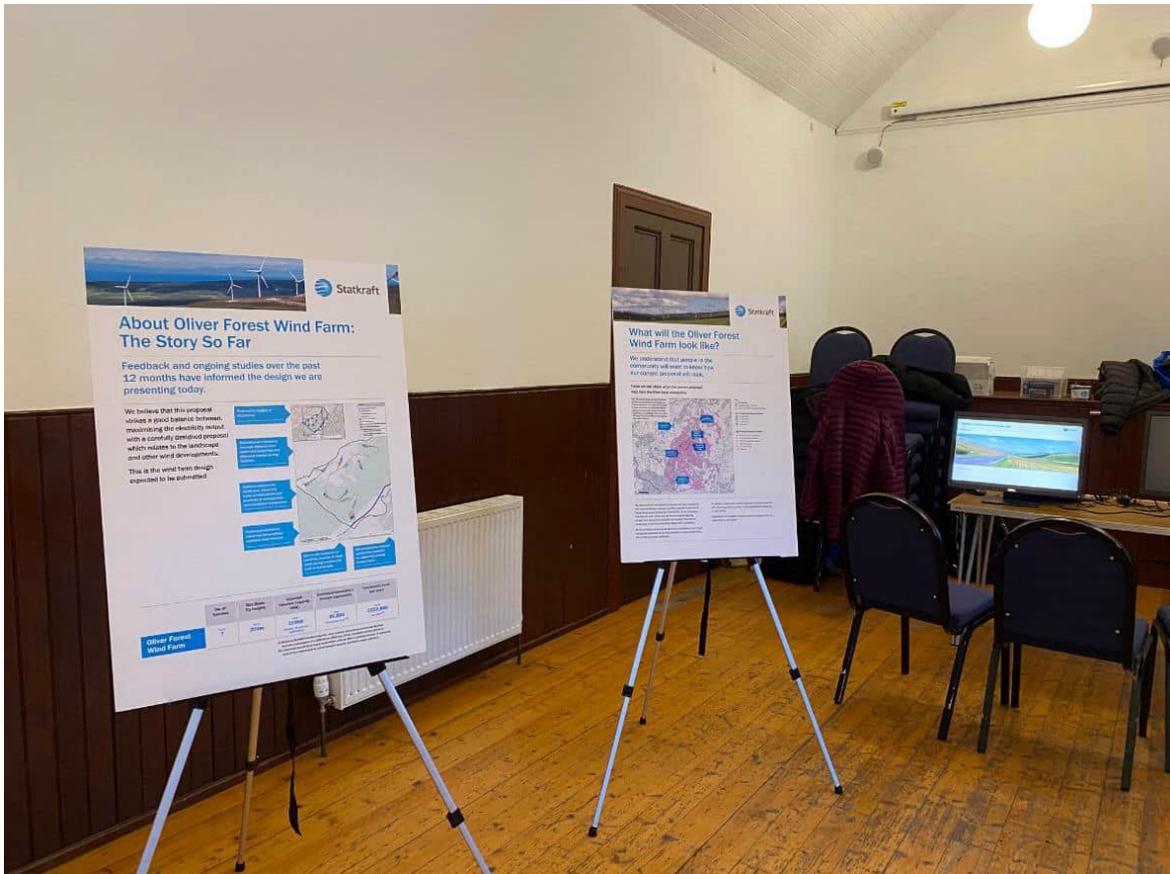


## Appendix U: Second Exhibition Pictures

### Tweedsmuir Village Hall



Broughton Village Hall





## Appendix V: First Exhibition Consultation Report

**Oliver Forest Wind Farm**  
**Public consultation Feedback Report**  
**June 2023**

**About Oliver Forest Wind Farm**

Oliver Forest Wind Farm is a proposal for up to 10 turbines, each up to a maximum of 250m to turbine blade tip height. The proposed wind farm is located at Tweedsmuir, approximately 12.5km south of Broughton and 19km north of Moffat. The table below highlights some key information about the proposal.

	No. of Turbines	Max Blade Tip Heights	Expected Installed Capacity (MW)	Estimated Generation (homes equivalent)	Community Fund (per year)
<b>Oliver Forest Wind Farm</b>	Up to <b>10</b>	Up to <b>250m</b>	Up to <b>66MW</b> <small>(Section 35 consent application)</small>	Just over <b>74,000</b> <small>homes per year (1)</small>	Between <b>£330,000</b> <small>per year (2)</small>

(1) Based on 66MW installed capacity, wind resource assessment and average Scottish electricity consumption of 3,320kWh per (NCS Dec. 2022). Candidate turbine 600kW.  
 (2) Community Benefit Fund based on 66MW x £5k per MW of installed capacity. If consented, value of fund determined by actual installed capacity. Candidate turbine 600kW.

A programme of community engagement and online consultation for the proposal began in December 2022 and is ongoing.

**Initial Consultation Period: Introducing the project**

Community engagement and feedback is very important to us as we develop and shape the Oliver Forest Wind Farm. In December 2022, when the project was first introduced into the public domain with a request for a Scoping Opinion from the Scottish Government, we launched a dedicated project website, providing the opportunity for interested parties to view and, importantly, comment on the proposals.

At the same time, we wrote to the host and neighbouring Community Councils\* and local political representatives to raise awareness of the proposal and offered an opportunity to meet to provide feedback on the consultation approach and the proposal. Members of the project team presented to Tweedsmuir Community Council in January 2023. The offer to present to each community council was made and we would be happy to take the opportunity to present at future meetings should community councils wish.

**Main Consultation Period**

This overview presents the findings of the feedback received during the first round of consultation. This was held between 21 February – 16 March 2023 and included online and in person consultation. Feedback was accepted until 31 March 2023. Replies to comments and queries raised were responded to, if permission was provided, in May 2023.

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

- Advertisements in the Southern Reporter (23/02/2023) and Peebleshire News (24/03/2023). This notice provided information on the project along with dates, times and locations of the events and how to provide feedback.
- Mailing to all households and businesses (over 600) in communities around the proposed site with an invitation to the in-person exhibitions, online consultation and how to provide feedback. Physical feedback cards along with a freepost envelope were included in the mailing for those who preferred to write back rather than go online or who couldn't make the in-person events.

\*Tweedsmuir (host), Upper Tweed, Manor, Stobo and Lyne, Ettrick and Yarrow Community Council.

- Writing to the host and neighbouring Community Councils and local and neighbouring Ward Councillors at the start of the consultation, with copies of adverts should they wish to highlight the events on their social media.
- Providing details of the consultation on the Oliver Forest project website.

#### **In-Person Exhibitions 8 – 9 March 2023**

The In-Person Events were held:

- Wednesday 8 March, Tweedsmuir Village Hall, Tweedsmuir, 3pm – 8pm
- Thursday 9 March, Broughton Village Hall, Broughton, 3pm – 8pm

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

- Information about the developer;
- An overview of the proposed development, including the proposed layout;
- Details of key viewpoints;
- A zone of theoretical visibility (ZTV) of the proposed development;
- Community benefit, construction/supplier register, supplier case studies and shared ownership;
- An area for children who may have visited the exhibition to learn more about renewables

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

An interactive computer model of the wind farm was available for attendees to request to view the wind farm from different locations in the local area, i.e. their home postcode providing an understanding of what the proposal may look like from their chosen locations.

The exhibitions had a total of 38 visitors over the two days. 21 visitors attended at Tweedsmuir and 17 visitors attended Broughton. Members from the host Community Council attended the event.

The attendees were very engaged with the project and asked the team a number of questions and queries which reflected the questions and queries submitted on the feedback forms. A summary of responses to the key questions can be found attached to this report.

#### **Online exhibition 21 February – 16 March 2023**

The virtual exhibition, accessed via a link from the main project website, sought to replicate the type of information and materials at the physical exhibitions. This included:

- Exhibition Brochure Online – to provide the same detailed information available at the exhibition events an online booklet for the proposal was provided as a substitute for information that was presented on the boards at the physical events;
- Extensive FAQ section to inform the residents and other interested parties about the project;
- One live Q&A session with the project team was held on 16 March to provide an opportunity for local residents to ask questions online;
- A 'ring back' service to allow members of the public to have a dedicated chat with our team at a date/time suitable to them; and
- An opportunity to leave comments through online feedback forms.

We will hold a second exhibition this Winter. It is expected we will submit an application to the Scottish Government expected in 2024.

\*Tweedsmuir (host), Upper Tweed, Manor, Stobo and Lyne, Ettrick and Yarrow Community Council.

### Summary of Consultation Responses

Of the 615 households and businesses surrounding the site contacted with the invitation and freepost feedback form and online, we received, 46 unique responses.

From the completed forms, 78% of those who responded to the questions agreed that that the country needs to generate more electricity from renewable sources, 13% didn't agree and the remaining 9% were unsure or did not answer. 65% of those who responded to the question agreed that onshore wind power is a good way to help achieve this aim, 22% didn't agree and 13% were unsure/didn't answer.

Of those who responded to the question: Do you think this site is an acceptable location for a wind farm? 37% agreed, 46% didn't think so and the 17% of the remaining respondents are unsure.

In terms of interest in Shared Ownership the feedback forms revealed that 24% are interested and 41% are unsure. We suggest hosting an information session with Local Energy Scotland to provide the community with more information on shared ownership more generally during the development stage.

Attendees at the exhibition events also had the opportunity to provide more details on what they would like to see the community benefit used for and what topics they would like to see covered in more detail at the next exhibition. It is important to note community benefit is not material in planning, and other than providing £5,000 per MW per annum no decision on how the fund will be split or administered have been taken. Details of the ways respondents would like to see the community benefit used will be passed across to community groups involved in this, which is expected to be much later in the development process.

At the next exhibition we will look to include more information about Landscape and visual amenity, noise, and ecology where this is available. As part of the application each of these topics will be fully examined within the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report. The EIA Report will be submitted as part of our application and is made available to the public to view and comment as part of the application.

We look forward to keeping in touch with interested parties who advised they would like to receive updates.

### Key topics from Consultation

During the consultation period, some questions and comments were frequently raised. When responding to feedback these questions and our responses to them were included and are appended to this report.

We would welcome discussion with the community on the various topics raised, all of which will be considered as the design and layout for the wind farm develops.

### Next Steps

We will continue to engage with communities and welcome the opportunity to meet with Community Councils to discuss our wind farm plans as they develop. We are aiming to host a second exhibition this Winter and it is our expectation that we will submit a Section 36 Application to the Energy Consents Unit before the Summer 2024.

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

- Send a copy of this summary report to host and neighbouring community Councils and elected representatives and welcome further discussions on the key areas and any other considerations for the project.
- We will hold a further public exhibition event this Winter; which will include information on how feedback has been incorporated into the design.
- Continue to receive feedback and respond to queries.
- Record and store all comments made regarding suggestions for community benefit funding
- Continue to update the project website.

\*Tweedsmuir (host), Upper Tweed, Manor, Stobo and Lyne, Ettrick and Yarrow Community Council.

#### Oliver Forest Wind Farm FAQs

During the first consultation (21 February – 16 March 2023), some questions and comments were frequently raised (the deadline for comments was 31 March). Below are our responses to these. May 2023.

#### Why here/close to homes/too many wind farms in this area?

As part of our work towards the Section 36 application, we are continuing to undertake substantial analysis into the landscape and visual considerations of the proposed development. Viewpoints and Wirelines from several agreed viewpoints will be provided as well as an online computer model at the second exhibition to show how the project has changed following feedback and further studies.

The Viewpoint locations are still to be finalised with local authorities and NatureScot. Wirelines and photomontages will be produced for all of the agreed viewpoints should it be submitted to planning to provide the local community the opportunity to understand what the proposed development may look like should it be consented and constructed. Our aim is to develop a project that finds the right balance between maximising electricity output while carefully siting and designing the proposal to relate to the existing landscape, including settlements and other wind developments.

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We consult with NatureScot on the scope of the surveys and we have commissioned experienced technical consultants to undertake detailed environmental surveys of the habitat, ecology and ornithology, amongst others. This information is used to establish the baseline information for habitats on site and to help inform the proposed layout of the project. We work closely with the consultants to minimise impacts as we work towards finalising our design. We commit to implementing a construction and environmental management plan throughout the construction phase to minimise any damage or disturbance. In addition, a habitat management plan and enhancement plan will be implemented for the lifetime of the project which will aim to deliver biodiversity enhancement on site, as is now required under the new National Planning Framework 4.

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## Appendix W: Second Exhibition Consultation Report

Oliver Forest Wind Farm  
Public Consultation Feedback Report  
August 2024

### About Oliver Forest Wind Farm

Oliver Forest Wind Farm is a proposal for up to 7 turbines, each up to a maximum of 200 m to turbine blade tip height. The proposed wind farm is located at Tweedsmuir, approximately 12.5 km south of Broughton and 19 km north of Moffat. The table below highlights some key information about the proposal.

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

(1) Based on 50-MW installed Capacity, wind resource assessment and average Scottish domestic consumption of 3,520kWh per (RES Dec. 2021). Consider turbine efficiency.  
(2) Community Benefit Fund based on 50-MW x £5k per MW of installed capacity. If consented, size of fund determined by actual installed capacity. Consider turbine efficiency.

The project was introduced to community representatives in December 2022, including meeting with Tweedsmuir Community Council in January 2023. We held the first public exhibition, online and in person, between 21 February and 16 March 2023. A Feedback Report for the first consultation event was circulated to Community Councils and uploaded to the project website in June 2023.

A second consultation event was held between 28 February and 22 March 2024. Ahead of the second exhibition, we met with both Tweedsmuir and Upper Tweed Community Councils in February 2024. This feedback report focuses on the feedback received during the second exhibition period.

### Background

Community engagement is very important to us and we hold a series of consultation events for all our projects to highlight our proposals and receive feedback and input from nearby communities. During the second consultation period we also set out how the proposal has changed and how community, other stakeholder feedback and further studies may have helped shape the revised proposal being presented.

The key changes from the first to the second exhibition include, turbines reduced from 10 to 7, all blade tip heights reduced from 250 m to 200 m and the location of turbines amended to accommodate findings of site surveys and studies.

### Second Consultation Period

The second round of consultation was held between 28 February – 22 March 2024 and was held online and in person. Feedback was accepted until 19 April 2024, extended slightly to take account of the Easter Holiday period. Replies to comments and queries raised were responded to, if permission was provided, in July 2024.

In response to feedback from our first exhibition we included more information about landscape and visual amenity, noise, ecology and land where this was available. As part of the application for the wind farm each of these topics will be fully examined within the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report which is made available to the public to view and comment on via a formal representation to the Scottish Government Energy Consents Unit.

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

- Advertisements in the Southern Reporter (15 and 22/02/2024), Borders Telegraph (21/02/2024) and Peeblesshire News (16 and 23/03/2023), the consultation advert was also run on the Peeblesshire News digital platform as an online advert. In addition, following a meeting with the Community Council an advert

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was placed in the local community newspaper, Upper Tweed Community News, which is distributed within the local community. Each advert or notice provided information on the project along with dates, times and locations of the events and how to provide feedback.

- Mailing to all households and businesses (over 670) in communities around the proposed site with an invitation to the in-person exhibitions, online consultation and how to provide feedback. Physical feedback cards along with a freepost envelope were included in the mailing for those who preferred to write back rather than go online or who couldn't make the in-person events.
- Writing to the host and neighbouring Community Councils, local and neighbouring Ward Councillors, the MSP and MP at the start of the consultation, with copies of adverts to be placed on their social media, should they wish to highlight the events.
- Providing details of the consultation on the Oliver Forest project website.

#### In-Person Exhibitions 5 – 6 March 2024

The In-Person Events were held:

- Tuesday 5 March, Tweedsmuir Village Hall, Tweedsmuir, 3pm – 8pm
- Wednesday 6 March, Broughton Village Hall, Broughton, 3pm – 8pm

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

- Information about the developer;
- An overview of the proposed development, including the revised proposed layout and the ways in which it had changed and why;
- Details of key viewpoints
- A zone of theoretical visibility (ZTV) of the proposed development;
- Community benefit, construction/supplier register, supplier case studies and shared ownership
- An area for children who may have visited the exhibition to learn more about renewables

Printed copies of the online exhibition brochure were available for members of the public to take away. Finally, feedback forms were available for members of the public to fill out or take away with a freepost envelope.

An interactive computer model of the wind farm was available for attendees to request to view the wind farm from different locations in the local area, i.e. their home postcode providing an understanding of what the original and now revised proposal may look like from their chosen location.

The exhibitions had a total of 28 visitors over the two days. 15 visitors attended at Tweedsmuir and 13 visitors attended Broughton. Members from the host Community Council attended the event.

The attendees were very engaged with the project and asked the team a number of questions and queries which reflected the questions and queries submitted on the feedback forms. A summary of response to the key questions can be found attached to this report.

#### Online exhibition 28 February – 22 March 2024

The virtual exhibition, accessed via a link from the main project website, sought to replicate the type of information and materials at the physical exhibitions. This included:

- Exhibition Brochure Online – to provide the same detailed information available at the exhibition events an online booklet for the proposal was provided as a substitute for information that was presented on the boards at the physical events;
- Extensive FAQ section to inform the residents and other interested parties about the project;
- A 'ring back' service to allow members of the public to have a dedicated chat with our team at a date/time suitable to them; and
- An opportunity to leave comments through online feedback forms.

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We will submit an application to the Scottish Government in late Summer 2024.

#### Summary of Consultation Responses

Of the 673 households and businesses surrounding the site contacted with the invitation and freepost feedback form and online, we received, 34 responses, a 5% response rate.

From the completed forms, 59% of those who responded to the questions agreed that that the country needs to generate more electricity from renewable sources, 35% didn't agree and the remaining 6% were unsure or did not answer. 44% of those who responded to the question agreed that onshore wind power is a good way to help achieve this aim, 47% didn't agree and 9% were unsure/didn't answer.

Of those who responded to the question: Do you think this site is an acceptable location for a wind farm? 35% agreed, 62% said no and the 3% of the remaining respondents are unsure.

In terms of interest in Shared Ownership the feedback forms revealed that 9% are interested, 71% are not, the remaining 20% are either unsure (11%) or did not respond (9%).

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We look forward to keeping in touch with interested parties who advised they would like to receive updates.

#### Key topics from Consultation

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

One of the key topics raised with us was the opportunity to use the site for recreational purposes. The Project Team have worked with the Landowner and we are pleased to be able to include two recreational path opportunities with information boards within the future application. Both paths will run from the site entrance, one will be a short out and back route accessible for all and one longer loop route.

A number of the other key topics raised are noted below. When responding to feedback these questions and our responses to them were included and are appended to this report.

We would like to thank everyone who has responded we have considered all the feedback and where possible reflected these in the final design and layout of the wind farm.

#### Next Steps

We will continue to engage with communities and welcome the opportunity to meet with Community Councils to discuss the proposal we will submit into planning this summer.

The next steps for local engagement are:

- Send a copy of this summary report to host and neighbouring community Councils and elected representatives and welcome further discussions on for the project.
- Continue to receive feedback and respond to queries.
- Record and store all comments made regarding suggestions for community benefit funding
- Continue to update the project website
- Will inform Community Councils, Ward Councillors and members of the mailing list once the application is submitted.

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#### Why here/close to homes/too many wind farms in this area?

As part of our work towards the Section 36 application, we have listened to community feedback and undertaken substantial analysis into the landscape and visual considerations of the proposed development.

The initial feasibility assessment identified that the proposed wind farm site has a number of qualities which make it a suitable location, the presence of a very good wind resource (determined by initial desk based studies and wind monitoring on site), no planning policies, which in principle, preclude wind energy development, no internationally or nationally designated sites for ecology, landscape or geology within the site boundary, compatibility with the existing commercial forestry use; suitable ground conditions with limited areas of deep peat, and a suitable access point from the adjacent A701.

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#### Grid

The grid route to connect the project from the onsite substation to the National Grid is still to be confirmed. It will be part of a separate application by the network operator in the area. We are responsible for the electrical cabling within the wind farm and confirm all cables connecting the turbines to the onsite substation will be undergrounded.

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## Appendix X: First Exhibition Consultation Website



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Thank you for visiting our Online Exhibition to find out more about the Oliver Forest Wind Farm proposal located at Tweedsmuir, approximately 12.5km south of Broughton and 19km North of Moffat.

We are in the very early stages of the development process and encourage you, to view our exhibition materials here or by attending one of our events in Tweedsmuir and Broughton, to share your views as we continue to shape the proposal.

### Exhibition Sessions

#### 2 local exhibitions

**Wednesday, 8 March: 3pm – 8pm**  
Tweedsmuir Village Hall, Tweedsmuir

**Thursday, 9 March: 3pm – 8pm**  
Broughton Village Hall, Broughton

#### 3-week online exhibition

We are presenting all the information displayed at our exhibitions on this site to enable access for all. View the information here until 16 March 2023.

### Live Chat

We are holding a live Chat Session here on:

**Thursday, 16 March: 12 noon – 2 pm**

During the online chat session members of the team will be at their keyboards to respond to your queries straight away.

If you would prefer to speak to us or email us you can do so here.

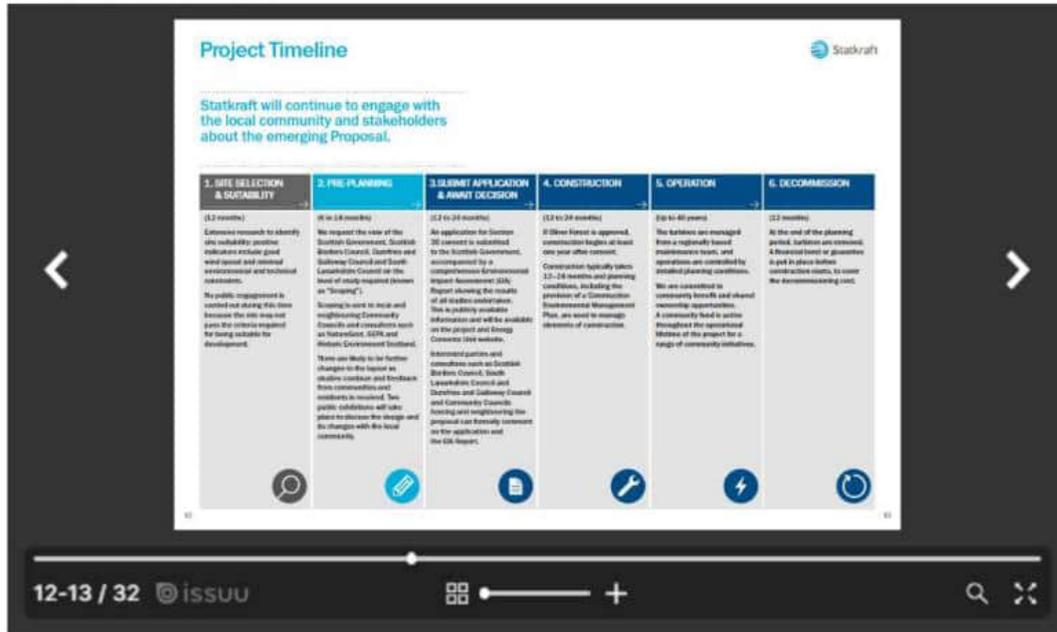
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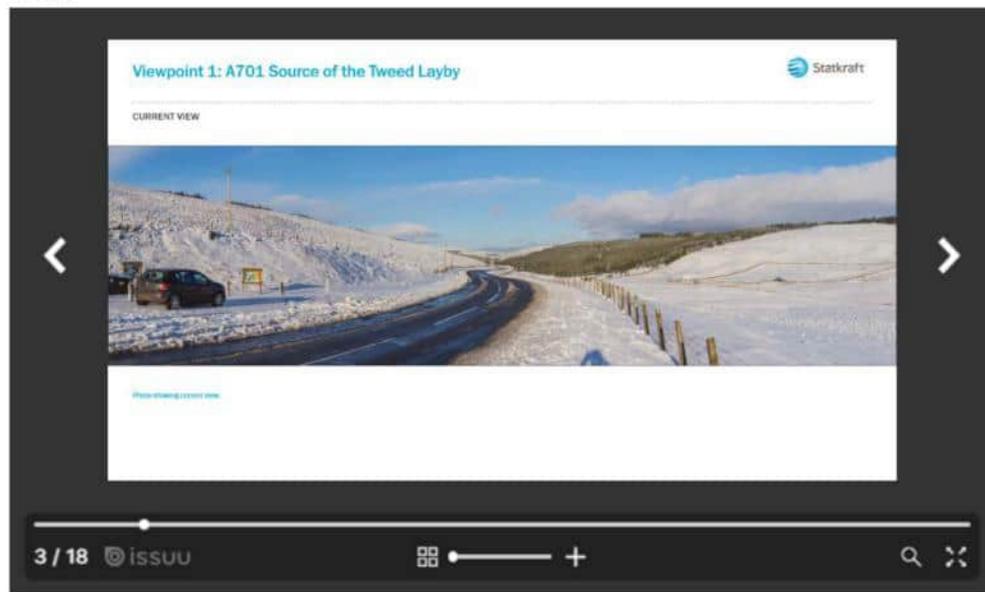
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# Viewpoints

See how the current proposal may look from several viewpoints in the local area.



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### Main Project Website

Visit the project website which contains the latest updates and project documents.

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### Exhibition Documents:

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[Oliver Forest Exhibition Resident Invitation](#)



[Oliver Forest Exhibition Reply Card](#)



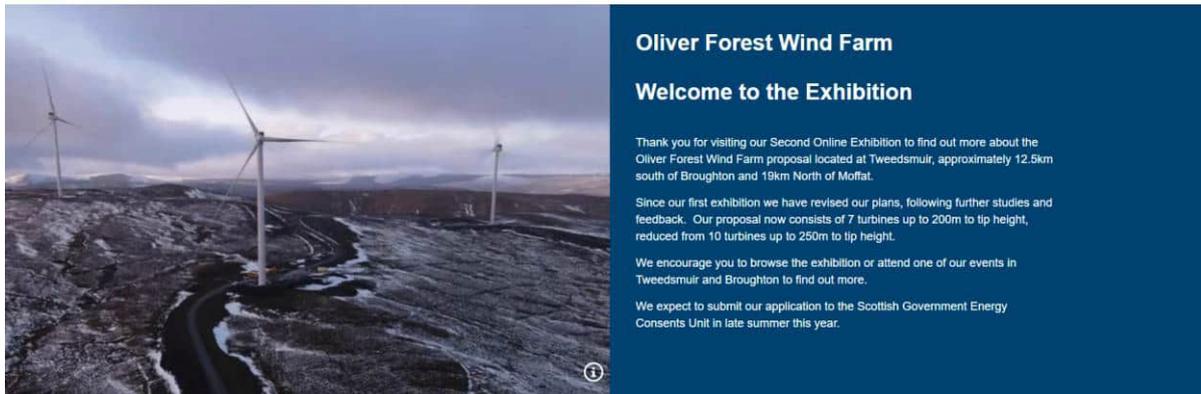
[Oliver Forest Brochure](#)



[Oliver Forest View Point Brochure](#)



## Appendix Y: Second Exhibition Consultation Website



### Exhibition Sessions

You will find all the information presented at the in-person exhibitions here.

The on-line exhibition will be live from 28 February until 22 March 2024.

We encourage you to attend the in-person exhibitions which will be held on:

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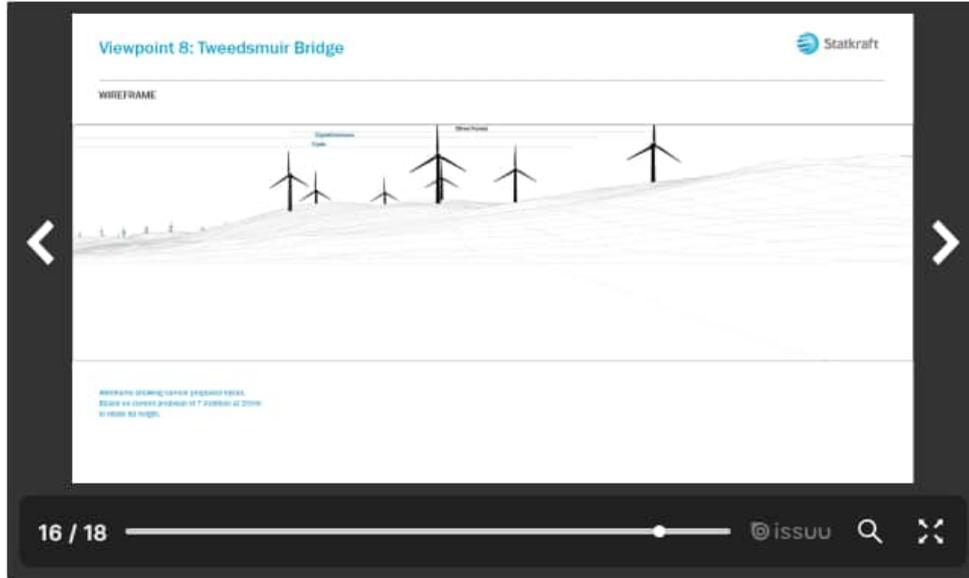
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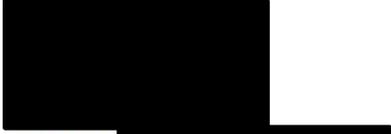
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## Appendix Z: First Exhibition Letters and FAQ



By email: [Redacted]

31 May 2023

Dear [Redacted]

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Thank you for your queries regarding community benefit and your comment regarding compensation for decreased house value. Taking each in turn, community benefit is provided in line with Scottish Government Good Guidance Principles for onshore wind. Statkraft look forward to working with communities to deliver projects which meet local aims and deliver, where possible, long term sustainable projects. We will collect all the suggestions for the way the fund could be used provided during the consultation phase and once discussions around the community benefit fund begin, not expected until later in the development phase, we will provide these to the community groups who will consider how to take the fund forward.

In terms of house prices, the latest research available indicates that house prices are not affected by wind farm developments. You can read the research [here](#).

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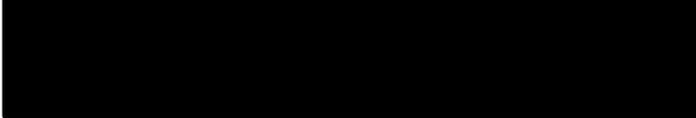
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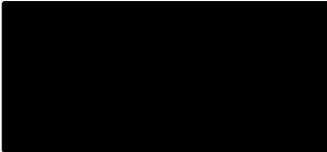
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#### *Wind farms are bad for the environment i.e. wildlife*

We consult with NatureScot on the scope of the surveys and we have commissioned experienced technical consultants to undertake detailed environmental surveys of the habitat, ecology and ornithology, amongst others. This information is used to, establish the baseline information for habitats on site and to help inform the proposed layout of the project. We work closely with the consultants to minimise impacts as we work towards finalising our design. We commit to implementing a construction and environmental management plan throughout the construction phase to minimise any damage or disturbance. In addition, a habitat management plan and enhancement plan will be implemented for the lifetime of the project which will aim to deliver biodiversity enhancement on site, as is now required under the new National Planning Framework 4.

#### *Community Benefit, local electricity discounts, and Shared Ownership queries*

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

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

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

There is some local interest in shared ownership and we are aiming to set up a session with Local Energy Scotland in 2023 to provide more details to the community about what this involves and may look like, as the project moves through the development process and should it become operational.

## Appendix AA: Second Exhibition Letters and FAQ



4 July 2024

Dear

### Oliver Forest Wind Farm – Second Consultation Period

Thank you for taking the time to complete and return the feedback form during our second consultation for the proposed Oliver Forest Wind Farm.

As part of the consultation, we wrote to over 600 households and businesses within the area of the proposal to inform local residents about the project. We set out how the project has changed since the first consultation period, and to invite them to provide feedback via the freepost reply card, the project website or at our community drop-in sessions. We were pleased to be able to host drop-in sessions, on 5 and 6 March, in Tweedsmuir and Broughton.

We introduced our plans, a proposal for up to ten turbines up to 250m to blade tip height, in December 2022. Following the first exhibition in March 2023, we have revised the plans, which now comprise of up to 7 turbines up to 200m to blade tip height. The amendments have been made following community feedback and further studies. You can view the information presented at the exhibition at [www.oliverforestwindfarm.co.uk](http://www.oliverforestwindfarm.co.uk)

We would like to thank all residents and community groups that took time to provide comments on the proposals. Community consultation is important to us and we are considering the comments received as we continue towards submitting an application for Oliver Forest. Please find enclosed a copy of the most frequently asked questions for your information. We will also be responding to everyone who provided comments and requested to receive project updates.

Thank you for your comment in relation to house prices. Research has found that there is no consistent pattern of impact, and in particular, there are no consistent negative effects on house price growth from being situated near to a wind farm. You can find out more here: <https://www.climatechange.org.uk/projects/impact-of-wind-farms-on-property-prices/>

It is expected that we will submit an application to the Scottish Government Energy Consents Unit (ECU's) in late summer early autumn 2024. A full copy of the application will be available to view then, locally at a venue to be confirmed, on the ECU's website, as well as on our project website, at the address above.

You indicated you would like to be kept updated with project news, and we will be pleased to keep you and community groups informed of project progress. We follow GDPR guidelines in relation to personal data and you can opt out at any time by sending an email to [ukprojects@statkraft.com](mailto:ukprojects@statkraft.com) with opt out in the subject line.

Finally, when an application for consent is submitted to the Scottish Government, there is an opportunity to make your views known directly to them as part of the statutory consultation process.

Thank you again for taking the time to reply.

Yours sincerely,



**Rebecca Todd**  
Principal Project Manager,  
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**Ruth Semple**  
Community Liaison Manager,  
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### Oliver Forest Wind Farm

During the second consultation (28 February – 22 March 2024), some questions and comments were frequently raised (the deadline for comments was 19 April). Below are our responses to these. July 2024.

#### Why here/close to homes/too many wind farms in this area?

As part of our work towards the Section 36 application, we have listened to community feedback and undertaken substantial analysis into the landscape and visual considerations of the proposed development.

The initial feasibility assessment identified that the proposed wind farm site has a number of qualities which make it a suitable location, the presence of a very good wind resource (determined by initial desk based studies and wind monitoring on site), no planning policies, which in principle, preclude wind energy development, no internationally or nationally designated sites for ecology, landscape or geology within the site boundary, compatibility with the existing commercial forestry use; suitable ground conditions with limited areas of deep peat, and a suitable access point from the adjacent A701.

The number of turbines has been reduced from 10 to 7 and the tip heights of all turbines reduced from 250m to 200m. The Viewpoint locations have been finalised with local authorities and NatureScot. Wirelines and photomontages will be available for all of the agreed viewpoints when the application is submitted. They will provide the local community the opportunity to understand what the proposed development may look like should it be consented and constructed. Our aim is to develop a project that finds the right balance between maximising electricity output while carefully siting and designing the proposal to relate to the existing landscape, including settlements and other wind developments.

The Scottish Government has a target to achieve net zero by 2045. Onshore wind is expected to play a key role in achieving this aim. Onshore wind is the cheapest source of renewable energy generation therefore it is an excellent way to achieve our net zero targets as part of the renewable energy mix, secure our energy security and help reduce energy bills in the long term.

#### The turbines are too tall

As the wind industry has developed so has turbine technology, with taller turbines becoming the norm. Considering taller turbines, 180m plus, for onshore wind farms means that fewer turbines are required to produce the equivalent amount of energy within a site boundary. For instance, going from 150m to 180m tips can mean up to 5 less turbines for a typical Scottish site to achieve the same energy output. In addition, fewer turbines per site also means that the infrastructure footprint may also be less, minimising overall impact on the local environment.

#### Grid

The grid route to connect the project from the onsite substation to the National Grid is still to be confirmed. It will be part of a separate application by the network operator in the area. We are responsible for the electrical cabling within the wind farm and confirm all cables connecting the turbines to the onsite substation will be undergrounded.

#### Community Benefit, local electricity discounts, and Shared Ownership queries

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

## Appendix BB: Press Release February 2023



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## Press Release

### **Borders wind farm proposal set to boost Scottish energy security**

The Scottish Borders could soon be on course to help secure Scotland's energy future through a more efficient way of generating clean electricity, by using fewer turbines to maximise the efficiency of the site, under plans put forward for a new wind farm, 12.5km south of Broughton.

Statkraft, Europe's largest renewable power generator, has lodged initial plans for Oliver Forest wind farm, which would be located near the A701, between Tweedsmuir and Glenbreck. The wind farm would generate up to 66MW of clean renewable electricity from just ten turbines, which is enough to power over 74,000 homes.

Under the proposals, the turbines, which have a maximum tip height of 250m, would be carefully sited to use the land most efficiently, minimising the overall visual and other key environmental factors of the proposal while still generating a significant amount of clean renewable energy to achieve Scotland's net zero goals. There is expected to be limited or no visibility from Broughton, Moffat, or Biggar.

At this very early stage in the proposal, Statkraft has begun a programme of community engagement, so local people and stakeholders can give their initial feedback on the plans, which are subject to final approval by Scottish Government ministers. The first in-person and digital public exhibitions will take place in early 2023.

Statkraft is committed to delivering a community benefit fund worth up to £330,000 each year during the lifetime of the project and is keen to gather ideas on utilising the fund to meet local needs. Statkraft also looks forward to exploring the idea of community shared ownership.

**Rebecca Todd, Statkraft's Senior Project Manager, says:** "Statkraft has a strong track record in Scotland, with an office in Glasgow and a number of wind farm sites already generating clean, renewable electricity.

"So it is exciting to be launching our first Borders project, which will be a key moment for the way renewable electricity can be generated in the future. By taking advantage of new technology, we can make best use of the land, while seeking to minimise disruption to locals.

"I'm looking forward to speaking to people about our plans throughout the development process, to deliver a project which takes on board their views, and a fund that supports the local community too."

"On 10 January 2023, National Grid announced a new record of energy generated from wind farms providing more than 50.4% of the UK's power, beating the previous record achieved on 30 December 2022. As onshore wind is the cheapest source of new power this is good news for bill payers and business on our route to achieving energy security and the Scottish Governments net zero goal by 2045."

**ENDS**

**Editor's notes**

1. Homes equivalent number based on 10 x 6.6MW turbines, wind resource assessment and average Scottish domestic consumption of 3,520kWh pa. Candidate turbine still to be confirmed. ([BEIS, December 2021](#)).
2. Statkraft are committed to offering a community benefit fund of £5,000 per MW of installed capacity in line with Scottish Government best practice. Should the project be consented, the value of the fund will be determined by the installed capacity of the wind farm.

### About Statkraft

Statkraft is a leading company in hydropower internationally and Europe's largest generator of renewable energy. The Group produces hydropower, wind power, solar power, gas-fired power and supplies district heating. Statkraft is a global company in energy market operations. Statkraft has 5000 employees in 20 countries.

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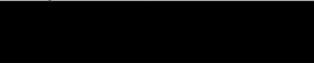
Statkraft is at the heart of the UK's energy transition. Since 2006, Statkraft has gone from strength to strength in the UK, building experience across wind, solar, hydro, storage, grid stability, EV charging, green hydrogen and a thriving markets business.

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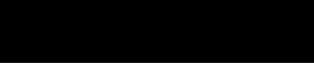
Across our UK businesses we employ over 300 staff in England, Scotland and Wales and play a key role in helping the global business reach its goal of 9 GW of developed wind and solar power by 2025

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# Planned windfarm ‘could power over 74,000 homes’

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INITIAL plans for a wind farm between Tweedsmuir and Glenbreck have been lodged by Europe's largest generator of renewable energy.

It would generate up to 68MW of electricity from 10 turbines, enough to power more than 74,000 homes.

Statkraft said there was expected to be limited or no visibility of the Oliver Forest wind farm, which would be located near the A701, from Broughton, Moffat, or Biggar.

It said the wind farm, whose turbines would have a maximum tip height of 250m, would generate a 'significant amount of clean renewable energy' to help achieve Scotland's net zero goals.

Rebecca Todd, Statkraft's senior project manager, said: "Statkraft has a strong track record in Scotland, with



Stock image of a wind turbine

an office in Glasgow and a number of wind farm sites already generating clean, renewable electricity.

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Statkraft has begun a programme of community engagement in order to allow local people and stakeholders to give initial feedback on the plans - which are subject to final approval by Scottish Government ministers.

The first in-person and digital public exhibitions will take place in early 2023.

Statkraft said it was committed to delivering a community benefit fund worth up to £330,000 each year during the lifetime of the project and is keen to gather ideas on utilising the fund to meet local needs. A spokesperson for the fund said it was also looking to explore the idea of community-shared ownership.

## Appendix CC: School Engagement Letter



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Dear [Redacted]

### An opportunity for Broughton Primary School learners to find out more about renewable energy

I hope this letter finds you well.

My name is Ruth Semple and I work for Statkraft, the company that is currently developing the proposed Oliver Forest Wind Farm within the local area. The development site is 12.5km south of Broughton.

Members of the project team would be pleased to come along to the school and present to classes, more about renewable energy in general, details of the project in the local area, and discuss the broad range of career opportunities available within the renewables sector.

Should this be of interest to you, please give me a call or email me at the contact details below. Alternatively, I will be in the area on the afternoons of the 5 and 6 March, when we are hosting public [exhibitions](#) and I would be pleased to visit with you then if you would like to discuss further and it fits with your schedule.

Kind regards,

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