

Slickly Wind Farm Redesign

Public Consultation Feedback Report - June 2026

Slickly Wind Farm is located at Stroupster West Forest, approximately 13.5km north of Wick, and approximately 8.5km south of John O’Groats, adjacent to the operational Stroupster Wind Farm. Slickly Wind Farm was granted planning permission in 2022 for 11 turbines with a maximum tip height of 149.9m and 135m. The redesign proposal would see the number of turbines reduced to 7 and the tip height increased to a mixture of 180m and 200m.

The table below highlights the key information between the consented project and the proposed redesign. This information was available at in-person and online exhibitions.

<i>Slickly Wind Farm</i>	No. of Turbines	Max Blade Tip Heights	Expected Installed Capacity (MW)	Community Fund (per year)	Operational Life	Lifetime Community Benefit Fund (operational life)
Consented	11	Up to 149.9m	Approx 46.2MW	Approx. £231,000 per year ¹	Up to 31 years	Over £7,000,000
Redesign	7	Up to 200m	Approx. 49MW	Approx. £245,000 per year ²	Up to 50 years	Over £12,000,000

¹ Based on consented planning application.

² Community Benefit Fund based on Expected Installed Capacity x £5k per MW of installed capacity. If consented, value of fund determined by actual installed capacity.

A programme of community engagement and online consultation for the redesign proposal began in November 2025 and is ongoing.

Initial Consultation Period

The project was first introduced into the public domain in 2018, and the consented project was granted planning permission in August 2022. In November 2025 we announced a proposal to redesign the project that would maximise the potential of the site. We wrote to the host and neighbouring Community Councils¹, Ward Councillors, the constituency MSP and MP to raise awareness of the redesign proposal and to provide information on the proposed consultation. 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.

¹ Castletown and Bower Community Council, Dunnet and Canisbay Community Council, Sinclair’s Bay Community Council and Thurso Community Council.

Main Consultation Period

This overview presents the findings of the feedback received during the first round of consultation held between 28 April – 22 May 2026.

The consultation events were publicised in various ways, including:

- Advertisements in the John O’Groat Journal on Friday 17 and Friday 24 April.
- Mailing over 2,000 households and businesses within a 10km radius of the site with an invitation to the exhibitions or to view the consultation website. Included a freepost reply card and 0800 number option to provide feedback.
- Advertisements provided to Community Councils, to highlight the events on local social media.
- News updates on the project website and to subscribers.

In-Person Exhibitions

St Clair Hall, Auckengill. 29 April, 10am – 2pm.



Lyth Village Hall. 29 April, 3pm – 7pm.



Information boards covered an overview of the proposed changes to the consented project and key viewpoints and feedback forms available. The information boards are published on the [project website](#).

An interactive computer model was available for attendees to view the wind farm proposal from different locations to provide an understanding of what the redesign may look like from their chosen locations.

Online exhibition 28 April – 22 May 2026

All information displayed at the exhibition was accessible online via a link from the main project website and included an opportunity to leave comments through online feedback forms. The online exhibition received 55 visits and 185 page views during the consultation period.

Summary of Consultation Responses

Exhibition Attendance: 33 people attended our two events - 19 attendees at Auckengill and 14 at Lyth. Members from a neighbouring Community Council also attended the Lyth event.

Total Feedback Received: 67 individual pieces of feedback were submitted throughout the consultation period.

Mailing Response: 51 freepost reply cards were received directly from the mailing sent to 2,000 households and businesses surrounding the project site.

From the completed feedback forms, 49% of those who responded to the questions agreed that that the country needs to generate more electricity from renewable sources, 40% didn't agree, and the remaining 11% were unsure or did not answer. 31% of those who responded to the question agreed that onshore wind power is a good way to help achieve this aim, 49% didn't agree and 20% were unsure/didn't answer.

Of those who responded to the question: Do you support the principal of fewer but taller wind turbines at Slickly Wind Farm? 25% agreed, 45% didn't think so and the 30% of the remaining respondents were unsure or did not answer.

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

Next Steps

We will continue to engage with communities and welcome the opportunity to meet with Community Councils to discuss our redesign proposal. We are aiming to host a second exhibition in the Autumn, and it is currently our expectation that we will submit a planning application to The Highland Council in late 2026.

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 publish on the project website.
- Respond to comments and queries raised.
- Consider all suggestions made that could be incorporated into the project design.
- Continue discussions with stakeholders on key considerations for the project as the design is developed.
- 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, www.slickly-windfarm.co.uk
- Host further public consultation this Autumn; which will include information on how feedback has been incorporated into the design.

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