



Culachy Wind Farm

Pre-Application Consultation Report

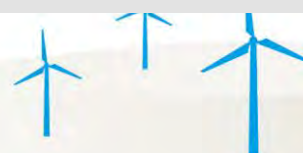


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List of Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Description
AOD	Above Ordnance Datum
BNG	British National Grid
CAA	Civil Aviation Authority
CLG	Community Liaison Group
ECU	Energy Consents Unit
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EHO	Environmental Health Officer
GW	Gigawatts
GWDTE	Ground Water Dependent Terrestrial Ecosystems
ha	Hectares



HES	Historic Environment Scotland
km	Kilometres
kV	kilovolt
m	metres
MP	Member of Parliament
MSP	Member of Scottish Parliament
MW	Megawatts
NS	NatureScot
NVC	National Vegetation Classification
PAC	Pre-Application Consultation
PWS	Private Water Supply
SAC	Special Area of Conservation
SEPA	Scottish Environment Protection Agency
SLA	Special Landscape Area
SSSI	Site of Special Scientific Interest
S36	Section 36
THC	The Highland Council
VP	Viewpoint
WLA	Wild Land Area



1.Introduction

1.1. Background

- 1.1.1. Fred. Olsen Renewables (hereafter referred to as 'the Applicant') intends to apply to the Scottish Ministers for Section 36 (S36) consent and deemed planning permission, under the terms of the Electricity Act 1989 and the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, for permission to construct and operate Culachy Wind Farm (hereafter referred to as the 'Proposed Development'), at site centre British National Grid (BNG) 237813 801506, near Fort Augustus, in the area of the Highland Council (THC).
- 1.1.2. This application will be supported by an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIA Report) as required by The Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017. The EIA Report has been prepared to assess the potential environmental impacts of the Proposed Development and will accompany the S36 Application submitted to Scottish Ministers.
- 1.1.3. This Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) Report has been prepared by ITP Energised on behalf of the Applicant and illustrates the consultation undertaken by the Applicant to date and how this consultation has informed the design process and finalised layout of the Proposed Development.

1.2. The Applicant

- 1.2.1. Fred. Olsen Renewables Limited is a leading developer, owner and operator of renewable energy assets, primarily onshore wind farms. The Applicant has been developing and operating wind farms in the UK since the mid 1990's demonstrating long term commitment to the renewable energy generation market in the UK, Scotland and the north of Scotland in particular.
- 1.2.2. With over twenty-five years' experience in consenting, developing and operating wind farms, Fred. Olsen Renewables is one of very few developers that take a project all the way from initiation and development, through to operation and ultimately decommissioning.
- 1.2.3. The company continues to operate Scotland's first consented wind farm, Windy Standard Wind Farm in Dumfries and Galloway.
- 1.2.4. In the UK, Fred. Olsen Renewables' operational portfolio comprises over 500 MW across nine wind farms. Internationally Fred. Olsen Renewables operates over 780 MW of renewable energy projects.
- 1.2.5. Fred. Olsen Renewables was the first developer to bring forward community benefit in Scotland. To date, Fred. Olsen Renewables has made available over £6 million to eligible communities surrounding its wind farms and is substantially increasing this investment as new projects come online.
- 1.2.6. Fred. Olsen Renewables is committed to maximising opportunities for the local supply chain. This will require all main contractors where possible to spend at least 30% of the contract value locally and incentivising all contractors to use local content.
- 1.2.7. Fred. Olsen Renewables is a wholly owned subsidiary of Bonheur ASA and is responsible for the group's renewable energy activities.

1.3. Site Description

- 1.3.1. The Proposed Development site ("the site") is located within the Culachy Estate, hereby referred to as 'the Estate'.



- 1.3.2. The site is located approximately 900 m south of Fort Augustus, with the closest turbine located 6.5 km south of Forth Augustus, in THC area in close proximity to Loch Ness and the Great Glen. The site is located across two wards within THC. The proposed turbines are located within Ward 11: Caol and Mallaig, whilst the site access and some of the associated infrastructure is located within Ward 12: Aird and Loch Ness.
- 1.3.3. The Estate boundary is an area of approximately 3,040 hectares (ha) and the site boundary is approximately 682 ha. The site is on rolling upland moorland and elevation varies from 200 m to 650 m Above Ordnance Datum (AOD). The north-east boundary of the Estate runs along the River Tarff. The Estate is primarily a stalking estate with a number of projects within the carbon sector and conservation.
- 1.3.4. A number of tributaries to the Black Burn intersect the site in the north, and the water courses Allt Lagan a Bhainne and Allt Coire Uchdachan intersect the site in the south.
- 1.3.5. There are sixteen Scheduled Monuments within 5 km of the site, including 5 designated sections, approximately 9 km, of the Corrieyairack Pass which runs through the Estate.
- 1.3.6. The site lies partially within Wild Land Area (WLA) 19: Braeroy – Glenshirra - Creag Meagaidh. Glen Tarff Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and Ness Woods Special Area of Conservation (SAC) overlap the Estate boundary but are out with the site. There are some areas of Ancient Woodland within the site.
- 1.3.7. The Beauly-Denny 400 kilovolt (kV) overhead line runs broadly north-south across the site to the west of Wade's Road and the Corrieyairack Pass.

1.4. Overview of the Proposed Development

- 1.4.1. A full description of the Development can be found in **Chapter 3: Project Description** of the EIA Report submitted as part of the S36 application. The Proposed Development will consist of:
- Eight stand alone, three bladed horizontal axis wind turbines up to 200 m tip height, each with a generating capacity of approximately 7.2 MW;
 - An additional energy storage provision with an output capacity of 10 MW; and,
 - Associated infrastructure including site access, access tracks, crane hardstandings, underground cabling, on-site substation and maintenance building, energy storage facility, temporary construction compounds, laydown area and potential excavations/borrow workings.

1.5. Purpose of Pre-Application Consultation (PAC)

- 1.5.1. The Applicant is committed to engaging with and seeking the involvement of local communities through the development process and understand the value of effective consultation. This PAC Report explains how consultation undertaken by the Applicant has informed the finalised layout of the Proposed Development throughout the design iteration process.
- 1.5.2. This PAC Report is in addition to the Gatecheck Report submitted by the Applicant to the Energy Consents Unit (ECU) in October 2022. PAC Reports are a mandatory requirement for 'Major' planning applications as set out in The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2013. PAC Reports are not a legal requirement for applications made to the Scottish Ministers under S36 of the Electricity Act 1989. Nevertheless, the Applicant is committed to community engagement and as such has prepared this PAC Report in line with best practice to provide information on all activities undertaken to engage with the local community and demonstrate where local feedback has been considered throughout the design iterations of the Proposed Development.



- 1.5.3. Public consultation has been supplemented by formal pre-application consultation with THC, with statutory and non-statutory stakeholders through the EIA process and with the ECU and associated statutory authorities through the S36 Gatecheck process.

2. Overview of Statutory Consultation

2.1. Introduction

- 2.1.1. This Chapter sets out the pre-application consultation undertaken by the Applicant with respect to statutory and non-statutory regulatory authorities and interest groups.

2.2. The Highland Council Pre-Application

- 2.2.1. A virtual Pre-Application meeting took place with THC on 3rd November 2021 with key consultees NatureScot (NS), the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) and Historic Environment Scotland (HES) where an introduction to the Proposed Development was provided, along with an outline of the survey efforts undertaken to date. The Applicant's ornithology consultant had previously consulted with NS in August 2021, prior to the pre-application process to inform the scope of ornithology surveys required for the Proposed Development. The proposed scope of the forthcoming EIA Report was also discussed in detail.
- 2.2.2. Prior to the Pre-Application meeting, the Applicant provided THC with figures illustrating the proposed layout and key constraints within and immediately surrounding the site. Wirelines of the views of the Proposed Development from Fort Augustus and the A87 were also provided. It should be noted that at this stage in the project, the proposed development consisted of up to 10 wind turbines at 200 m tip height.
- 2.2.3. A pre-application response was issued by THC on 1st December 2021 (ref:21/04202/PREMAJ) and the advice received during the meeting was a key consideration to the subsequent design development and approach to the EIA. The Planning Statement which has been submitted in support of this S36 application provides further detail on how THC's pre-application policy advice has been considered as part of the finalised form and layout of the Proposed Development.

2.3. EIA Scoping

- 2.3.1. The purpose of EIA Scoping is to provide information on the likely environmental implications of a Proposed Development and determine the scope and extent of issues to be addressed.
- 2.3.2. Following the initial THC pre-application process in November 2021, the Applicant wrote to key stakeholders in November 2021 including NS, SEPA and HES to advise them of the emerging plans for the Proposed Development and submission of the EIA Scoping Report. A meeting was also held with the Energy Consents Unit in January 2022 to formally introduce the project.
- 2.3.3. The EIA Scoping Report was subsequently submitted along with a request for an EIA Scoping Opinion to the ECU on 2nd February 2022 and registered under reference ECU00003423.
- 2.3.4. The scoping layout consisted of 10 turbines at 220 m tip height.
- 2.3.5. A Scoping Opinion was issued by the ECU in May 2022 and included responses from the organisations outlined in **Table 2.1** below.



Table 2.1 – EIA Scoping Respondents

Consultee	
Aberdeen International Airport	Marine Science Scotland
British Telecommunications plc	Mountaineering Scotland
Crown Estate Scotland	NATS Safeguarding
Defence Infrastructure Organisation	NatureScot
Edinburgh Airport	Ness District Salmon Fishery Board
Fisheries Management Scotland	RSPB Scotland
Glasgow Airport	Scottish Water
Glasgow Prestwick Airport	Scottish Rights of Way and Access Society
Historic Environment Scotland	Scottish Environmental Protection Agency
Highlands and Islands Airports	The Highland Council
Lochaber District Salmon Fisheries Board	Transport Scotland

2.3.6. Details of relevant consultations and the measures taken to address the advice received through the EIA scoping process have been detailed in the Gatecheck 1 Report submitted by the Applicant to the ECU on 27th October 2022. **Chapter 4: Approach to EIA** of the EIA Report also provides specific details on where the EIA has responded to the advice received throughout the scoping process.

2.4. Overview of Continued Consultation

2.4.1. The Applicant has been actively engaged with key consultees throughout the Pre-Application process and through the EIA Scoping process. Beyond these formal engagement platforms, the Applicant continued to engage in further consultation to confirm and agree the scope of technical surveys and approach to the EIA Report.

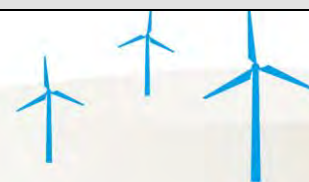
2.4.2. A summary of this consultation is provided in **Table 2.2** below.

Table 1.2 - Record of Engagement

Consultee	Date	Persons	Description of Correspondence
Energy Consents Unit (ECU)	January 2022	Applicant to ECU	Project introduction meeting.
The Highland Council (THC)	August 2021	Applicant to THC	Notice of application.
	November 2021	Applicant to THC	Request for pre-application advice.



	February 2022	Environmental Health Officer (EHO) and Applicant's Noise Consultant	Consultation and agreement on scope of noise assessment. Agreed to scope out baseline noise survey.
	April 2022	EHO and Applicant's Geology Consultant	Request for and receipt of Private Water supply information.
	June 2022	EHO and Applicant's Noise Consultant	Consultation and agreement to adopt below a 10dB approach for the assessment of cumulative noise at residential receptors.
	June 2022	Applicant's Landscape Consultant to THC Landscape Officer	Consultation request on the proposed final viewpoint list.
	October 2022	Applicant and THC Planning Officer	Offer and agreement to meet for a project update and policy context review. Call set up for 22 nd November 2022.
	November 2022	THC Planning Officer to Applicant	Response to Gatecheck 1 Report requesting a Baseline Tree Survey to be included as part of the EIA.
	November 2022	Applicant, EIA Technical Leads and THC Planning Officers	Project update meeting to discuss layout change from 10 turbines at 220 m tip to 8 turbines at 200 m tip. Update provided on Landscape and Visual, Ecology, Ornithology, Hydrology, Peat, and Cultural Heritage assessments.
	June 2023	Applicant's EIA Lead to THC Planning Officers	Project update email and offer to meet and discuss design freeze and assessments to be submitted as part of application.
	June 2023	THC Planning Manager to Applicant's EIA Lead	Informed that we would be assigned case officer on submission and there was no availability to attend a meeting before submission.
	September 2023	Applicant's EIA Lead to THC Planning Officers	Submission timescale update and offer to discuss with THC planning team or provide any further details ahead of submission.
	November 2023	Applicant's EIA Lead to THC Planning Officers	Queries about submission to THC planning portal, hard copy requirements, and sending of confidential appendix.
Nature Scot (NS)	August 2021	Applicant's Ecology/Ornithology Consultant and NS	Consultation and agreement of survey work to be undertaken. Agreement of single year of survey work given previous survey work undertaken for 2014 application.
	November 2021	Applicant to NS (via THC pre-application advice)	Notice of application. Response from NS stating happy to engage further.



	June 2022	Applicant's Landscape Consultant to NS	Consultation and agreement on the proposed final viewpoint list.
	October 2022	Applicant's EIA Lead to NS	Offer and agreement to meet for project progress update. Meeting held on 18 th October 2022.
	October 2022	Applicant, EIA Technical Leads and NS	Project update meeting to discuss change in layout and update given on Landscape and Visual, Ecology, Ornithology, Hydrology, and Peat assessments.
	August 2023	Applicant's Landscape Consultant to NS	Project update email to inform NS of finalised layout including overview of design process and the landscape and visual strategy of the Proposed Development. Requests final comments ahead of submission.
SEPA	November 2021	Applicant to SEPA (via the THC pre-application advise)	Notice of application.
	October 2022	Applicant's EIA Lead to SEPA	Offer and agreement to meet for project progress update. Meeting held on 26 th October 2022.
	November 2022	SEPA to Applicant	Views on design chill layout; good to see existing track being used where possible, requested for T1 and T2 to be on same spur of track to reduce number of watercourse crossings, requested for track to be floated over area of deep peat to T2. Request for a follow up meeting once phase 2 peat probing is completed and tweaks to design have been made. Meeting scheduled for 1 st December 2022.
	December 2022	SEPA to Applicant	Request for further update once all infrastructure design details are confirmed.
	June 2023	Applicant's EIA Lead to SEPA	Consultation on final layout. Meeting scheduled for July 2023.
	July 2023	Applicant's EIA Lead to SEPA	Figures of the Proposed Development provided ahead of the scheduled meeting,
	July 2023	SEPA to Applicant	Requests additional information on private water supplies (PWS) and peatland restoration.
	July 2023	Applicant, EIA Technical Leads and SEPA	Project update meeting to discuss layout and infrastructure changes and other technical issues including peatland restoration, PWS, watercourse buffers and ground water dependent terrestrial ecosystems (GWDTE).
	July 2023	SEPA to Applicant	Correspondence following up project update meeting providing further comment on the



			Proposed Development's layout and technical issues, as outlined above.
	August 2023	Applicant's Hydrology Consultant to SEPA	Correspondence outlining the hydrological assessment of GWDTEs and PWS.
	September 2023	Applicant's EIA Lead to SEPA	Update provided on infrastructure changes relating to bridge design. Final meeting requested and scheduled for September 2023 ahead of project submission.
	September 2023	SEPA to Applicant's Hydrology Consultant	Agreement to the approach of the PWS assessment. Further information requested regarding National Vegetation Classification (NVC) habitats present on site.
	September 2023	Applicant's Hydrology Consultant to SEPA	Further information regarding NVC habitats provided.
	September 2023	Applicant, EIA Technical Leads and SEPA	Project update meeting to discuss final layout and infrastructure changes, focusing on previous comments and recommendations provided by SEPA.
	October 2023	SEPA to Applicant	Further correspondence regarding GWDTEs. Agreement that GWDTEs can be scoped out of further assessment or mitigation.
	October 2023	Applicant's EIA Lead to SEPA	Correspondence following up on project update meeting providing further comment and rationale on the final design of the Proposed Development.
HES	November 2021	Applicant to HES (via the THC pre-application advise)	Notice of application.
	September 2022	Applicant's Heritage Consultant to HES	Consultation on proposed visualisations and scope of heritage assessment.
	October 2022	Applicant's Heritage Consultant to HES	Offer and agreement to meet/call to discuss design. Meeting scheduled for November 2022.
	November 2022	Applicant's Heritage Consultant and HES	Consultation following update meeting on reducing scope of setting assessment to include only the five designated sections of the Corrieyairack Pass. Comparative wirelines were sent showing views from heritage assets within the Great Glen.
	January 2023	HES to Applicant's Heritage Consultant	Agreement to reduce scope of setting assessment to the five designated sections of the Corrieyairack Pass. Requested for photomontages to be produced for each cultural heritage VP.



	May 2023	Applicant's Heritage Consultant and HES	Consultation on final layout including photomontages and offer of site visit.
	June 2023	HES to Applicant's Heritage Consultant	Provides initial comment on photomontages and accepts offer of site visit. Reserves full comment on final layout until site visit has taken place. Site visit arranged for late June 2023.
	July 2023	HES to Applicant's Heritage Consultant	Informs the Applicant of a completed site visit and expresses concern regarding the impact of the Proposed Development's design on the Corrieyairack Pass. Requests and additional wireline of the Corrieyairack Pass.
	July 2023	Applicant's Heritage Consultant to HES	Provides the additional wireline requested and offers further discussion if required.
District Salmon Fisheries Board	September 2022	Applicant's Ecology Consultant to Ness District Salmon Fishery Board	Consultation and agreement that 2014 baseline fish survey data to be comprehensive and still relevant for the Proposed Development.
Civil Aviation Authority (CAA)	October 2022	Applicant's Aviation Consultant to CAA	Consultation on aviation lighting design of the Proposed Development.
	June 2023	CAA to Applicant's Aviation consultant	Agreement of proposed lighting scheme.

- 2.4.3. As a result of the feedback received during this consultation process and site surveys informing design, the Applicant is now seeking consent under S36 for eight turbines at 200 m tip height, a reduction from the original proposal first presented to key stakeholders.
- 2.4.4. The design evolution of the Proposed Development is summarised in Chapter 4 of this PAC Report and is discussed further in **Chapter 2: Site Selection and Design** of the EIA Report.

3. Community Consultation

3.1. Introduction

- 3.1.1. This Chapter sets out engagement activities undertaken by the Applicant with the local community, key stakeholders and community groups, including community councils, to inform the design process.
- 3.1.2. Community engagement is a key element of the consenting process, and, at all times, the Applicant has sought to ensure that the local communities are fully informed of the Proposed Development, provided with opportunities to provide comment on the proposals, receive early notification of events and any changes to the proposals and the application timeframes have been communicated.
- 3.1.3. The Applicant has sought to build relationships with the local communities surrounding the project, pursuing local opinion and addressing questions about the proposals.
- 3.1.4. Communicating information about the project has been at the forefront of engagement and the Applicant has employed a number of methods to communicate locally – newsletters to all



households within a 10 km radius of the wind farm; a dedicated project website (www.culachywind.co.uk), a regular column in Lochaber Life and updates in the Ness News. This has been combined with regular telephone calls, email contact and face-to-face meetings.

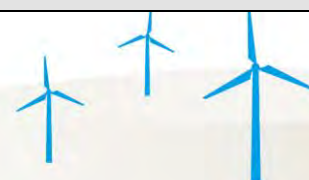
- 3.1.5. The Applicant has sought at all times to provide a dedicated point of contact – telephone number and email address – and encourage local residents to get in touch. The project website has also provided a useful stream of information about the Proposed Development, events and background information.
- 3.1.6. These communication methods will remain in place throughout the determination process and beyond.

3.2. Community Councils

- 3.2.1. The Applicant recognises that the communities closest to the proposals are represented by a variety of organisations, including community councils. The Applicant identified the community councils within a 10 km radius of the wind farm site as being:
- Fort Augustus and Glenmoriston Community Council
 - Glengarry Community Council
 - Spean Bridge, Roy Bridge and Achnacarry Community Council
 - Laggan Community Council
 - Stratherrick and Foyers Community Council
- 3.2.2. Prior to the submission of the Scoping Report to the ECU, the Applicant engaged representatives of the local community councils to inform them of the proposals and request the opportunity to engage with members. This contact was subsequently continued throughout the consultation process.
- 3.2.3. Engagement with community councils largely took the form of face-to-face meetings, telephone calls and written updates. This was supplemented with ongoing one-to-one engagement with members of the local community, other groups and key stakeholders, as required.
- 3.2.4. The applicant has been in discussion with local groups regarding the establishment of a Community Liaison Group to continue this community engagement beyond the pre-application phase, maintaining updates on the Proposed Development as the project progresses.
- 3.2.5. As a result of this outreach the Applicant has undertaken a number of meetings with Community Councils.

Table 3.1 - Summary of Community Council Meetings

Date	Group	Description
21 st February 2022	Fort Augustus Community Council	Informal meeting – introduction to team.
23 rd February 2022	Fort Augustus Community Council	Attendance at virtual Community Council meeting – introducing the proposals.
22 nd March 2022	Glengarry Community Council	Informal meeting – introduction to team.
10 th May 2022	Glengarry Community Council	Informal meeting – update on the project.



29 th September 2022	Fort Augustus Community Council	Attendance at Community Council meeting – providing an update on proposals.
3 rd October 2022	Glengarry Community Council	Attendance at Community Council meeting – providing update on proposals.
3 rd April 2023	Glengarry Community Council	Informal meeting – an update on the proposals.
4 th April 2023	Spean Bridge, Roy Bridge and Achnacarry Community Council	Informal meeting – an update on the proposals.

3.3. Wider Engagement

- 3.3.1. The Applicant has sought to engage the wider community, reach out to local interest groups and interact with key local stakeholders including ward councillors and local MSPs and MPs throughout the consultation process.
- 3.3.2. This has included regular written updates on the proposals; invitations and notifications of key events; and offering one-to-one meetings throughout the consultation process.
- 3.3.3. As a result, this has involved in the Applicant supporting a number of local initiatives, attending a range of meetings and continuing to build relationships across the community. Details of which are below.

Table 3.2 - Summary of Wider Engagement

Date	Group	Description
2 nd February 2022	Councillor David Fraser & Councillor Margaret Davidson	Introduction to the project.
10 th May 2022	Fort Augustus Heritage Group	A visit to key assets in proximity to the site and exploring opportunities to address any concerns.
26 th July 2022	Glengarry Community Woodland	An introductory meeting, learning about goals and understanding opportunities to work together.
26 th July 2022	Glengarry Shinty Club	An introductory meeting, learning about work with young people across region and identifying opportunities to work together.
28 th July 2022	Lochaber Environmental Group	An introductory meeting, learning about work across the region and identifying opportunities to work together.
3 rd Sept 2022	Invergarry Produce Show	Attending the produce show and encouraging visitors to attend forthcoming exhibitions.
23 rd October 2022	Glengarry Shinty Club Open Day	Attending the open day and engaging attendees.



12 th December 2022	Glengarry Community Woodland	A visit to the woodland, meeting the team and exploring opportunities to support the initiative with community benefit from Culachy Wind Farm.
3 rd April 2023	Glengarry Shinty Club	An informal update meeting.
3 rd April 2023	Glengarry Community Woodland	An informal update meeting.

3.4. Supply Chain Engagement

- 3.4.1. The Applicant has been actively pursuing engagement with the local supply chain surrounding Culachy Wind Farm. Communication surrounding the project has encouraged local suppliers to register their services with the Applicant and to discuss the opportunities to be involved in the construction and operation of the wind farm.
- 3.4.2. The Applicant held a supplier drop-in session in Fort Augustus Village Hall on Wednesday 24th May 2023. Visitors to the event were able to meet with representatives from Fred. Olsen Renewables and discuss the opportunities that the wind farm will present.
- 3.4.3. The Applicant worked with the Inverness Chamber of Commerce and the Lochaber Chamber of Commerce to promote the event to their membership. In addition, it was advertised in the Inverness Courier and online, which can be found in **Appendix 4**.
- 3.4.4. The Applicant is committed to continuing this engagement in order to maximise the opportunity to utilise the local supply chain as part of construction, operation and decommissioning the Proposed Development.

3.5. Public Consultation Events

- 3.5.1. In addition to direct engagement with stakeholders, the Applicant held a series of events staggered throughout the consultation process. This consisted of two rounds of events, comprising two days in different locations – Invergarry Community Hall and Fort Augustus Community Hall.
- 3.5.2. These events were designed to attract local residents and key stakeholders and provided the opportunity to meet with members of the development team, view the proposals, ask questions and submit their views.
- 3.5.3. The events were advertised through a variety of communication methods. These included:
- A newsletter issued to all households within 10 km of the wind farm site;
 - Advertising in the Inverness Courier;
 - Promotion in the Ness News and Lochaber Life;
 - Social media promotion; and
 - Direct engagement with key stakeholders including community councils, ward councillors, MSPs and MPs.
- 3.5.4. Members of the public who were unable to make the event were encouraged to view the materials online on the official project website. There was also the opportunity to submit questions via email, text and/or call an available team member with any queries and request additional information.

First Round of Public Exhibitions

- 3.5.5. The first round of public exhibitions was held following the submission of scoping. These took place on:



- 20th April 2022 - 11am – 7pm at the Glengarry Community Hall
 - 21st April 2022 - 11am – 7pm at Fort Augustus Village Hall
- 3.5.6. The purpose of the exhibition was to outline draft proposals for the site and gain initial feedback. The exhibition materials are included in **Appendix 5**.
- 3.5.7. Visitors to the events were able to speak to members of the Fred. Olsen Renewables team, who were accompanied by the technical team, have their questions answered and provide their feedback – either at the event, online or by post.
- 3.5.8. A total of 18 members of the public attended the events. A total of 10 feedback forms were completed. A summary of the questions answered by the attendees are shown in **Figures 1-3** below.

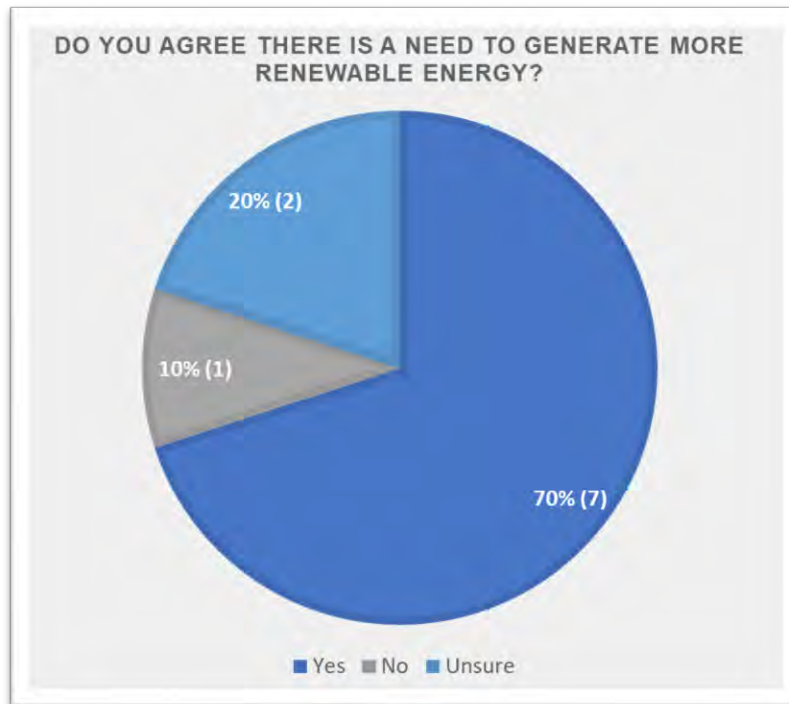


Figure 1 – Answers to the question 'Do you agree that there is a need to generate more renewable energy?'



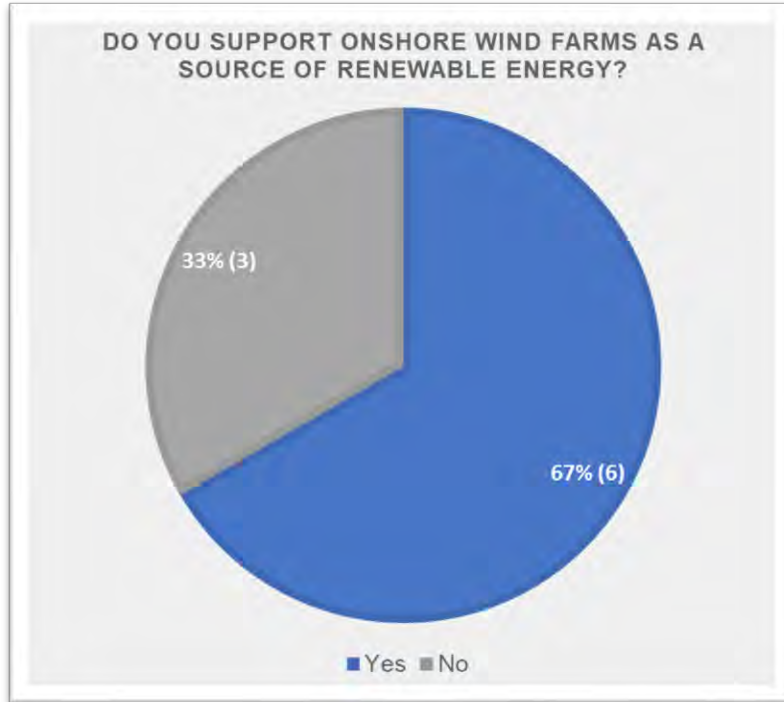


Figure 2 – Answers to the question ‘Do you support onshore wind farms as a source of renewable energy?’

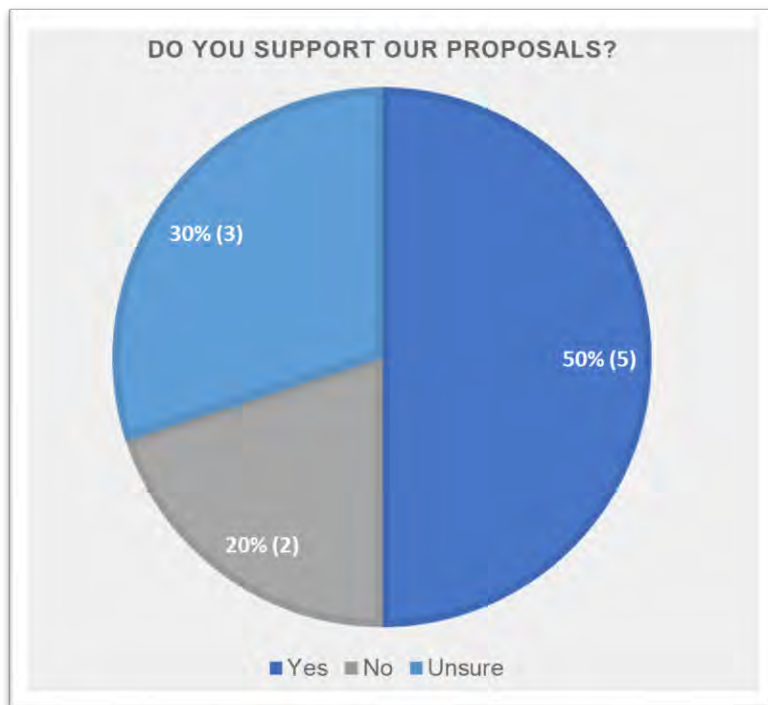


Figure 3 – Answers to the question ‘Do you support our Proposals?’



3.5.9. Attendees were also asked to leave any initial comments or questions about the Proposed Development. Their feedback is summarised in **Table 3.3** below.

Table 3.3 - Summary of Written Feedback from First Consultation Event

Feedback Question	Public Response		
	Yes	No	Unsure
Do you have any initial comments or questions on the proposal presented?	6	4	0
Comments/Questions	We should be exploring gas and oil in our north sea. Myself and other local people are very concerned about the access for this site. Ardachy Road is a historic single-track road in a very tranquil area of the historic village. I am concerned that these turbines will be visible from Loch Ness. I am concerned about how the electricity generated will be fed into the transformer station. I am very concerned about all this traffic yet again rumbling through our 1936 swing bridge outside my home. We also have the proposed Loch Long Hydro which will impact on the traffic along the A82 considerably. The Corrieyairack Pass is an ancient right of way and Wades Road, which is going to be crossed or parallel with yet even more roads on the hillside.		
	I believe projects like these can shape and improve the world that we live in for future generations. Renewables are key for the local community for sustainability going forward.		
	It would adversely impact the Ardachy Road which is a beautiful and historical part of Fort Augustus' Heritage. The character of this part of the village will be spoilt.		
	Should be lower – visibility.		
	My concern is about the proliferation of wind farms in the area and their efficiency in producing energy. Visual impact and access issues are important to be. Very disappointed that it is visible from high level route of GW near Fort Augustus. Concerned about impact on eagles as there are more and more wind farms appearing which cut down on the safe places for them to fly.		
Do you have any ideas or suggestions as to how we can shape the community benefit offering to make it more appropriate to the local area?	Community benefit funding for solar panels is a great idea!		
	The community company have consistently done an excellent job at allocating financial benefit and improving and creating projects for the community.		
	Transparency with the local community and help them understand why it is so important.		
	Happy with proposal as detailed in leaflet.		
	Save the planet.		



Any further comments	Can we get smaller detail maps on leaflets please. They often seem to be too big scale. Thank you.
	Keep looking at new sustainable ways to produce energy that could benefit the local and wider community in Scotland.
	There are too many wind farms around the Loch Ness area and the substation at Auchterawe is already huge and should not expand further. We walk the Great Glen Way and don't wish to see more turbines in the hills.
	Not sure that wind energy is the most efficient way forward - not as sustainable as nuclear plants and hydro for example. Think we need a variety of sources of energy. Helpful people to talk to and very knowledgeable.

Second Round of Public Exhibitions

3.5.10. Two further public exhibitions were held in October. These events were held:

- 24th October 2022 - 11am – 7pm at Fort Augustus Village Hall
- 25th October 2022 - 11am – 7pm at the Glengarry Community Hall

3.5.11. These events were intended to inform the local community of the design changes which had been made and demonstrate how the Applicant had considered the comments received to date. The exhibition materials can be found in **Appendix 6**.

3.5.12. A total of 23 members of the public attended the events, and 18 feedback forms were completed. A summary of the questions answered are shown in **Figures 4-6** below.



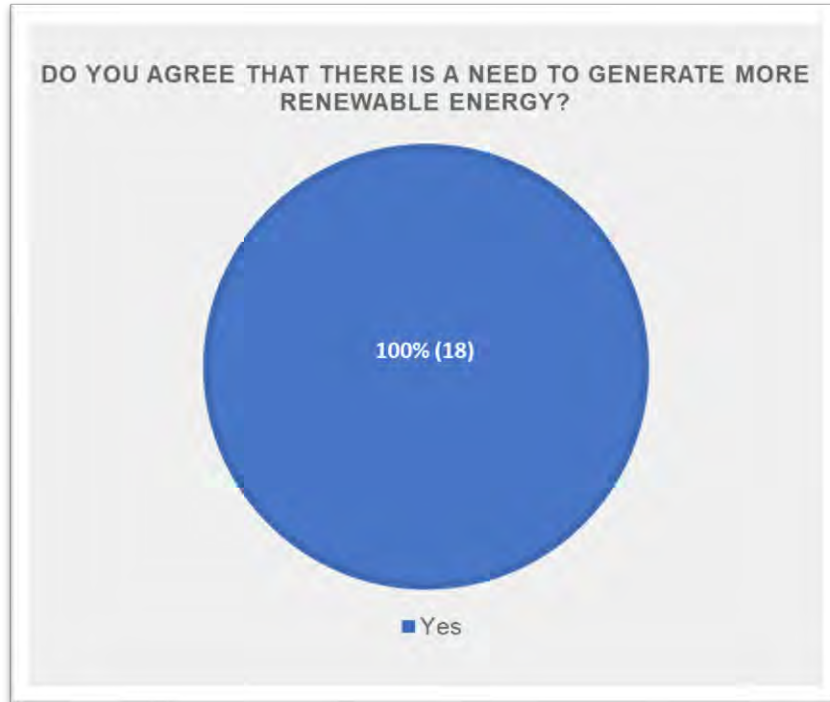


Figure 4 - Answers to the question 'Do you agree that there is a need to generate more renewable energy?'

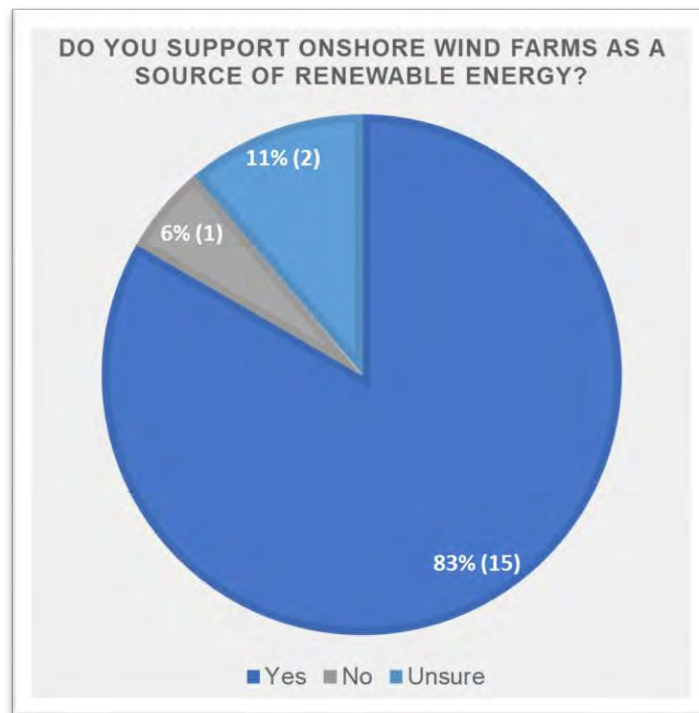


Figure 5 - Answers to the question 'Do you support onshore wind farms as a source of renewable energy?'



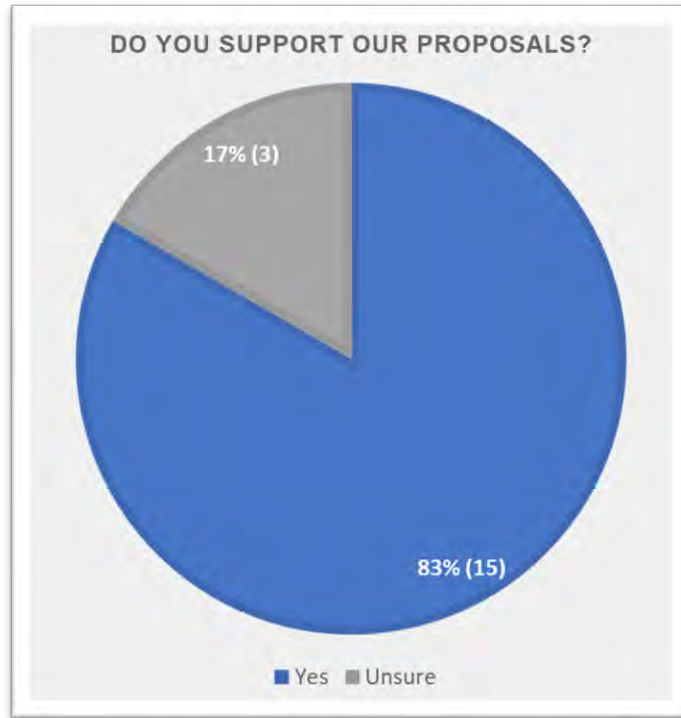
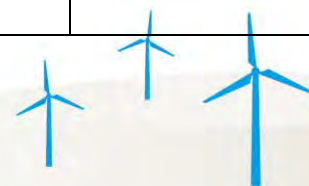


Figure 6 – Answers to the question ‘Do you support our proposals?’

3.5.13. As with the first round of public exhibitions, attendees were asked to leave any initial comments or questions about the Proposed Development. Their feedback is summarised in **Table 3.4** below.

Table 3.4 - Summary of Feedback from Second Consultation Event

Feedback Question	Public Response		
	Yes	No	Unsure
Do you agree that there is a need to generate more renewable energy?	18	0	0
Do you support onshore wind farms as a source of renewable energy?	15	1	2
Do you support our proposals?	15	0	3
Do you have any initial comments or questions on the proposal presented?	4	14	0



Comments/Questions	The proposal is less invasive than several other wind farms around the Great Glen.
	The community company responsible for distributing the money needs to ensure as wide a remit as possible to make it easier to claim money.
	Great presentation, engaged, caring at the community presentation.
	Thank you for your interactions with the community.
	I'm very pleased that all our electricity comes from renewable sources.
	As a representative of the local shinty club we have appreciated the interest & involvement shown in our club - not just ticking a box but genuine interest.
	If you can access the site via the A82 - No problem.
Do you have any ideas or suggestions as to how we can shape the community benefit offering to make it more appropriate to the local area?	A more tangible benefit directed to those who are affected most should be considered e.g., a local energy discount scheme, a voucher scheme for postcode area residents to buy renewable/electrical goods.
	The local community council. I am well versed in how to arrange any community benefit.
	Consult as widely as possible. The community council and community woodlands are not the only agencies and have controversial agendas.
	I'll go away and think about this. Feel free to contact me by emails to chivvy me.
	Any support to the community is brilliant, however accessing funds via community companies is very difficult.
	As manager of the community benefit, we have a lot of projects that will be supported by your funding.
Any further comments	I am concerned about the cumulative effect of so many wind farms proposals in the area. Planners need to consider this and take it into account.
	A pleasure to chat to all you folk. Thank you.
	Please can you keep me informed of the traffic management proposals on Ardachy road.
	Fred Olsen Representative very helpful.
	I'm impressed by your outreach efforts and I wish you well.
	Thank you for your support.
	If the Ardachy Road is used for diggers, lorries and large vehicles to access the site then I am strongly opposed.



4. Design Iteration

4.1. Summary of Design Iteration

- 4.1.1. The Applicant has considered a number of alternative turbine layouts and infrastructure designs for the Proposed Development, the final layout being the seventh design iteration. The design process began in early 2022 and has been fully informed by the EIA process and feedback received from stakeholders and through consultation with the local community.
- 4.1.2. **Table 4.1** gives a summary of the key design amendments which have been informed by feedback received through the consultation process.
- 4.1.3. The most significant alteration is the reduction in the number of turbines from the originally proposed 10 turbines and the reduction in the tip height of the turbines from 220 m to 200 m. This has been influenced by the concerns raised from stakeholders and the community about visibility from Fort Augustus and throughout the Great Glen. The Applicant has aimed to create a compact layout to minimise visibility from within the area of Fort Augustus, scattered settlement and surrounding road network within the Great Glen.
- 4.1.4. **Chapter 4: Approach to EIA** of the EIA Report also provides specific details on where the EIA has responded to advice and comments received from the EIA Scoping process. **Chapter 2: Site Selection and Design** provides further information on the overall rationale behind the design evolution.

Table 4.1 – Design Response to Feedback Received

Consultee	Response
SEPA – concerns related to infrastructure sited on deep peat and watercourse crossings	Comments were taken into consideration during the design of proposed new tracks and the layout. Tracks have been amended to minimise the number of watercourse crossings and to be floated over areas of deep peat wherever possible. The construction compounds, substation and energy storage facility have been sited to avoid watercourses, areas of deep peat and to minimise impacts on sensitive habitats.
THC – concerns relating to Wild Land, Special Landscape Areas (SLA), and views from settlements and the Great Glen Way.	Redesign saw turbines removed and set further back from the west of the site and from higher elevations in the south-east, tip heights were also reduced to 200 m to minimise view from the settled areas and surrounding road network within the Great Glen. The layout has been compacted to contain effects on wildness qualities to the northern corner of WLA19 which largely aligns with areas where the Beauty – Denny Overhead Line incurs baseline influence. Creating a compact layout also minimises effects on the nearby Loch Lochy and Loch Oich SLA and Loch Ness and Duntelchaig SLA.
HES – visibility from assets within the Great Glen (inc. Caledonian Canal, Torr Dhuin, Kilwhimen Barracks, Invergarry Castle and Culloch Locks)	By setting back turbines from the west of the site and reducing the tip height of the turbines all visibility of the Proposed Development has been largely reduced from heritage assets within the Great Glen.
Public Consultation – concerns raised about visibility from residential properties.	Redesign saw removal of the turbine furthest west and a shift of all other turbines further south to reduce visibility from Fort Augustus and other settled areas within the Great Glen.



5. Community Benefit

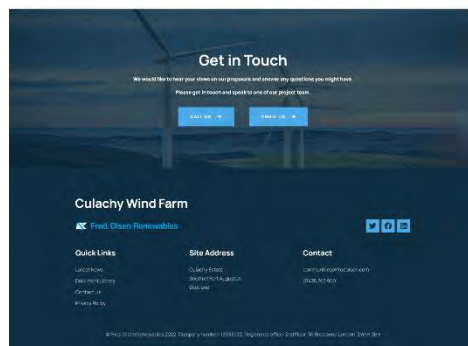
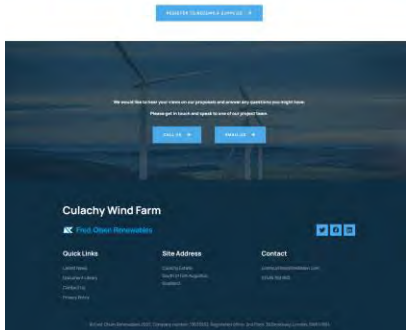
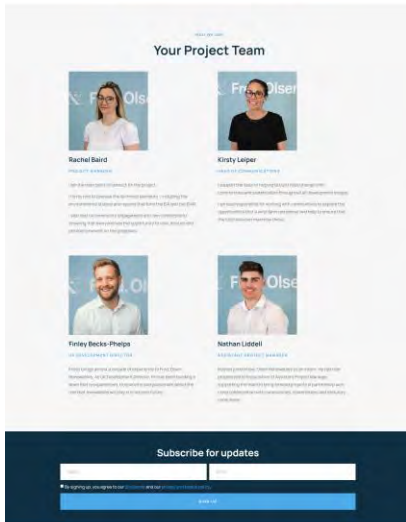
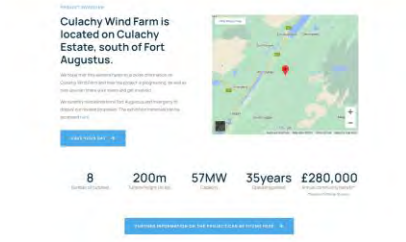
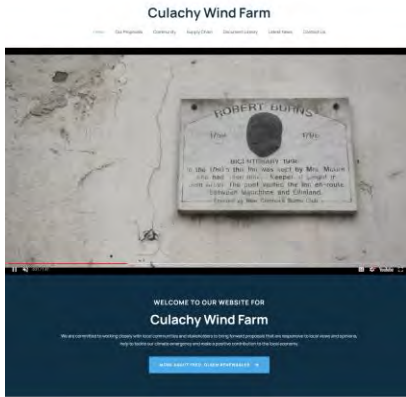
- 5.1.1. The Applicant is focussed on ensuring that its wind farms are an asset to the local area, supporting the local economy and helping the local community to realise its ambitions. Every year the applicant provides over £600,000 to eligible communities surrounding its wind farms, amounting to more than £7m to date.
- 5.1.2. The proposed development would deliver a community benefit package of £5,000 per MW, approximately £280,000 per annum. This would amount to more than £9m throughout the 35 year lifespan of the wind farm.
- 5.1.3. The Applicant is committed to working closely with the communities surrounding the wind farm to ensure that the community benefit can help to address identified local challenges.
- 5.1.4. The Applicant recognises that the communities surrounding the wind farm face different challenges and have different levels of identified capacity locally. The Applicant would work with these communities to identify their priorities and how they would best benefit from additional funding.
- 5.1.5. Overall, the Applicant is focussed on ensuring that the community benefit funding can support community ambition, help communities to be sustainable and create economic opportunities locally.

6. Summary and Conclusion

- 6.1.1. The Applicant has proactively engaged from the early stages of the project with a wide range of local residents, interest groups and community councils regarding the Proposed Development. Successful community consultation and information events were held where feedback on the proposals was gathered and taken into consideration.
- 6.1.2. The final layout has been directly informed by this consultation and a robust design iteration process, exemplified by the reduction in the number and height of turbines across the site.
- 6.1.3. From the outset, the Applicant has undertaken comprehensive and inclusive consultation and has sought to ensure that all those with an interest in the proposals have had an opportunity to review and comment through appropriate and varied channels. The Applicant is committed to ongoing engagement and consultation with key stakeholders throughout all phases of the development process.




Appendix 1: Project Website




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We want to work closely with the communities closest to the wind farm to ensure that the community benefit package can be designed to support ongoing initiatives and address identified local challenges, such as:



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Renowned Culachy Wind farm will generate over £200,000 per year for the local community. This is achieved over 25+ years. Community benefit is provided over 25+ years to support the development of local services and facilities. There are any facilities or services to community benefit, working to develop a fund that can be allocated simply and locally. In addition, we can also explore existing or new services or funding in advance to support ongoing local initiatives.

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Duns Swimming Pool Crystal Rig Wind Farm

The community benefit fund from Crystal Rig Wind Farm has helped fund a pool and other leisure facilities in the village of Duns. This funding has helped to improve the quality of life in the village and has helped to create a sense of community and pride in the village. The pool is a great place for families to spend time together and for people to get active. It is a great example of how wind farms can be used to support local communities and improve the quality of life in the village.

Kirsty Higgins, Manager at Duns Swimming Pool commented:

"Having a pool in a village like Duns is a real asset. It is a great place for families to spend time together and for people to get active. It is a great example of how wind farms can be used to support local communities and improve the quality of life in the village."

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We would like to hear your views on our proposals and answer any questions you might have. Please get in touch and speak to one of our project teams.

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
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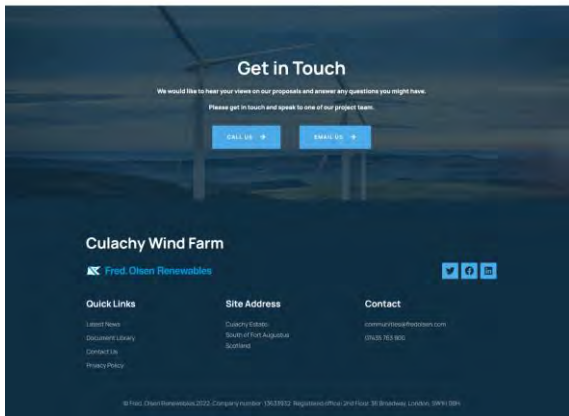
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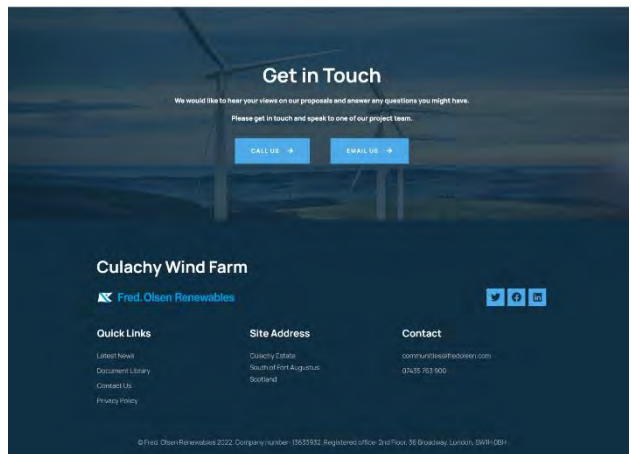




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April 2022



Culachy Wind Farm - Public Exhibition

Fred. Olsen Renewables is proposing to develop Culachy Wind Farm, located on the Culachy Estate, south of Fort Augustus.

As part of our ongoing community engagement, we are inviting local residents and interested parties to attend our forthcoming exhibitions where they will be able to view our plans, learn more about what we are proposing, have their questions answered and submit their views.

If you are unable to attend we would encourage you to:

- View the materials online and submit any questions you may have (www.culachywind.co.uk)
- Set up a discussion. Text/call **07435 763 900**. The team can be on hand to discuss the plans with you, and this includes after 5pm.
- Submit your questions and comments via communities@fredolsen.co.uk
- Request additional information on memory stick. Email communities@fredolsen.co.uk or text/call **07435 763 900**

The events will take place on:

Wednesday 20th of April, 11am – 7pm
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Community encouraged to take part in consultation for Culachy Wind Farm

Hello, I am Rachel Baird and I am the project manager for Culachy Wind Farm.

As you may be aware, Fred. Olsen Renewables is proposing to develop Culachy Wind Farm, south of Fort Augustus.

Our proposals were recently on display at two events in April. The materials are online and I would like to encourage anyone that was unable to attend, to view the plans at www.culachywind.co.uk and let me know if they have any questions or comments.

I would also like to invite them to:

- Set up a discussion. To arrange just text or call 07435

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- Submit questions and comments via communities@fredolsen.co.uk
- Request additional information via communities@fredolsen.co.uk
- Provide their feedback via communities@fredolsen.co.uk

We are really pleased that local residents took the time to attend our exhibitions, view the initial proposals for Culachy Wind Farm and speak to the team. We hope to continue our discussions as plans progress and I hope that anyone with any questions will get in touch.

Culachy Wind Farm will deliver a range of local

benefits, including employing local services during the construction and operation of the wind farm. The project will also provide over £300,000 per year to the local community. This is around £10m in community benefit throughout the lifespan of the project.


We are very flexible in our approach to community benefit and hope develop a fund that can be administered, simply, locally. In addition, we hope to design a fund in partnership with the community that has the flexibility to support large scale local initiatives.

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Culachy Wind Farm community update

Since our proposals to develop Culachy Wind Farm were on display earlier this year, we have been refining the plans to make sure they consider the feedback received and the findings from our environmental studies.

Whilst this is under way, we have been having several conversations and are pleased to be supporting local initiatives. This includes helping Glengarry Games return after a two-year break by sponsoring the event to help provide a fantastic experience for all visitors.

We also plan to attend the Glengarry Produce Show on Saturday September 3.



We hope to be able to bring forward a project that will play an integral role in the community and help to provide long-term support to community projects, including Glengarry

Highland Games, for years to come. We hope to have our finalised plans on display later this year. For now, further information can be found at www.culachywind.co.uk

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December 2022

Community consulted on revised plans for Culachy Wind Farm

Residents from across Fort Augustus and Invergarry attended events in late October to learn more about the proposals from Fred. Olsen Renewables, to develop Culachy Wind Farm, south of Fort Augustus.

Attendees at the events were able to view the revised plans for a wind farm on the Culachy Estate approximately 7.5kms south of Fort Augustus and meet with members of the Fred. Olsen Renewables team to hear about how the plans had changed since earlier that year.

The proposals on display showed how the company had reduced the number of turbines on the site, as well as the height.



The final plans contained eight turbines with a height of up to 200m to tip – delivering 57MW of clean electricity.

The display helped to demonstrate how the proposals had

been changed to minimise visual impact from Fort Augustus and communicate how the wind farm will deliver a range of benefits including a community fund amounting to more than £9m.

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Culachy Wind Farm Community Update

We hope that we will be able to submit our application to the Scottish Government for permission to develop Culachy Wind Farm, located on the Culachy Estate south of Fort Augustus, in the near future.

Our plans have changed as a result of the feedback we have gathered as part of our consultation process. The plans now consist of eight wind turbines up to 200m to tip, capable of generating up to 57MW of clean electricity and providing more than £9million in community funding throughout the lifetime of the project.


Culachy Wind Farm will be



able to support community projects and we hope to work with local residents to identify initiatives that will benefit from this funding. If you have

any ideas or questions about the community benefit fund, please contact communities@fredolsen.com or visit www.culachywind.co.uk

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Culachy Wind Farm Community Update

We hope to submit our application to the Scottish Government to develop Culachy Wind Farm, located on the Culachy Estate near Fort Augustus in the summer. We will let the community know when this happens, and the plans will also be available on our website www.culachywind.co.uk.

In the meantime, we are continuing our engagement locally. We have committed to supporting Glengarry Shinty Club in 2023 and look forward to seeing the players in action soon. Our team will also be back at the Glengarry Produce Show. We hope to see you there.



In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do get in touch communities@fredolsen.com / 07435 763 900.

You can view the plans at www.culachywind.co.uk

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Culachy Wind Farm Public Exhibition

Fred. Olsen Renewables is a partner to develop Culachy Wind Farm, located
in the Culachy Estate west of Fort Augustus.

As part of our ongoing community engagement, we are holding local
resident and interested parties to view of our forthcoming exhibition, where
they will be able to view our plans, learn more about what we are doing and
have their questions answered by our staff.

If you are unable to attend we would encourage you to:
 View our community plan and have any questions you may have
www.culachywind.co.uk
 Call our Exhibition Service on **07432 763 960** The team can then hand
 to discuss the plans with you, and this includes after hours.
 Submit your questions and comments to
community@fredolsen.co.uk
 Request additional information on meeting with
community@fredolsen.co.uk or call on **07432 763 960**

The events will take place on:

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Glengarry Community Hall, Abergarry, Invermoriston, PH32 4HE

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10.30 - 12.00 NOON

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For further details Elaine
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Culachy Wind Farm
PUBLIC EXHIBITION

VIEW THE PLANS | LEARN ABOUT THE PROPOSALS | HAVE YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Monday 24th October | 11am - 7pm
Fort Augustus Village Hall, Church Road, PH12 8DU

Tuesday 25th October | 11am - 7pm
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Appendix 4: Supply Chain Engagement

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**CULACHY
WIND FARM**

**SUPPLIER
DROP-IN
SESSION**

Wednesday 24th May | 12pm – 6pm
Fort Augustus Village Hall, Church Rd, Fort Augustus, PH32 4DG

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Marian is dressing for success

Running your own business is a dream worth fighting for says **Marian Grant**, owner of La-Di-Da Fashion



Marian Grant, owner of La-Di-Da Fashion.

PHOTO: GAIL HENRY

PERSON BEHIND THE BUSINESS

PRESENTED BY **BID** BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Q How would you describe your business?
 La-Di-Da Fashion is a stockist of ladies occasions wear, accessories and day wear. It's a family-run business owned by myself that I opened in March 2016, offering our customers a personal head-to-toe service. We specialise in the mother of the bride or groom. We visit a client to ensure customers do not get the same outfit for the same event, that's a job

unique. As the mother of the bride or groom, you don't want someone else coming in your outfit! After they get their outfit we ask them to send us a nice photograph or pop back in to show us their photos and that's lovely. It makes you feel part of their special day. A lot of customers do that and it's lovely to be part of that. We love helping our customers find their perfect outfit for their special day. There is nothing more satisfying than a happy customer leaving the shop delighted with their new outfit!

Q What led you into the business?
 I've loved working in retail for more than 25 years, working up from a sales assistant, tailor, assessor and internal worker in management and delivering modern apprenticeships within retail businesses throughout the Highlands and Islands, Edinburgh, Glasgow and Aberdeen. I always dreamed of owning and managing a unique and stylish ladies fashion shop. My dreams have come true in being able to own and manage La-Di-Da Fashion.

Q Who do you admire in business?
 I admire all businesses small and large that are working so hard to survive in these very challenging times through the Covid lockdowns and now the cost of living crisis.

Q Can you tell us more about yourself?
 Free time is in short supply when you run a small business on your own, so any free time that do have I spend it with my family and friends.

Q What is your advice to budding entrepreneurs?
 Keep your dream alive and never forget it's your dream and that it's worth fighting for.

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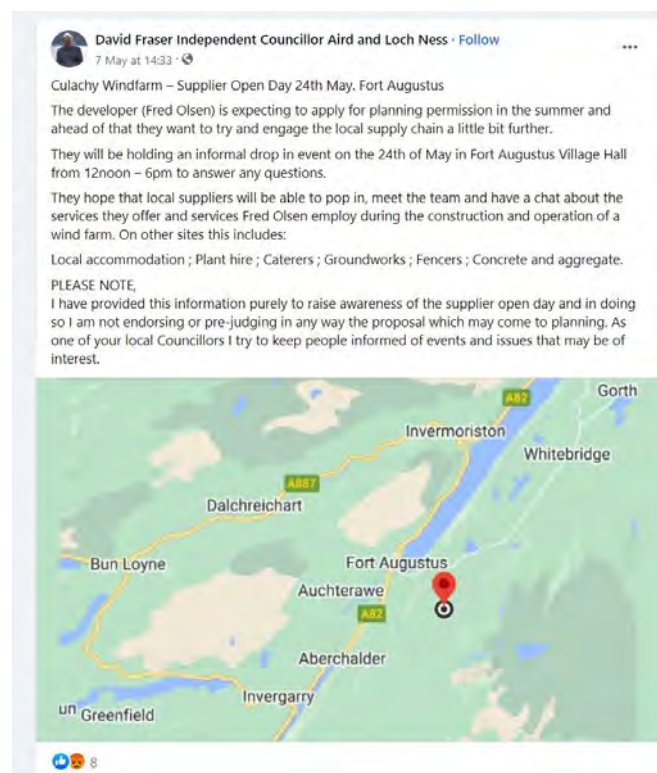
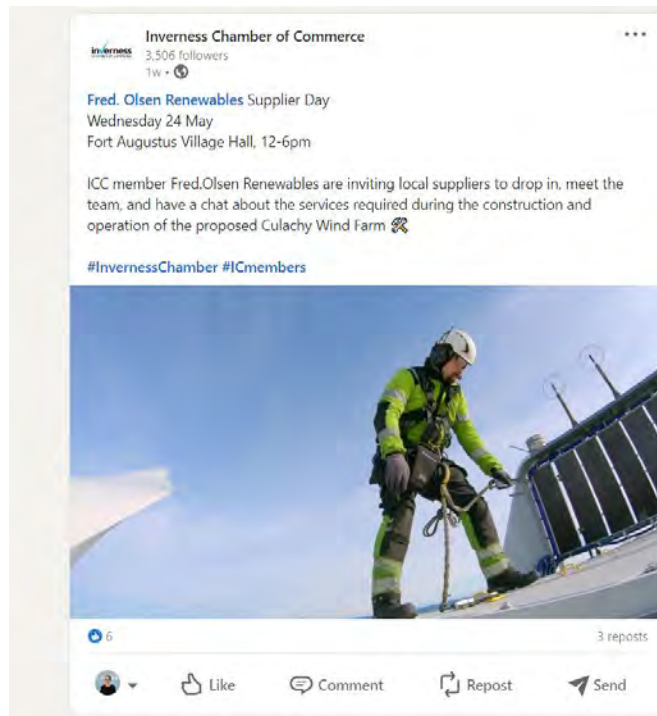
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Social Media Engagement



Event Images





Appendix 5: First Round Exhibition Materials

Newsletter

 Fred. Olsen Renewables

Proposed Timeline

<p>Site Selection</p> <p>The site at Culachy was awarded to Fred. Olsen Renewables in 2021 following a tendering process by the land owner.</p> <p>Research has been ongoing and shows good wind speeds and minimal constraints on site.</p>	<p>Planning</p> <p>We want to apply to the Scottish Government for consent by early 2023.</p> <p>Ahead of then we will undertake a range of public consultation and seek to gather as much feedback as possible.</p> <p>The application will be supported by an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report that will show the results of all studies undertaken. The EIA report will be publicly available. Interested parties can formally comment on the application.</p>	
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Next steps

We hope that you will be able to attend our events in April. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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Culachy Wind Farm

Hello,

We are contacting you to let you know more about our proposals to develop Culachy Wind Farm, which is located on the Culachy Estate, approximately 7.5km south of Fort Augustus.

We are at the very early stages of the proposed project's development and we would like to start a conversation with the local community and key stakeholders about how we can develop a project that will:

- Deliver local and regional supply chain opportunities
- Make a positive contribution to the local economy
- Provide more than £300,000 in community benefit to support local projects
- Actively support Scotland's net zero ambitions

Exhibition

We hope that by holding consultation events, alongside having materials online, this will allow everyone the opportunity to view and comment on the proposals, and have their questions answered.

The events are on:

- Wednesday 20th of April, 11am – 7pm**
Glengarry Community Hall, Invergarry, Inverness-shire, PH35 4HE
- Thursday 21st April, 11am – 7pm**
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If you are unable to attend these events we would encourage you to:

- View the materials online and submit any questions you may have at (www.culachywind.co.uk)
- Set up a discussion. Text/call **07435 763 900**. The team can be on hand to discuss the plans with you, and this includes after 5pm.
- Submit your questions and comments via communities@fredolsen.co.uk
- Provide additional information on memory stick. Send your request to communities@fredolsen.co.uk or text/call **07435 763 900**.

About the Proposal

The proposed wind farm is located approximately 7.5km south of Fort Augustus. The land that we are looking to develop is owned by the Culachy Estate.

At this stage, it is anticipated that Culachy Wind Farm will comprise up to 10 wind turbines, up to 220m in height to tip, alongside associated infrastructure.

Our plans are still at a very early stage and we hope to gather feedback throughout the consultation process that will, alongside the results of the technical assessments, inform the design. This will allow us to develop a more detailed design which we will then discuss with the community and key stakeholders, prior to applying for consent.

Number of turbines	10
Turbine tip height	Up to 220m to tip
Energy Storage Facility	20 MW
Wind Farm Capacity	62 MW
Energy Generation	82 MW
Lifespan of wind farm	35 years
Community Fund	£5,000 per MW – in the region of £200,000 per year. £10m over the lifespan of the project.



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About us

Fred. Olsen Renewables Ltd has been developing and operating wind farms in the UK since the mid-1990s. Our operational wind farm portfolio, which is all in Scotland, comprises a total generating capacity of 529.7 MW.

We are currently one of the leading independent renewable power producers in the UK and engagement with key stakeholders and the local communities surrounding our sites is at the heart of all we do.

By being involved in every aspect of a wind farm's lifecycle, from site selection to planning, construction and operation, we are not only experts in developing successful projects – we are good neighbours.

Supply Chain

We always seek to employ local services during the construction and operation of our wind farms – helping to maximise local economic opportunities. Services that we have previously employed include:

- Local accommodation
- Plant hire
- Caterers
- Groundworks
- Fencers, concrete and aggregate

If you, or your company, are able to provide any of these services, and more, please get in touch by emailing suppliers@fredolsen.co.uk.

In order to support our efforts in engaging local businesses, we are members of Inverness Chamber of Commerce. We have held a supply chain event with the Chamber and hope to hold further events as our plans progress.



Community Benefit

If consented, Culachy Wind Farm will provide over £10m in community benefit throughout the lifespan of the project.

We want to work with the community to ensure that the community benefit can support existing initiatives, address identified challenges and be responsive to local needs.

In the past this has seen us bring forward unique proposals including:

- Multi-use trails
 - Energy efficiency projects
- We appreciate that the local communities are very experienced at managing community benefit and bringing forward initiatives. We would like to learn from this and identify how Culachy Wind Farm can play a part.

We would like to hear your views on how the wind farm can provide support locally.

Get in touch by emailing communities@fredolsen.co.uk

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Brochure





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Consultation is an important part of the development process. We welcome your feedback and opinions. Please complete a feedback form, or contact the team to discuss the plans further.

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About Fred. Olsen Renewables

Fred. Olsen Renewables is one of the leading Independent renewable power producers in the UK. Our operational UK wind farm portfolio comprises a total generating capacity of 529.7 MW and we have an extensive pipeline of projects coming forward.

With over twenty-five years' experience in consenting, developing and operating wind farms, we are one of the very few developers that take a project all the way from initiation and development, through to operation and ultimately decommissioning.

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Our proposals

About the site

The proposed wind farm is located approximately 7.5km south of Fort Augustus and the land that we are looking to develop is on Culachy Estate.

Our plans are still at a very early stage and we hope to gather feedback that will, alongside the results of the technical assessments, inform the design. This will allow us to develop a more detailed design which we will then discuss with the community and key stakeholders, prior to applying for consent.

We hope this exhibition will:

- Outline our proposals for the site
- Detail the opportunities that the wind farm can present locally
- Help us to understand local issues and concerns

Culachy Wind Farm

At this stage, the main components of the proposed development are:

- Up to 10 turbines with a height of up to 220m to tip
- Turbine foundations and crane hardstandings
- A battery storage facility
- External transformers at each turbine
- A network of new and upgraded access tracks
- An anemometry mast for wind monitoring
- An onsite substation and control building
- Temporary construction compounds, laydown areas and car parking
- Temporary borrow pits



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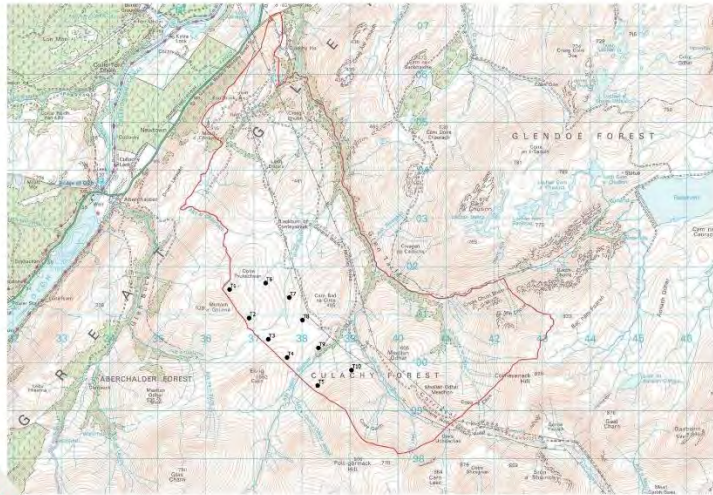
Layout and Design Process

Many factors will determine the final location of the wind turbines, including:

- Visual impact
- Impact on sensitive habitats
- Proximity to areas of ecological interest
- Wind resource
- Engineering constraints
- Community comments

Some of these issues will not be fully identified until the technical assessments are finished. This means that the layout you see today may be different from the layout submitted with the application for consent.

We will ensure that the local community and key stakeholders are consulted throughout the development of our proposals and on the final layout.





Development Process

We are currently undertaking the scoping and consultation phase of our development process for the proposed development.

We submitted a Scoping Report to the Scottish Government Energy Consents Unit (ECU) in February 2022. This described our draft proposal and invited the views of consultees on the scope of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).

The Scoping Opinion that we receive determines the scope of the EIA.

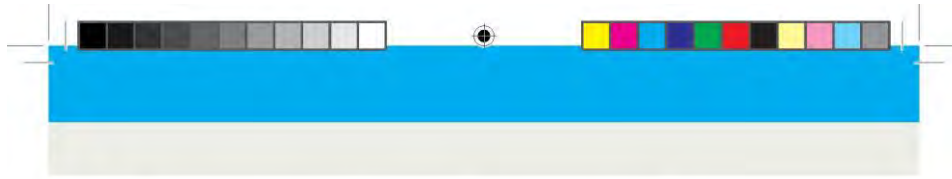
Baseline surveys are ongoing for the proposed development. These surveys will inform the final layout of the site ensuring that it minimises effects on the local environment. We then evaluate and present the effects of the project in the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIA-R). The EIA-R will accompany the application for consent to the ECU.

The EIA-R will consider:

- Ornithology
- Ecology
- Landscape and visual
- Noise
- Geology, hydrology and hydrogeology
- Cultural heritage and archaeology
- Access and traffic
- Socio-economics, tourism and recreation
- Telecommunications
- Aviation

Our Development Process





Environmental Impact Assessment

Environmental Considerations

An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is being undertaken to identify and assess the potential significant environmental effects of the proposal. The information gathered through the EIA process will help to shape the design and layout of the proposed development and required mitigation measures. This includes, amongst others:

Ornithology

This assessment considers any potential effect on local bird assemblages. Extensive ornithology surveys are being completed.

Ecology

This assessment considers the local flora and fauna, with the exception of birds which are assessed separately. Habitat and protected species surveys have been undertaken within the site which include bats, water vole, otter, badger, red squirrel and pine marten. All surveys that require updating are underway, with all data to be collected within the 2022 survey seasons.

Cultural Heritage

This assessment considers the cultural heritage assets in close proximity to the site and helps to inform appropriate mitigation proposals. Careful consideration will be given to any potential impacts upon cultural heritage assets, such as General Wade's Military Road.



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Hydrology, Hydrogeology and Peat

This assessment considers the hydrological, geological and hydrogeological characteristics of the proposed development site, and helps to inform appropriate mitigation proposals, if they are required. There are some mapped areas of peat on the site and whilst considering other constraints, the layout will be designed to avoid deep peat as far as possible.

Aviation and Telecommunications

This assessment will consider the potential effects of the proposed wind farm on civil and military aviation interests. Telecommunications operations will also be considered.

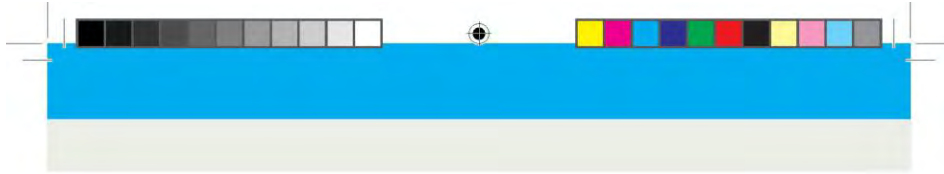
Socioeconomics

Predicted socioeconomic effects of the proposed development will be outlined within the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIA-R). This includes benefits on local, regional and national levels during the construction and operational periods of the proposed development.

Noise and Vibration

This assessment will consider the effects of both construction and operational noise on nearby sensitive receptors, including in combination with other nearby wind farms. No perceptible ground-borne vibration is expected from the operation of the wind farm.

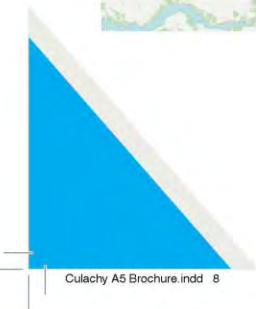




Traffic and Transport

This assessment considers the impact on traffic volumes and the transport network during the construction period, operational phase and decommissioning phase of the proposed development.

The initial route review has identified that blades will be delivered to Kyle of Lochalsh, travel along the A87, A82 and the Ardachy Road to a new site entrance. Tower components will be delivered to Corpach and travel along the A82 to meet the Ardachy Road to the new site entrance.





Landscape and Visual Impact

Once the design layout has been finalised, a full Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA) of the proposed development will be carried out to consider effects on:

- Landscape fabric - changes to the physical form of the landscape and its elements
- Landscape character - changes in the key characteristics and qualities of the landscape as a result of the development
- Visual amenity - changes in the appearance of the landscape as a result of development.

The proposed development will be analysed to identify elements with the potential to cause an effect on the landscape within the specified study area.

Photomontages and ZTV

The images presented at this exhibition have been prepared to illustrate the visual impact of the proposed draft layout from four viewpoint locations. Photographs from each of these viewpoints have had wind turbines added using computer generated software.

A preliminary Zone of Theoretical Visibility (ZTV) diagram has been generated for the proposed development that indicates the number of turbines theoretically visible from any location within the study area.

This means that from those areas that are coloured you may be able to see the proposed development. The different colours let you know how many wind turbines you may be able to see.

The ZTV does not consider trees and buildings. These can often screen views so that fewer or no turbines are actually visible. The ZTV gives an initial idea of those areas from which you may be able to see the wind farm. This is checked by landscape architects during site visits.

Should you wish to receive hard copy materials please do not hesitate to get in touch by emailing communities@fredolsen.co.uk

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We want to work closely with the communities surrounding the wind farm to ensure that the community benefit can address identified local challenges such as:

- Fuel poverty
- Energy efficiency
- Housing stock
- Recreation
- Connectivity
- Tourism

We are very aware of the exciting projects that are currently being delivered locally. We would be keen to explore how we can support local aspirations and ensure that the community benefit from Culachy Wind Farm can make a significant contribution towards these plans.

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Decommissioning

12 months

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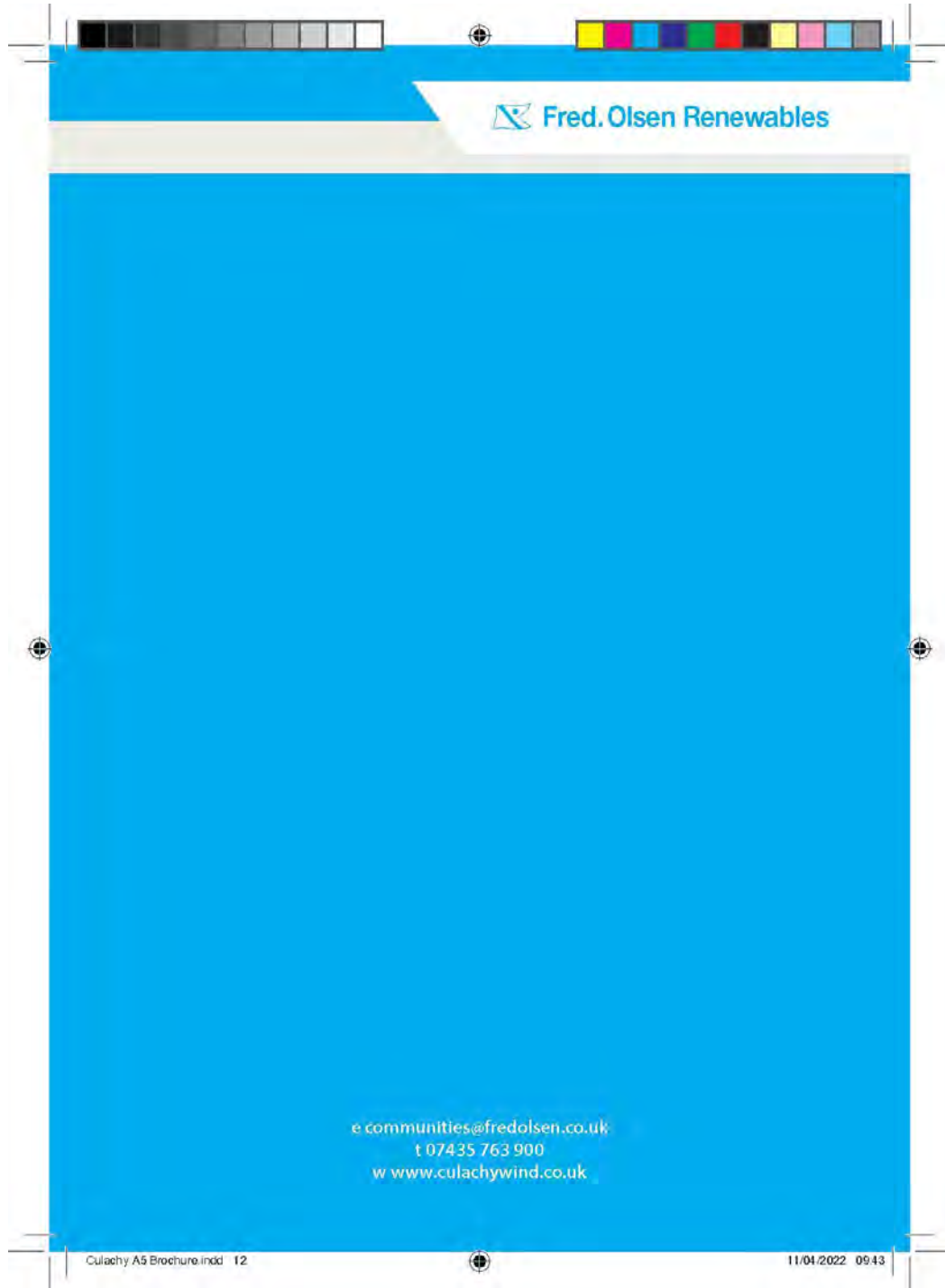
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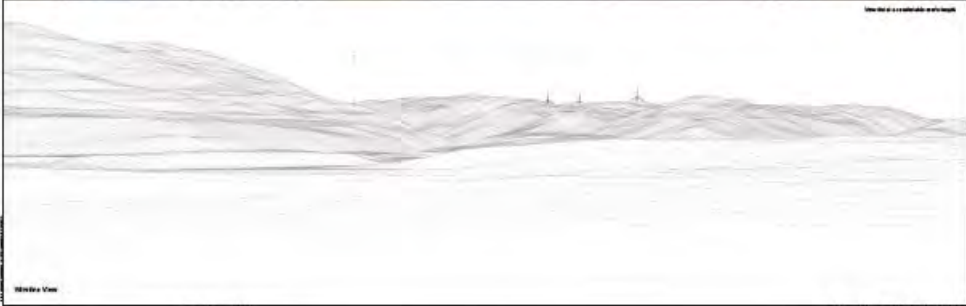





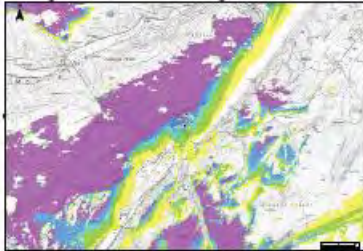
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Viewpoint 6: Fort Augustus Car Park



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Viewpoint 9: A82 North of Fort Augustus



Viewpoint 11: Great Glen Way



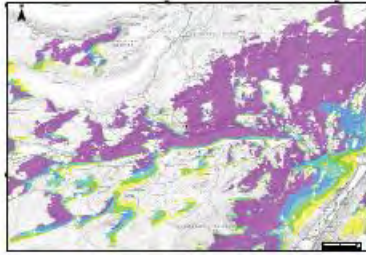
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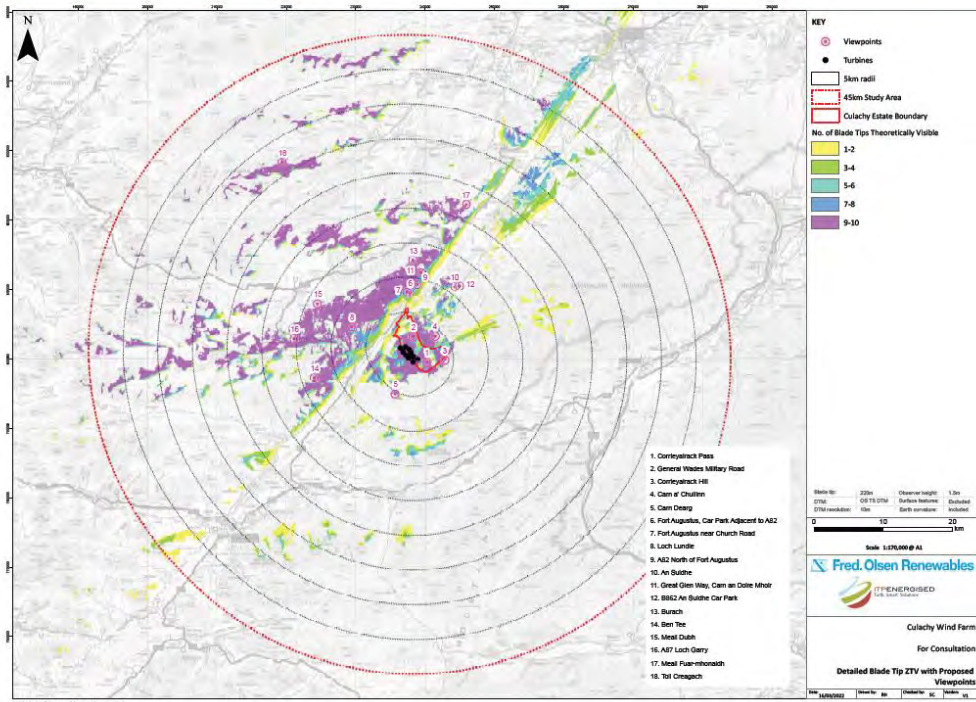


Viewpoint 16: A87, Loch Garry



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Blade Tip ZTV



Feedback Form

Feedback Form

Thank you for considering our wind farm proposals. We hope you will take a moment to provide your feedback on the form below.

This can be returned by post to

Fred. Olsen Renewables, Ochil House, Springkerse Business Park, Stirling, FK7 7XE.

Alternatively, you can send it via email to: communities@fredolsen.co.uk.

Name	<input type="text"/>
Address	<input type="text"/>
Telephone	<input type="text"/>
Email	<input type="text"/>
Wind Farm Name	<input type="text"/>

Do you agree that there is a need to generate more renewable energy?

Yes No Unsure

Do you support onshore wind farms as a source of renewable energy?

Yes No Unsure

Do you support our proposals?

Yes No Unsure

Do you have any initial comments or questions on the proposal presented?

Yes No Unsure

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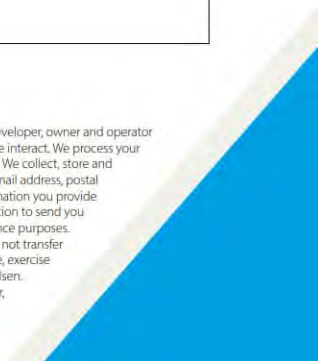
Comments/Questions...

Do you have any ideas or suggestions as to how we can shape the community benefit offering to make it more appropriate to the local area?

Any further comments?

Thank you!

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Michael Golding at Hydro Ness.

Funding for hydroelectric project

VISIT Inverness Loch Ness (VILN) has given funding to create a learning zone around Hydro Ness. VILN aims to promote tourism in and around Inverness and Loch Ness, and hopes this boost for the hydroelectric generator on the banks of the River Ness will be

part of that. The creative content within the learning zone is being developed by Mather and Co, the same exhibition designers who are working on the design of the visitor experience at the ongoing revamp of Inverness Castle. VILN chief executive officer

Michael Golding said: "Linking Inverness Castle and the Hydro Ness scheme through their visitor interpretation offers a fantastic opportunity to encourage visitors to explore both attractions and the wider area during their time in Inverness."

Knife found in man's jumper

A 36-YEAR-OLD man predicted his own fate when police found a knife in his jumper.

William Cochrane, known as John, of Kenneth Place, Inverness told officers "that's me getting the jail" when they recovered the weapon. He has been on remand since November 22 last year on other matters, and was jailed this week for 12 months, backdated to that date.

Cochrane admitted at Inverness Sheriff Court possessing the blade in Grant Street on September 8, 2011. Fined deputy Robert Weir told Sheriff Margaret Neilson: "Police attention was drawn to him as he was staggering unsteadily on his feet and talking on the phone. His speech was also slurred, he was drowsy and there was white residue round his mouth."

Property award for city school

By Alan Shields
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AN Inverness school has scooped a top property award. Merkleich Primary School and Family Centre have been voted best new public building in Scotland.

The first phase of the project, comprising a new school building, opened in October 2010.

It includes 14 classrooms, ancillary teaching areas and a three-room nursery to support the delivery of 1100 hours of early learning and childcare as well as nurture rooms and a games hall.

The second phase was completed in November last year and saw the refurbishment of the original school building to provide new kitchen and dining facilities for the school and accommodation for the Merkleich Family Centre.

Inverness Deputy Provost Bet McAllister welcomed the

recognition for the school and family centre at the awards.

She said: "It's a thoroughly well-deserved honour that Merkleich Primary School and Family Centre have been voted best new public building in Scotland."

"It proves the decision was right to go for a new build rather than a refurbishment and head teacher Gillian Kean and her team now have a superb facility," acclaimed by parents.

"This is a fine example of a thoroughly joined-up project."

The project was funded by Highland Council and the Scottish Government. The school dates back to 1876 and still serves the community.

“It proves the decision was right to go for a new build [school] rather than a refurbishment.”

Bet McAllister



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**Glengarry Community Hall,
Invergarry, Inverness-shire, PH35 4HE**

Thursday 21st April, 11am - 7pm

**Fort Augustus Village Hall,
Church Road, Fort Augustus, PH32 4DG**

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Head stomp

A DISAGREEMENT between two men after they had been drinking led to one being stamped on the head, Inverness Sheriff Court was told that Andrew McLetch (33), of Gilbert Street, Inverness, was with two companions in a property in the street on June 25, 2021. Fiscal deputy Susan Love told the court that McLetch and one of the men left, there was a scuffle and the victim fell to the ground. "McLetch lifted his left foot and stamped on his head," she said. "Two witnesses called the police. McLetch lifted him to his feet and they went back to the bar. An ambulance was called and the casualty was taken to Raigmore Hospital where he needed three stitches over his left eye."

McLetch admitted assault to injury and someone was detained until May 10.

Knife charge

AN Inverness man appeared in private at Inverness Sheriff Court on charges of possessing a knife and an offensive weapon.

Mark Bird (41) made no plea, was committed for further examination and released on bail.

Bars band together for Ukraine appeal

By Rachel Smart

www.inverness-courier.co.uk

TWO Inverness pubs are grouping together this month to raise funds for those impacted by the war in Ukraine.

Hootananny and the Market Bar are hosting a two-day musical extravaganza during the last weekend of April.

The event will see a range of locally well-known bands take to the stage at Hootananny on the Friday night, and more than 20 acoustic acts performing at the Market Bar on the Saturday.

Music programmer at Hootananny, Steve Robertson is gearing up for the spectacular event.

"We have a wealth of acts over the two days, including the Highland Voices Gospel Choir, Lionel and Chancers," he said.

"It will be a multi-band event with bands over two floors on the Friday night."

The event will also

include a raffle with prizes being donated from local businesses around the city in aid of the cause.

Shirley Wyness, from the Market Bar, has run other successful fundraisers in the past and is always blown away by the generosity of the people of Inverness.

She said: "The response of people wanting to play has been amazing - I've actually had to cut it off!"

"The people of Inverness are fantastic. It was the same when we held a fundraiser for those impacted by the war in Syria a few years ago."

The Saturday night will end with local acts Ben and Emily.

Local theatre legend Mattie Zajar will also be giving a speech over the weekend to explain to revellers why the event is taking place.

He is a local of Inverness but his heritage is connected to Ukraine, with his grandmother being a native.

Mr Zajar said: "I am delighted at the amount of support that Ukraine has received from across the world."

"Ukraine needs all the help that it can get whether that be humanitarian or military aid. It's wonderful to see so many wonderful people and artists showing support in numerous ways."

He also told the story of how there was once a group of displaced Ukrainians who lived at the Brahan Estate in Ross-shire after World War II.

A monument in the form of the Ukraine National State emblem was built in 1949 on the grounds of the estate.

"The Highlands and Islands have a longer connection with that part of the world [Ukraine] than most people know," Mr Zajar said.

Donations will be collected throughout the weekend, with no tickets needed.



Market Bar staff Shirley Wyness and Ally Duncan.

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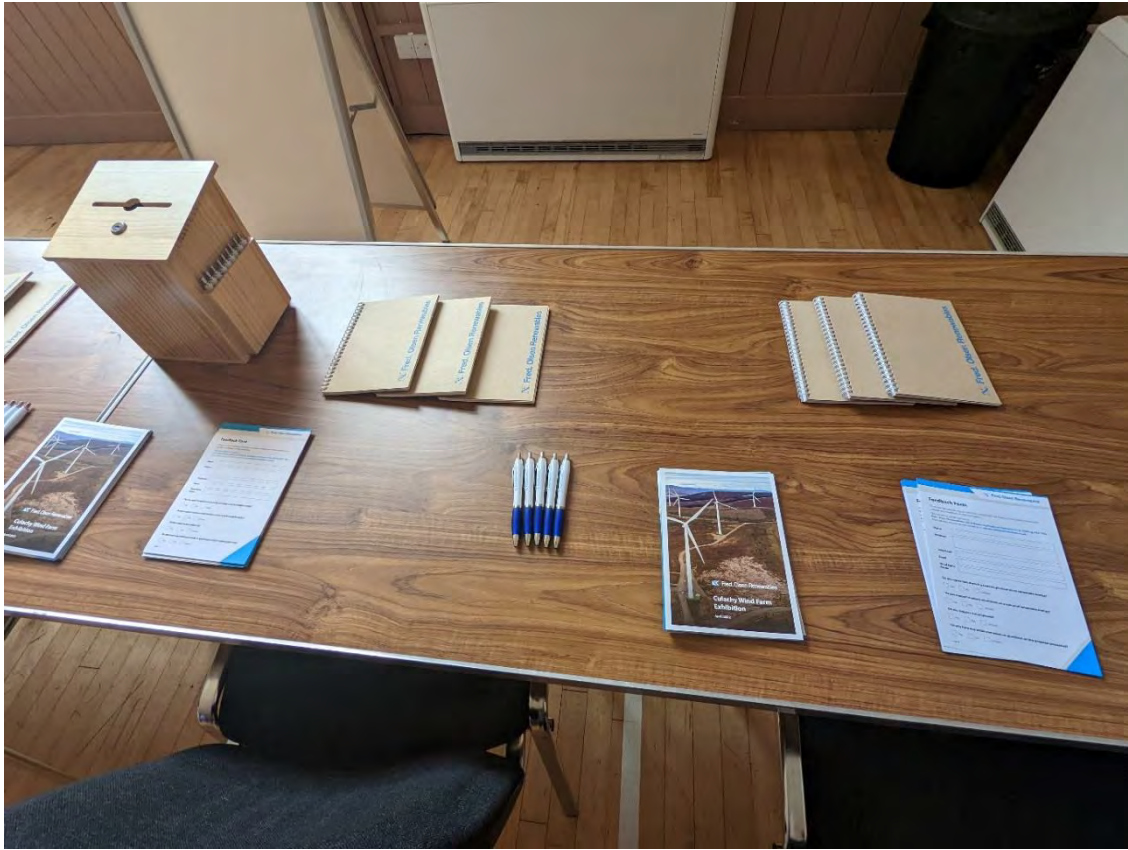
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Event Images





Appendix 6: Second Round Exhibition Materials

Newsletter



Culachy Wind Farm

About us

Fred. Olsen Renewables Ltd has been developing and operating wind farms in the UK since the mid-1990s. Our operational wind farm portfolio, which is all in Scotland, comprises a total generating capacity of 529.7 MW.

We are currently one of the leading independent renewable power producers in the UK and engagement with key stakeholders and the local communities surrounding our sites is at the heart of all we do.

By being involved in every aspect of a wind farm's lifecycle, from site selection to planning, construction and operation, we are not only experts in developing successful projects – we are good neighbours.

Next steps

We hope to apply to the Scottish Government for consent in early 2023.

Ahead of then we will undertake a range of public consultation and seek to gather as much feedback as possible.

The application will be supported by an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report that will detail the results of all studies undertaken. The EIA report will be publicly available.

Following submission, comments can be made directly to the Council and the Scottish Government.

We hope that you will be able to attend our events in October. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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About the proposals

The proposed wind farm is located approximately 7.5km south of Fort Augustus on land owned by the Culachy Estate.

We are aware of previous proposals at the site and we have carefully considered the feedback that those plans received.

Our earlier proposals for Culachy Wind Farm comprised up to 10 wind turbines up to 220m to tip. Having undertaken further assessments and gathered local feedback, we are amending our proposals and intend to have these on display.



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Community benefit

If consented, Culachy Wind Farm will provide over £250,000 in community benefit throughout the lifespan of the project.

We want to work with the community to ensure that the community benefit can support existing initiatives, address identified challenges and be responsive to local needs.

In the past this has seen us bring forward unique proposals including:

- Multi-use trails
- Energy efficiency projects

We appreciate that the local communities are very experienced at managing community benefit and bringing forward initiatives. We would like to learn from this and identify how Culachy Wind Farm can play a part.

We would like to hear your views on how the wind farm can provide support locally.

Get in touch by emailing communities@fredolsen.com

Supply chain

We always seek to employ local services during the construction and operation of our wind farms – helping to maximise local economic opportunities. Services that we have previously employed include:

- Local accommodation
- Plant hire
- Caterers
- Groundworks
- Fencers
- Concrete and aggregate

If you, or your company, are able to provide any of these services, and more, please get in touch by emailing suppliers@fredolsen.com

We are members of Inverness Chamber of Commerce. We hope to work closely with the Chamber to engage the local supply chain. We have held a supply chain event with the Chamber and hope to hold further events as our plans progress.

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Culachy Wind Farm

EXHIBITION BROCHURE
October 2022



Fred. Olsen Renewables





Welcome

Welcome to our exhibition about proposals to develop Culachy Wind Farm which is located on the Culachy Estate, approximately 7.5km south of Fort Augustus.

We would like to continue our conversation about how we can develop a project that will:

- Deliver local and regional supply chain opportunities
- Make a positive contribution to the local economy
- Provide a substantial community benefit fund

- Actively support Scotland's net zero ambitions

Consultation is an important part of the development process. We welcome your feedback and opinions. Please complete a feedback form or contact the team to discuss the plans further.

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About Fred. Olsen Renewables

Fred. Olsen Renewables is one of the leading independent renewable power producers in the UK. Our operational UK wind farm portfolio comprises a total generating capacity of over 500MW and we have an extensive pipeline of projects coming forward.

With over twenty-five years' experience in consenting, developing and operating wind farms, we are one of very few developers that take a project all the way from initiation and development, through to operation and ultimately decommissioning.

By being involved in every aspect of a wind farm's lifecycle, we are not only experts in developing successful projects, we are good neighbours.

Our Proposal

The proposed wind farm is located approximately 7.5km south of Fort Augustus. The land that we are looking to develop is on Culachy Estate.

Having undertaken a range of consultation, we would like to provide an update on:

- How we have listened to feedback
- How our plans have changed
- The opportunities that our plans present

Following our exhibitions in April our plans have progressed. We hope that these events help to demonstrate how community feedback, alongside the findings from our technical assessments have influenced the latest design of Culachy Wind Farm.

Our plans have changed. We have:

- Removed two turbines
- Reduced the tip height of the turbines

The plans now include:

- Eight wind turbines up to 200m to tip
- Up to 20MW of battery storage
- Turbine foundations and hardstandings
- Onsite substation and control building
- Access tracks
- Crane pads
- Anemometry mast





Layout and Design Process

In order to determine the final location of the wind turbines many factors have been, and continue to be, considered. These include:

- Wind resource
- Engineering constraints
- Visual impact
- Impact on sensitive habitats
- Proximity to areas of ecological interest
- Location of heritage assets
- Telecommunication infrastructure

The layout in the plan below shows the locations of the proposed eight turbines. The layout we will submit to the Energy Consents Unit (ECU) in the Scottish Government is being finalised. This could be amended to address any further comments received, alongside environmental and technical information gathered.

Should the final layout feature any substantial changes this will be circulated locally in advance of an application submission.



Development Process

We submitted a scoping report to the Scottish Government Energy Consents Unit (ECU) in February 2022. This described our draft proposal and invited the views of consultees on the scope of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).

Some of the stakeholders included:

- The Highland Council
- NatureScot
- Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA)
- Historic Environment Scotland (HES)
- Community Councils

We have undertaken a range of assessments and surveys which have informed the updated layout that is on display – ensuring that it minimises effects on the local environment.

We evaluate and present any potential significant effects of the proposed development with the EIA Report. The EIA Report will accompany our application to the Scottish Government.

The EIA Report will consider:

- Ornithology
- Ecology
- Cultural Heritage
- Hydrology, Hydrogeology and Peat
- Aviation and Telecommunications
- Socioeconomics and Tourism
- Noise and Vibration
- Traffic and Transport
- Landscape and Visual

Our Development Timeline

REQUIREMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT

SITE SELECTION

PROJECT INITIATION

CONSULTATION AND SCOPING

IDENTIFICATION OF ISSUES & SURVEYS

DEVELOPMENT LAYOUT DESIGN ITERATIONS

TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT

PREPARATION OF THE EIA REPORT

SUBMISSION OF PLANNING APPLICATION

CURRENT STAGE

REVIEW BY CONSULTEES

REQUIREMENT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

ASSESSMENT OF PLANNING

DECISION BY THE ECU

CONSTRUCTION, COMMUNITY LIAISON AND MONITORING





Environmental Impact Assessment

An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) has been undertaken to identify and assess the potential significant environmental effects of the proposed development. The information gathered through the EIA process has helped to shape the design and layout of the proposed development and required mitigation measures. All surveys were carried out in line with the latest guidance from relevant authorities.

This includes, amongst others:

Ornithology

The site has undergone a suite of bird surveys including breeding waders, scarce breeding birds, black grouse and flight activity surveys. This has allowed us the opportunity to gain an understanding of the area's ornithological sensitivities. The extent of the baseline surveys were agreed in consultation with NatureScot.

Baseline surveys have identified a relatively typical bird assemblage associated with

upland moorland and have established that black grouse leks, breeding merlin and golden eagle are present in the surrounding area. The development area itself hosts few species of conservation value with golden plover and snipe the only two wader species regularly breeding. Evidence from golden eagle prey and habitat quality surveys carried out suggest that the development area is of relatively poor-quality prey habitat compared to the wider Culachy Estate.





Ecology

Ecology surveys, including habitats, protected species and bat activity have taken place in order to gain a full understand of the area's ecological context.

The habitats on site are typical of an upland setting, with much of the site covered by blanket bog, with smaller areas of heath and grassland scattered throughout.

Mammals recorded on site include water vole and otter. Bat activity surveys were also carried out over three seasons, with this data currently undergoing analysis.

Additional habitat surveys were undertaken in 2020 and 2021 to identify any sensitive habitats within an appropriate buffer of the proposed works. This revealed that the predominant habitats found at the site is acid grassland with small areas of wet and dried

modified bog. As a result, the habitats and locations of those species noted have been considered within the latest development layout, appropriate stand-offs have been put in place so as to reduce or remove any impacts.

Cultural Heritage

The cultural heritage assessment considers the archaeological and cultural heritage assets within the proposed development site, and in the wider area. A desk-based assessment was carried out, which reviewed many historical and modern data sources. In addition, a detailed walkover survey across the proposed development area was undertaken, alongside visits to key heritage assets within the proposed development site and in the wider area. This allows an assessment of the potential impacts on their setting.





Within the proposed development site, there are five sections of the Corrieyairack Pass military road, four of which are Scheduled Monuments. In addition, there are 36 non-designated heritage assets, most of which date to the post-medieval period and include agricultural and pastoral structures and associated remains. Historic map evidence indicates that small agricultural settlements existed within the proposed development site, most of which were located adjacent to the Corrieyairack Pass or close to watercourses.

Throughout the design process close consideration was given to any potential impacts upon cultural heritage assets: turbines and associated infrastructure elements have been located away from known cultural heritage assets within the site, and data from the survey and assessment has fed into the on-going design process. Care will be taken to identify and assess the potential to avoid adversely affecting an asset's setting and thereby the ability to understand and appreciate the asset in its wider context.

Hydrology, Hydrogeology and Peat

This assessment considers the hydrological, geological and hydrogeological characteristics of the proposed development site, and helps to inform appropriate mitigation proposals. Areas of peat are found to be extensive across the site with depths ranging from less than 0.5m to between 3m and 5m depth.

The turbine layout has taken into consideration the habitats and watercourse across the site and looked to keep outwith any areas of deep peat and away from watercourses.

Aviation and Telecommunications

Assessments and consultation has been undertaken to assess whether the turbines could adversely affect the operation of commercial and military aviation interests and infrastructure. Detailed consultation is ongoing with aviation and telecommunication organisations to ensure that the final development layout has no impact on telecommunications, airport or military operations or that viable mitigation measures are agreed with the relevant authority.

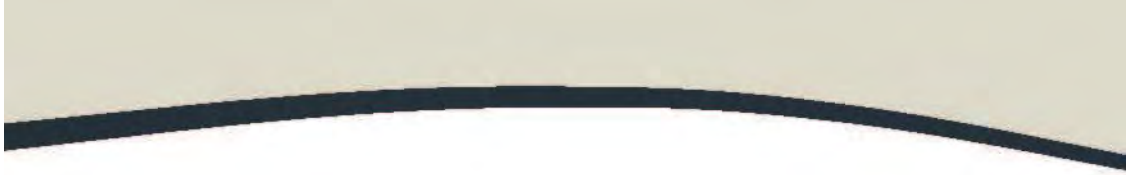
Socioeconomics and Tourism

Predicted socioeconomic benefits of the proposed development will be outlined within the EIA Report. This will include the potential benefits on local, regional and national levels during the construction and operational periods of the proposed development. The tourism assessment will consider the drivers of tourism in the locality and whether there is any potential for effects associated with the proposed development that could lead to changes in tourist behaviour and so the tourism economy.

Noise and Vibration

This assessment will consider the effects of both construction and operational noise on





any nearby sensitive receptors. The predicted noise levels during construction and operation of the wind farm will be modelled and compared against the measured background noise levels and will be set so that they do not breach the agreed limits set by the local authority.

Traffic and Transport

This assessment considers the impact on traffic volumes and the transport network

during the construction period, operational phase and decommissioning phase of the proposed development. The initial route review and the site visit has identified that blades will be delivered to Kyle of Lochalsh, travel along the A87, A82 and the Ardachy Road to a new site entrance. Tower components will be delivered to Corpach and travel along the A82 to meet the Ardachy Road to the new site entrance.





Landscape and Visual Amenity

Once the design layout has been finalised, a full Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA) of the proposed development will be carried out to consider effects on:

- **Landscape fabric** - changes to the physical form of the landscape and its elements
- **Landscape character** - changes in the key characteristics and qualities of the landscape as a result of the development
- **Visual amenity** - changes in the appearance of the landscape as a result of development

The proposed development will be analysed to identify elements with the potential to cause a significant effect on landscape and visual amenity. This will involve analysing the theoretical visibility of the development to 45km, with detailed assessment focussing on a proportionate extent where significant effects might occur. A cumulative landscape and visual impact assessment will consider a 45km radius from the site where potential significant effects may occur.





Community Benefit

If consented, Culachy Wind Farm will provide over £280,000 per year to the local community. This equates to over £9m in community benefit throughout the lifespan of the project.

We want to work closely with the communities surrounding Culachy Wind Farm to ensure that the community benefit can be utilised to strategically address identified local challenges such as housing stock and energy consumption, in addition to recreation, tourism and ecology.

We are very aware of the exciting projects that are currently being delivered locally. We would be keen to explore how we can support local aspirations and ensure that the community benefit from Culachy Wind Farm can make a significant contribution towards these plans.



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Wind Farms and Climate Change

What is Climate Change?

Climate is the average weather we experience over many years, climate change is the change we are seeing in these averages conditions. The rapid climate change we are now seeing is caused by humans using oil, gas and coal for their homes, factories and transport.

Average global temperatures have risen by more than 1°C since the 1850s. 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 were the hottest years ever recorded. Scotland, and the rest of the world is in the midst of a global climate emergency.

We are already seeing the negative impact of climate change. Unless action is taken, temperatures will continue to rise and we will experience catastrophic impacts such, with





worsening droughts, greater sea level rise and mass extinction of species. We all have a role to play.

The Impact of Climate Change

Environment

We are already witnessing changes to our environment such as the melting of ice caps and glaciers with low lying and coastal cities at particular risk of flooding.

Climate change is expected to worsen the frequency, intensity, and impacts of some types of extreme weather events. For example, increases in temperatures have resulted in a greater risk of wildfires like those recently seen in the USA and Australia.

People

Climate change is affecting people in far-reaching ways. Things that we all depend upon and value – water, energy, wildlife,



agriculture, ecosystems, and human health – are experiencing the effects of a changing climate.

These extreme weather events (floods, storms and wild fires) will become more common and intense, threatening lives and livelihoods.

Nature

There is already evidence that animals, birds and plants are being affected by climate change in both their distribution and behaviour.

Changes are happening so fast that many species do not have time to adapt to the loss of habitats or food and will soon become extinct.

For example, the loss of sea ice has already seen large reductions in the numbers of Polar Bear species whilst increasing sea temperatures has dramatically impacted coral reefs – a vital habitat for many sea creatures.

Impact in the UK

Changes to the climate are also being felt in the UK.

Our winters are becoming warmer and wetter resulting in increased flooding. Whilst our summers will become hotter and drier meaning the likelihood of droughts will increase.

People, nature, and infrastructure are already vulnerable to a range of climate impacts today and these will only increase in the coming years as the climate continues to change.





Why Wind Farms?

A substantial amount of carbon emissions come from energy used across power, heating and transport.

Renewable energy such as wind power, does not emit greenhouse gases into the atmosphere.

Therefore, by using renewable energy technologies like wind turbines, solar panels and hydro we are reducing carbon emissions created by traditional energy consumption.

Wind power, as the most advanced renewable technology available at a large scale, has a vital role to play in achieving our zero-carbon electricity system.

By bringing more wind turbines forward in Scotland, we are:



Reducing our reliance on fossil fuels



Improving energy security by reducing imports



Meeting government targets



Tackling climate change



In 2018 renewables displaced

11.9 million tonnes of CO₂.

The equivalent of taking every vehicle off Scotland's roads.

WIND POWER HAS A CARBON FOOTPRINT:



99% less than coal-fired power plants



98% less than natural gas




75% less than solar





Proposed Timeline









Next steps

We hope to continue our consultation prior to submitting an application in early 2023. The full suite of application documents will be made publicly available at this time.


We would welcome your comments on our proposals. Please take a moment to complete a feedback form or get in touch.

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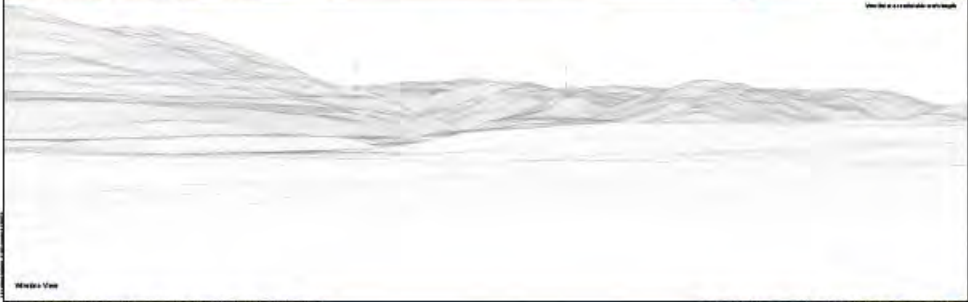



Exhibition Boards

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Viewpoint 6: Fort Augustus Car Park




Wireframe View



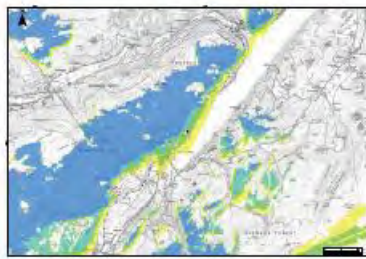
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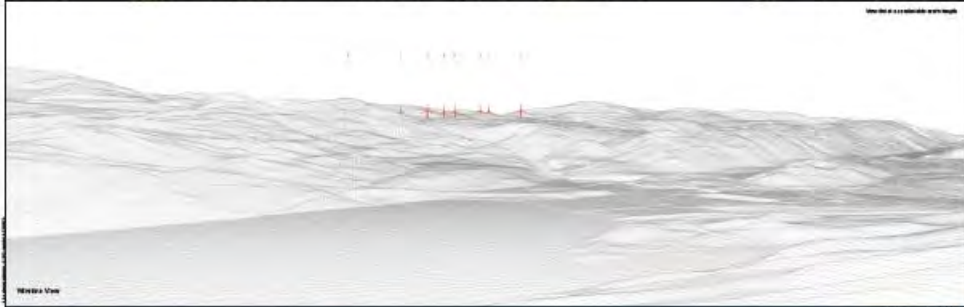
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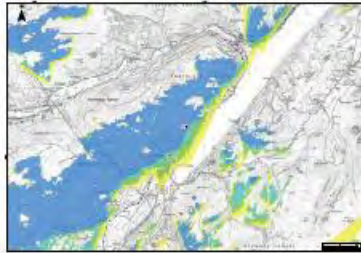
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Viewpoint 11: Great Glen Way



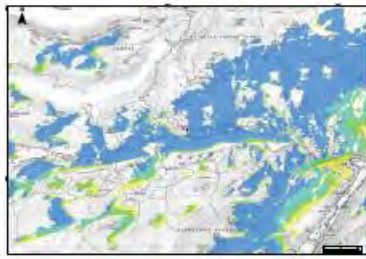
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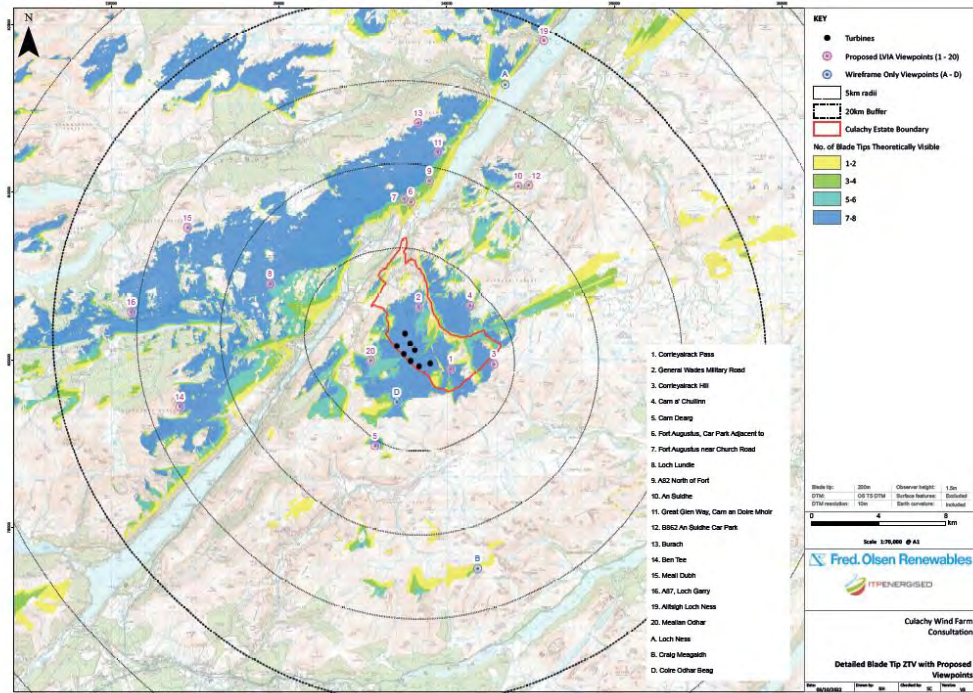
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Blade Tip ZTV



Feedback Form



Feedback Form

Thank you for considering our wind farm proposals. We hope you will take a moment to provide your feedback on the form below.

This can be returned by post to

Fred. Olsen Renewables, Ochil House, Springkerse Business Park, Stirling, FK7 7XE.

Alternatively, you can send it via email to: communities@fredolsen.co.uk.

Name	<input type="text"/>
Address	<input type="text"/>
Telephone	<input type="text"/>
Email	<input type="text"/>
Wind Farm Name	<input type="text"/>

Do you agree that there is a need to generate more renewable energy?

Yes No Unsure

Do you support onshore wind farms as a source of renewable energy?

Yes No Unsure

Do you support our proposals?

Yes No Unsure

Do you have any initial comments or questions on the proposal presented?

Yes No Unsure

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Comments/Questions...**Do you have any ideas or suggestions as to how we can shape the community benefit offering to make it more appropriate to the local area?****Any further comments?****Thank you!**

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Condition can be managed through lifestyle changes

MOLEY was a lovely Chocolate Burmese cat. She had been brought into the clinic frequently recently with recurring cystitis symptoms.

An revealed that wee Moley had a recurring condition: Feline Idiopathic Cystitis, FIC.

Feline lower urinary tract disease, or FLUTD, is a term describing conditions that can affect the urinary tract.

Although many diseases can affect the urinary tract, frustratingly, some cats develop disease without any diagnosed cause. This is termed 'feline idiopathic cystitis' or FIC and exhibits all the signs of cystitis.

The common signs of FIC are difficulty in passing, or painful urination, increased urination, blood in the urine, urinating outside the litterbox or in other areas within the home, over-grooming around the groin and straining to urinate but being unable to.

A urinary blockage is



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always a real concern. If evidence of a blockage occurs, then this should be treated as an emergency.

With FIC, affected cats often develop recurrent episodes. Typically, these may develop rapidly, and subside and resolve over five to 10 days, only to recur. In severe cases, the signs can recur rapidly and frequently, and in some cats, the signs may persist for longer. Recurrent FIC can ultimately lead to severe bladder inflammation and a thickened bladder wall.

In cats with FIC, a urine analysis may show the presence of blood and inflammatory cells, but there is no recognisable underlying cause.

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common - such as a defective bladder lining in these cases.

There is also evidence stress plays an important role in FIC. Cats kept solely in doors, who share their environment with one or more cats, are examples of where stress can occur, even if no other obvious outward signs are present.

Although drugs may help in some situations, FIC can be refractory and is often poorly responsive to drugs. It is important therefore to concentrate on the diet and environment, recognising they've a key role to play.

Encouraging a frequent urination, and the production of urine that is more dilute and less irritant to the bladder lining appears to be helpful. This can be achieved by

modifying the cat's diet from dry to wet food.

Increasing water intake is also important. Make sure a good supply of fresh water is always available. Offer water from shallow, ceramic bowls located in several, quiet areas of the house. You can flavour water with some chicken or tuna to encourage drinking, and add some water to their food, if tolerated.

Modifying their environment to reduce stress is key. Make sure your cat has every opportunity to urinate frequently and in peace. Avoid putting litter trays in noisy or busy areas and provide one litter tray for every cat, plus one more.

The most common cause of stress is conflict with other cats. Lack of 'environmental enrichment'

can also cause stress. Some simple measures may help, such as spending more time gently playing with them.

Synthetic feline facial pheromone products can also help to reduce anxiety.

FIC is not primarily a drug-responsive disease, however, in some cases, drug therapy may have benefits. Anti-inflammatory and pain relief treatments will assist episodes, and some antidepressant drugs may be of help. Recurrent FIC cases are frustrating and difficult to manage.

Wee Moley's condition was managed fairly well, although she did still have occasional cystitis episodes.

If you are concerned call your vet.
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Glegarry Community Hall, Invergarry, PH35 4HE

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- Have your questions answered
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