# Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) Report Appendices

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Appendix 1: Offshore PAC Notice submitted to Marine Scotland
Offshore Wind Power Ltd (company number SC505200 with registered office at Clava House, Cradhall Business Park, Inverness, United Kingdom, IV2 5QH) intends to submit marine licence applications to construct an offshore windfarm and associated transmission infrastructure for the West of Orkney Windfarm. The proposed windfarm will have the potential to generate around 2GW of renewable energy and is located around 30km west of Orkney and 26km from the north coast of Scotland. The key offshore components of the Project are:

- Up to 125 wind turbine generators with fixed turbine foundations
- Up to five offshore substation linked to the wind turbines via inter-array cables
- Up to five export cables to Caithness

The plan below identifies the location of the proposed West of Orkney Windfarm and associated transmission infrastructure:

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Offshore Wind Power Limited is holding a series of pre-application public consultation (PAC) events which will provide an opportunity for stakeholders, including local residents, to hear more about the Project and make comments on the proposals. Members of the Project team will be available to answer questions. The details of the events are as follows:

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In addition to the above, Offshore Wind Power Limited will be submitting subsequent applications for Section 36 consent and onshore planning permission for the infrastructure required to connect the windfarm to the National Grid at or near the existing Spittal substation in Caithness. Marine licence, planning permission and Section 36 consent applications will also be required to connect the windfarm to the proposed Flotta Hydrogen Hub (please see map above). Notification of these applications will be advertised separately and will be subject to additional pre-application consultation at a later date, in line with the relevant legislation and guidance.

As marine licence applications have not yet been submitted, written comments should be made to Offshore Wind Power Limited by 10th January 2023. Please note that comments made to Offshore Wind Power Limited are not representations to Scottish Ministers. Representations to Marine Scotland can be made when formal marine licence applications are made. To make comments or request further information, please contact:

Email: info@westoforkney.com
Postal address: Freepost FOCHANGE
Phone: 01786 820 111

Further information can also be obtained by visiting the project website:

https://www.westoforkney.com/
Appendix 2: E-mail notifying Marine Scotland & statutory stakeholders
Shona Morrison
From: Shona Morrison
Sent: 16 March 2023 10:38
Cc: Victoria McCusker; Jack Farnham
Subject: The West of Orkney Windfarm - Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) Notice
Attachments: West of Orkney Windfarm_Offshore PAC Notice.pdf

Dear Sir / Madam,

Notice under Regulation 6(2) of the Marine Licensing (Pre-application Consultation)(Scotland) Regulations 2013

I am writing to you regarding Offshore Wind Power Limited’s proposed West of Orkney Windfarm. This email is to formally notify you of Offshore Wind Power Limited’s intention to submit applications for marine licences from Marine Scotland for the construction of the offshore windfarm and associated transmission infrastructure.

The proposed West of Orkney Windfarm will have the potential to generate around 2GW of renewable energy and is located approximately 30km west of Orkney and 25km from the north coast of Scotland. Offshore Wind Power Limited will be holding a series of public consultation events under the Pre Application Consultation (PAC) regulations to inform stakeholders about the Project and allow them to make comments to Offshore Wind Power Limited. In accordance with relevant licensing legislation, a statutory Notice announcing Offshore Wind Power Limited’s intentions and providing details of the public consultation events will be published in a local newspaper and on the project website a minimum of 6 weeks in advance of the event.

A copy of the statutory Notice including a plan identifying the area in which the activity is proposed to take place and a description of the nature of the Project is attached. The Notice also provides details of the events, contact information for Offshore Wind Power Limited’s West of Orkney Windfarm Project Team, and instructions on how to find out more about the Project or make comments.

I trust that this is in order. However, should you have any questions or wish to discuss the West of Orkney Windfarm Project further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Jack Farnham
Development Manager
### Appendix 2a: List of stakeholders notified

**Official PAC Notice distributed to all stakeholders on eBase**

- Abbey Ecosse
- Aberdeen Airport
- Alistair Carmichael (MP)
- Aspire Orkney (Engage Orkney)
- Association of Salmon Fishery Boards
- Bettyhill, Strathnaver and Altnaharra Community Council
- Birsay Community Council
- Bower Community Council
- Brimms Tidal Array
- British Astronomical Association (BAA)
- British Shipping
- British Telecom (BT)
- Caithness and North Sutherland Regeneration Partnership (CNSRP)
- Caithness Chamber of Commerce
- Caithness District Salmon Fishery Board (CDSFB)
- Caithness Seacoast (Private boat charter)
- Caithness West Community Council
- Castletown Community Council
- CHC Scotia
- Civil Aviation Authority (CAA)
- Cooke Aquaculture Limited
- Crofting Commission
- Dawn Star Boat Tours
- Deep Wind Offshore Cluster
- Defence Infrastructure Organisation (MoD)
- Department of Development and Infrastructure (Orkney Islands Council)
- Department of Planning, Development and Regulatory Services (Orkney Islands Council)
- Destination Orkney
- Develop Caithness
- Dounreay Site Restoration Limited
- Dounreay Stakeholder Group
- Dunnet and Canisbay Community Council
- Durness Community Council
- Durness Development Group Limited
- Eday Partnership
- Evie & Rendall Community Council
- Fast Vessel Charters (Stromness based vessel charter)
- Firth & Stenness Community Council
- Fishing Industries Representative (FIR)
- Flotta Community Council
- Forss House Fishing Association
- Friends of the Hoy Kirk
- Gill's Bay Harbour
- Graemsay, Hoy and Walls Community Council
- Groats Boat Trips
- H G Helicopters
- Halkirk Community Council
- Harray & Sandwick Community Council; Health and Safety Executive
- Heriott-Watt, International Centre for Island Technology (ICIT)
- Highlands and Islands Airports Limited (HIAL)
- Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE)
- Historic Environment Scotland (HES)
- Holm Community Council
- Holm Sailing Club
- Hoy Half Marathon
- Hoy Outdoor Centre
- Island of Hoy Development Trust
- Jamie Stone (MP)
- John O’Groats Development Trust
- Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC)
- Joint Radio Company
- Kinlochbervie Community Council
- Kirkwall & St. Ola Community Council
- Kirkwall Grammar School
- Kirkwall Kayak Club
- Liam McArthur (MSP)
- Long Distance Advisory Council
- Longhope Sailing Club
- Maree Todd (MSP)
- Marine Conservation Society (MCS)
- Fisheries Management Scotland
- Marine Management Organisation (Scottish Government)
- Orkney Marine Planning Partnership
- Marine Safety Forum
• Marine Scotland; Marine Scotland - Licensing Operations Team (MS-LOT)
• Marine Scotland Compliance (local fisheries officers)
• Marine Scotland Marine Analytical Unit
• Marine Scotland Science
• Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA)
• Melvich Community Council
• MeyGen Tidal Energy Project
• National Air Traffic Services EN-Route PLCO (NATTS)
• National Trust for Scotland
• NatureScot; North and East Coast Regional Inshore Fisheries Group (NECRIFG)
• North and West District Salmon Fisheries Board
• North of Scotland Newspaper (John O’Groat Journal & Caithness Courier)
• Northern District Salmon Fishery Board (NDSFB)
• Northern Lighthouse Board (NLB)
• NorthLink Ferries
• Nuclear Decommissioning Authority
• Offshore helicopter operators
• Oil & Gas UK (OGUK)
• Orcades Marine Management Consultants UK Ltd
• Orkney College UHI
• Orkney District Association of Young Farmers’ Clubs
• Orkney Dive Boats
• Orkney Ferries
• Orkney Field Club
• Orkney Fisheries Association (OFA)
• Orkney Fisheries Local Action Group
• Orkney Fishermen’s Society (OFS)
• Orkney Harbours
• Orkney Heritage Society
• Orkney Islands Council (OIC)
• Orkney Islands Council Marine Services
• Orkney Islands Sea Angling Association
• Orkney Marinas
• Orkney Renewable Energy Forum (OREF)
• Orkney Sailing Club
• Orkney Sustainable Fisheries
• Orkney Vintage Club
• Orkney Woodland Project
• Orkney Youth Forum
• Orkney.com
• Orphir Community Council
• Outer Hebrides Regional Inshore Fishery Group
• Paddle Orkney
• Papa Westray Community Council
• Papay Development Trust
• Pentland Ferries
• Pentland Firth Yacht Club
• Pentland Floating Offshore Wind RenewableUK (RUK)
• Repsol Sinopec UK
• Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre Development Trust Ltd
• Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre and Gairsay Community Council
• Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) (Kirkwall, Lochinver, Longhope, Stromness, and Thurso)
• Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB)
• Royal Yachting Association (RYA)
• Sail Orkney (Yacht charter)
• Sail Scotland
• Sanday Development Trust
• Sanday Junior High School
• SCDI North East and Highlands & Islands
• Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN) (Distribution)
• Scottish Canoe Association; Scottish Conservatives
• Scottish Creel Fishermen’s Association (SCFA)
• Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA)
• Scottish Fishermen’s Federation (SFF)
• Scottish Fishermen’s Organisation (SFO)
• Scottish Marine Environment Enhancement Fund (SMEEF)
• Scottish Pelagic Fishermen’s Association
• Scottish Seafarms Limited
• Scottish Surfing Federation
• Scottish Water
• Scottish Whitefish Producers Association
• Scottish Greens
• Scottish Wildlife Trust (SWT)
• Scourie Community Council
• Scourie Community Development Company
• Scrabster Harbour Trust
• Sea Kayak 59 degrees north (commercial kayak business)
• Sea Mammal Research Unit (SMRU)
• Seafood Industry Authority
• Shetland Shellfish Management Organisation
• SIMEC Atlantis Energy
• Space Hub Sutherland
• SSE Transmission
• Stand up Paddle Boarding (paddleboard business and club)
• Strathy & Armadale Community Council
• Stromness Academy
• Stromness Community Council
• Stromness Community Development Trust
• Stromness Sailing Club
• Stronsay Development Trust
• Stronsay Junior High School
• Surfers Against Sewage
• The Association for the Protection of Rural Scotland (APRS)

• The Crown Estate Scotland
• The Cruising Association
• The European Marine Energy Centre (EMEC)
• The Highland Council
• The Orcadian
• The Orkney Partnership
• Thurso Angling Association
• Thurso Community Council
• Thurso Community Development Trust
• Thurso High School
• Tongue, Melness and Skerray Community Council
• Transport Scotland
• Transport Scotland Ports and Harbours

• UK Chamber of Shipping
• Visit Scotland
• Vulcan Nuclear Test Reactor
• Ward Manager Caithness (Highland Council)
• Watten Community Council
• Westray Community Council
• Westray Development Trust
• Westray Junior High School
• Whale and Dolphin Conservation Society (WDCS)
• Wick Harbour Authority (inc marina)
• Wick High School
Appendix 3: Door-to-door leaflet advertising 1st PAC events (May 2023)
INVITATION TO ATTEND

PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION EVENTS
(REVISED DATES ENCLOSED)

West of Orkney Windfarm

Community consultation

As part of our mission to deliver a world-leading offshore windfarm, we are keen to converse openly with communities across the north of Scotland and offer multiple opportunities for us to meet and hear your views. We have already attended a number of local events including the Orkney Gathering, the Earl Jams, the Donaldu Shaw and the Orkney County Show. In November, we organised a project-specific consultation event in seven venues across Orkney, Shetland and Caithness which were well attended.

We have now analysed the feedback we have received to date and would like to share with you an overview of that analysis. We would also like to provide you with a Project update and some more detailed insights into a number of the key components of the project, which we are undertaking.

You may have received a leaflet outlining future consultation events commencing in March 2023. We have decided to delay these events for a few weeks and extend the date by which comments should be submitted. The planned pre-application consultation events will now take place in May 2023 on the dates and in the venues detailed below:

Thurso
The Auctioneers
Tue 30th May
10:30pm - 7:30pm

Shetland
Summerfield Hall
Wed 21st June
3:30pm - 7:30pm

Halkirk
Aberdeenshire
Thu 20th May
3:30pm - 7:30pm

West of Orkney Windfarm

Kirkwall
Orkney Islands Authority, Kirkness
Tue 23rd May
10:30am - 7:30pm

Sandwick
Sandwick Community Hall
Carthusia

Kirkwall
Middleton Place, 24th July
3:30pm - 7:30pm

Stronsay
Robert Mitchell Building, 2777
Thu 24th June
3:30pm - 7:30pm

What happens next?

We are continuing to prepare our Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) to be submitted with our applications. We plan to submit the applications for the wind turbines and offshore infrastructure in the summer of 2023. Applications for the onshore infrastructure on Caithness will be submitted later in 2023. Consent applications associated with connecting to the proposed Flotta Hydrogen Hub will be submitted later in the year and will be subject to further consultation.

We are continuing to receive your feedback, which we are using to inform the development of the West of Orkney Windfarm. If you are unable to attend our events or would rather not attend, there are several ways you can find out more or provide your feedback. You can get in touch via email, writing a letter, or visiting our website. We have also developed a short community questionnaire for another way for you to express your opinion about the project. This can be accessed by scanning the QR code or visiting the website.

We have also developed a virtual public exhibition which remains open and can be visited via our website. This replaces the information displayed at the most recent events.

www.westoforkney.com

Please note

An online session (webinar) on the project plan will be held on the 22nd of May 2023. This will give you an insight into the project plans and provide an opportunity to ask questions.

Contact us

01966 833 111
info@westoforkney.com
www.westoforkney.com
Appendix 4: Offshore PAC Notice published in papers (shown in situ) (ROUND 4)
**ELECTRICITY ACT 1989**

**THE ELECTRICITY GENERATING STATIONS (APPLICATIONS FOR VARIATION OF CONSENT) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2014**

**MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010**

Notice is hereby given that Highland Wind Limited (Company registration number: SC375148 and having its registered office at 4th Floor 115 George Street, Edinburgh, Midlothian, Scotland, EH2 2PH) has applied to the Scottish Ministers to vary both the consent granted under section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 on 18 March 2017 and marine licence number MS-00009324 granted under Part 4 of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 on 15 July 2014 in order to construct and operate the Dounreay 36 Flaring Wind Demonstration, located approximately 6 km from the Dounreay coast in Caithness with a total area of 25 km² (oral grid reference: NH89 399 to OS 50 59 N). The applications made under section 36C of the Electricity Act 1989 and Part 4 of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 seek to make the following variations to the 36C consent and marine licence:

- To remove the individual turbine capacity of 6 MW from the application.
- To remove the total generating capacity of 12 MW from the application.
- To remove the Scottish Ministers’ jurisdiction to consent.

The plans below illustrate the location of the proposed West of Orkney Windfarm and associated transmission infrastructure.

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### Fair Processing Notice

The Scottish Government’s Marine Scotland Licensing and Compliance Operations (MS-LOCT) determine applications for marine licences under the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010, the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 and section 36 consent under The Electricity Act 1989 (as amended). During the consultation process any person having an interest in the outcome of the application may make a representation to MS-LOCT. The representation may contain personal information, e.g. a name and address. This representation will only be used for the purpose of determining any applications and will be stored securely in the Scottish Government’s official corporate record. Representations will be shared with the applicant and any other relevant. Any objections on the application, any additional representations or information must be sent to the Scottish Ministers at Marine Scotland Licensing and Compliance Operations, Marine Laboratory, 375 Victoria Road, Aberdeen, AB11 9DB.

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**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997**

**PLANNING LISTED BUILDING AND CONSERVATION AREAS (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997**

The applications below, along with plans and other documents submitted with them, may be examined under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997. The applications affect the following sites, which are designated as Conservation Areas in accordance with the Council’s Planning Policy and the National Planning Policy Framework:

- **Aberdeen City:** Front Street, Old Aberdeen, AB24 5AJ
- **Dundee:** Reform Street, Dundee, DD1 1HR
- **Edinburgh:** The Rocks, EH1 2HN
- **Glasgow:** Renfield Street, Glasgow, G1 1SR
- **Inverness:** Union Street, Inverness, IV1 1NL
- **Largs:** Mill Street, Largs, KA30 8AL
- **Leith:** Leith Walk, Edinburgh, EH6 6QU
- **Stirling:** Stirling Town Centre, FK7 7AN
- **Stornoway:** Wind Street, Stornoway, HS1 2HJ

Further information on these applications may be obtained from the Council’s Planning Department at the address above. Any representations on the proposals should be sent to the Council’s Planning Department within the usual period indicated from the date on the notice. Anyone making representations about this proposal should mention the site or areas within the designated area where the proposal is located and the reasons for the representation.
Marine (Scotland) Act 2010

Marine Licensing [Pre-Application Consultation] (Scotland) Regulations 2013

Offshore Wind Power Limited company number SC060590 with registered office at Green House, Cranhill Business Park, Inverness, United Kingdom, IN2 5GN intends to submit marine licence applications to construct an offshore windfarm and associated transmission infrastructure for the West of Orkney Windfarm. The proposed windfarm will have the potential to generate around 200MW of renewable energy and is located around 33km west of Orkney and 20km from the north coast of Scotland. The key offshore components of the project are:

- Offshore Windfarm
- Inter-array cable bundle at a maximum depth of 15km linking the windfarm

The plan below identifies the location of the proposed West of Orkney Windfarm and associated transmission infrastructure:

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**West of Orkney Windfarm**

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**Correct Dates and Venues for Pre-Application Consultation Events**

**Time:** 3.00pm-7.30pm

**Details:**

- Additional pre-application consultation will be advertised separately and will be subject to additional pre-application consultation at a later date in line with the relevant regulation and guidance.

As marine licence applications have not yet been submitted, written comments should be made to West of Orkney Windfarm by 30th June, 2023. Please note that comments made to Offshore Wind Power Limited are not representations to Scottish Ministers. Representations to Marine Scotland can only be made when formal marine licence applications are made. To make comments or request further information, please contact:

**Email:** info@westorkeynwindfarm.com
**Phone:** 01979 820711
**Postal address:** P.O. Box 92, Kirkwall, Orkney, KW15 1AN

Further information can also be obtained by visiting the project website: [http://www.westorkeynwindfarm.com](http://www.westorkeynwindfarm.com)
Appendix 5: Onshore PAN submitted to The Highland Council (registered 7th March 2023)
The Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 as amended by the Planning Etc. (Scotland) Act 2006 and Planning (Scotland) Act 2019

Town and Country Planning (Pre-Application Consultation) (Scotland) Regulations 2021

The Council will respond within 21 days of validation the Notice. It will advise whether the proposed Pre-application Consultation is satisfactory or if additional notification and consultation above the statutory minimum is required.

Please note that a planning application for this proposed development cannot be submitted less than 12 weeks from the date the Proposal of Application Notice is received by the Council and without the statutory consultation requirements having been undertaken. The planning application must be accompanied by a Pre-application consultation report.

The Proposal of Application Notice will be valid for a period of 18 months from the date of validation of the notice by the Council.

Contact Details

Applicant: Offshore Wind Power Limited
Agent: N/A
Address: 32 Charlotte Square
Edinburgh
EH2 4ET
Phone: 0787 524 5015
Email: Jack.Farnham@westoforkney.com

Address or Location of Proposed Development

Please state the postal address of the prospective development site. If there is no postal address, please describe its location. Please outline the site in red on a base plan to a recognised metric scale and attach it to this completed Notice.

Cable landfalls

Up to two cable landfalls at Greeny Geo and/or Crosskirk
Thurso
Caithness
KW14 7UZ

Onshore substation

The onshore substation shall be located at or near the existing Spittal substation
Halkirk
Caithness
KW12 6XA

The onshore transmission infrastructure area is highlighted in the attached Base Plan.
Description of Development

Please include detail where appropriate – eg the number of residential units; the gross floorspace in m² of any buildings not for residential use; the capacity of any electricity generation or waste management facility; and the length of any infrastructure project. Please attach any additional supporting information.

Provision of onshore transmission infrastructure for an offshore windfarm, located approximately 28km off the Caithness coast and approximately 23km off the coast of Sutherland. The onshore proposal includes approximately 22km of underground cabling, a substation and associated infrastructure.

As set out in the Scoping Report submitted to MS-LOT 2nd March 2022 the Caithness onshore infrastructure for the West of Orkney Windfarm will comprise of:

- Cable landfalls - at Greany Geo and/or Crosskirk, Caithness
- One cable transition joint bay at each landfall
- Up to 5 underground onshore cables, buried to a depth of 1m, subject to ground conditions. The underground cables shall extend for a distance of approximately 22km. During construction, a corridor up to 100m wide may be required, which includes haul roads, topsoil and turf storage. Soil and turf shall be reinstated after construction.
- A new onshore substation, at or near the existing Spittal substation. This location was deemed suitable by National Grid and Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission Limited. The exact location and size will depend on ground conditions, landowner agreement and grid requirements.
- Temporary construction compounds for the onshore substation and cable landfalls.
- Potential new access tracks for the onshore export cables, landfalls and onshore substations. The exact location and number will depend on landowner agreement and shall be subject to approval from the Highland Council.

The onshore substation will include the electrical equipment to connect the West of Orkney Windfarm to the grid. This may include switchgear, transformers, harmonic filters, reactive compensation devices, protection equipment, batteries and other auxiliary equipment.

The entire footprint of the substation site to the edge of the fence line is likely to be an area of 24 hectares. The exact area of the substation building is yet to be determined. A temporary work compound is likely to require a further area of 15 hectares within the onshore substation area of search.

Additional areas may be required for screening, drainage, biodiversity net gain etc. Any additional areas shall be within the infrastructure area and clearly marked in the application.

Pre-application Screening Notice

Has a Screening Opinion been issued on the need for a Proposal of Application notice by the Highland Council in respect of the proposed development?

No

If yes, please provide a copy of this Opinion.
### Community Consultation

State which other parties have received a copy of this Proposal of Application Notice.

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**Details of Proposed Consultation**

Offshore Wind Power Limited will hold two pre-application consultation (PAC) events at a series of venues which will provide an opportunity for stakeholders, including local residents, to hear more about the West of Orkney Windfarm, including the onshore transmission infrastructure, and make comments on the proposals. The Project team will be available to answer questions. The details of the events and venues in Caithness and Sutherland are as follows:

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Comments received in relation to the Caithness onshore infrastructure will be recorded and presented in the Pre-Application Consultation Report.
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#### Details of any other consultation methods (date, time and with whom)

- EIA Scoping Report published at [www.westoforkney.com](http://www.westoforkney.com) 1/03/22
- A virtual public consultation commenced 21/03/22 including two live question and answer sessions on 29/03/22 between 1200-1400 and 1800-2000
- Durness Games 29/07/22
- Halkirk Games 30/07/22
- Leaflet drop week commencing the 07/11/22 across Caithness and Sutherland targeting post codes: IV27 4, KW 5, KW12 6, KW14 7 and KW14 8
- A community questionnaire has been circulated to community leaders, at community events and remains available online at [www.westoforkney.com](http://www.westoforkney.com)

Signed

Date 16th February 2023
Appendix 5a: Letter to The Highland Council re: amendments to dates of PAC events
Alison Harvey  
Planning – Strategic Projects Team  
The Highland Council Headquarters  
Glenurquhart Road  
Inverness  
IV3 5NX

17 March 2023

Dear Alison,

Subject: Amendments to Proposal of Application Notice.

The Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 as amended by the Planning Etc. (Scotland) Act 2006 and Planning (Scotland) Act 2019  
Town and Country Planning (Pre-Application Consultation) (Scotland) Regulations 2021

Application Reference: 22/05500/PAN  
ePlanning Reference: 100618476-001

I write on behalf of the West of Orkney Windfarm to amend our Proposal of Application Notice (submitted 20th February 2023). We have since changed the dates of our proposed public consultation events and our publication notices. All other aspects of the Proposal of Application Notice remain valid. The amended dates and publications for public events in Caithness and Sutherland are as follows:

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Please don’t hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Your sincerely

Jack Farnham
Development Manager
West of Orkney Windfarm
Jack.farnham@westoforkney.com
0787 524 5015
Appendix 6: E-mail to Community Councils re: PAN
Dear elected members and community councils,

Please find attached a copy of the Proposal of Application Notice for the onshore transmission infrastructure for the West of Orkney Windfarm, on Caithness.

This year Offshore Wind Power Ltd (the Applicant) intends to submit applications to construct an offshore windfarm and the associated onshore transmission infrastructure to connect the West of Orkney Windfarm to the grid at, or near, the Spittal substation in Caithness.

The proposed offshore windfarm will have the potential to generate around 2000 megawatts of renewable energy, enough to power around 2 million homes. The project will be located around 30km west of Orkney and 25km off the north coast of Scotland, an is aiming to export first power to the grid in 2029.

The West of Orkney Windfarm is also exploring the opportunity to export power to the Flotta Hydrogen Hub and will submit the relevant applications to Orkney Island Council, in due course.

The West of Orkney Windfarm are hosting Pre-Application Consultation events at venues across Sutherland, Caithness and Orkney.

This is the second of two pre-application consultation events - the information boards remain live on our website https://www.westoforkney.com/virtualexhibition.

The second pre-application consultation events will commence in March 2023. Dates, time for the Caithness events are attached.

We hope you have an opportunity to visit the events in person or online. We shall be circulating leaflets via post and shall place notices in local papers at the start of March.

Kind Regards,
Jack

Jack Farnham
Development Manager
M: 0787 524 5015 W: westoforkney.com
Appendix 7: Invitation to question & answer webinars (ROUND 1)
COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

INVITATION TO ATTEND

Tuesday 29th March 2022

QUESTION & ANSWER

WEBINARS

12noon - 2pm
6pm - 8pm

The West of Orkney Windfarm is keen to hear the views of local communities. We invite residents to attend one of our live WEBINARS where you will have the opportunity to hear from project team and ask any questions you may have about the project.

Links to the webinar, which will be held on Zoom, are located on the table in the virtual exhibition hall. There is no need to register and you can attend these events anonymously.

As a planning application has not yet been submitted, written comments should be emailed to: info@westoforkney.com or posted to West of Orkney Windfarm, c/o Green Investment Group, Atria One, Morrison Street, Edinburgh EH3 8EX. Representations to Marine Scotland and the local Planning Authorities can be made when a formal planning application is made.
Appendix 8: Advert for launch events/virtual exhibition (ROUND 1)
INVITATION TO ATTEND

Virtual Public Exhibition

from Monday 21st March

Online QUESTION & ANSWER sessions

12noon-2pm and 6pm-8pm, Tuesday 29th March 2022

The West of Orkney Windfarm is keen to hear the views of local communities. We invite residents to visit our virtual public exhibition and attend one of our live question and answer sessions with the project team.

In January, a consortium comprising Macquarie’s Green Investment Group, TotalEnergies, and Scottish offshore wind developer RIDG successfully secured rights in the Crown Estate Scotland’s ScotWind leasing round to develop a 2GW offshore windfarm around 30km west of Orkney and around 25km north of Caithness. The proposal includes two power export options: one via a grid connection agreement with National Grid at or near the existing Spittal substation in Caithness, and a second via an exclusive partnership to power the proposed Flotta Hydrogen Hub on Flotta, Orkney.

The virtual exhibition and online events will be accessible here from 21st March:

www.westoforkney.com/events

As a planning application has not yet been submitted, written comments should be emailed to: info@westoforkney.com or posted to West of Orkney Windfarm, c/o Green Investment Group, Atria One, Morrison Street, Edinburgh EH3 8EX. Representations to Marine Scotland and the local Planning Authorities can be made when a formal planning application is made.
Appendix 9: Onshore Notice re: 1st PAC events published in papers (shown in situ) (ROUND 4)
Offshore Wind Power Limited is holding a series of pre-application public consultation (PAC) events which will provide an opportunity for stakeholders, including local residents, to hear more about the West of Orkney Windfarm Project, including the proposed offshore infrastructure and new substation, and to make comments on the proposals. Members of the Project team will be available to answer questions. The details of the events are as follows:

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In addition to the above, Offshore Wind Power Limited will be submitting applications for the proposed West of Orkney Windfarm and its associated offshore infrastructure. These applications have been advertised separately in line with the relevant legislation and guidance.

As a planning application has not yet been submitted for the proposed offshore infrastructure and new substation, written comments on the proposals should be made to Offshore Wind Power Limited by 30th June 2023. Please note that comments made to Offshore Wind Power Limited are not representations to The Highland Council. Representations to The Highland Council can be made when a formal planning application is made. To make comments or request further information, please contact:

Email: info@westoforkney.com
Postal address: Freeport FCHARGE | Phone: 01766 830 111
Further information can also be obtained by visiting the project website:
https://www.westoforkney.com/
**OFFSHORE WINDFARM PLANNING NOTICE**

**West of Orkney Windfarm**

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) SCOTLAND REGULATIONS Notice under regulation 7(2)(b) Pre-application consultation by the prospective applicant**

Proposal seeking detailed planning permission for the development of a 47MW capacity battery energy storage facility consisting of concentrated battery energy storage units and related inverters, transformers and switch rooms, along with proposed site access from the A9, landscaping, fencing and other required infrastructure on land immediately to the east of the A9, approximately 500m south of Mylster Farm, 18km to the south of Thurso, KW1 3UX.

You are invited to attend a public exhibition on Thursday, 27th April 2023 (between 3pm and 7pm) at Spey Community Hall, Spey, KW1 5XK.

In addition we will also be hosting the public exhibition online, which can be accessed from the following website: www.peterscaermoorgs.com/mylster_windfarm.

The online public exhibition webpage will be accessible from the 6th April to 27th April 2023 and any comments/questions can be made both online on the webpage and via email. All comments to be submitted by the 4th May 2023.

It should also be noted that at the aforementioned staffed public exhibition feedback will be given to comments received as a result of the ongoing public consultation process in relation to the proposals.

Further information may be obtained from McIntyre Associates Ltd, 14 Robinson Street, Glesgow G2 8DS or via email at McIntyre-Associates.co.uk

Persons wishing to make comments on the proposal should do so by 4th May 2023 at "McIntyre-Associates.co.uk".

The notice does not relate to a planning application. Comments should not be made to Highland Council. Any representations made to the prospective applicant are not representations to the planning authority. If a planning application is subsequently submitted to Highland Council, normal notification and publicity will be undertaken at that time and you will have the opportunity to make formal representations regarding the proposal at that time.

Signed: Process Energy
Date: 14/04/2023

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**HIGHLAND GOVERNMENT**

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 PLANNING (LISTED BUILDING AND CONSERVATION AREAS) SCOTLAND ACT 1997**

The application is listed below, along with discussion and any objections/advice attached. Persons wishing to object may do so by letter or post to the officer named below. The officer named below is the one to whom objections should be submitted.

**Listed Buildings - 12150 STAFF**

- Site 1, Knap of Macduff; Site 2, Knap of Macduff; Site 3, Knap of Macduff; Site 4, Knap of Macduff; Site 5, Knap of Macduff

- Conservation officer: [Contact Information]

**Listed Buildings - 12151 STAFF**

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- Conservation officer: [Contact Information]

**Listed Buildings - 12152 STAFF**

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- Conservation officer: [Contact Information]

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**OFFSHORE WINDFARM PLANNING NOTICE**

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**Date:** 2nd June 2023

- **Location:** [Details]

**Times:**
- 10am to 11am
- 11am to 12pm
- 12pm to 1pm
- 2pm to 3pm

**In addition to the above, Offshore Wind Power Limited will be submitting applications for the proposed West of Orkney Windfarm and its associated offshore infrastructure. These applications will be advertised separately in line with the relevant legislation and guidance. A planning application has not yet been submitted for the proposed offshore infrastructure and new substation, written comments on the proposals should be made to Offshore Wind Power Limited by 30th June 2023. Please note that comments made to Offshore Wind Power Limited are not representations to The Highland Council. Representations to The Highland Council can be made when a formal planning application is made. To make comments or request further information, please contact:**

**Email:** info@westoforkney.com

**Postal address:** [Address]

**Further information can also be obtained by visiting the project website:**

[Website Link]
Appendix 10: Onshore Notice re: 2nd PAC events published in papers (shown in situ) (ROUND 5)
West of Orkney Windfarm

Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended) Town and Country Planning (Hierarchy of Development) (Scotland) Regulations 2009

Offshore Wind Power Limited (company number SC540260 with registered office at Citi House, Admiral’s Yard, 1 Snowfield, Inverness, United Kingdom, PH1 2QJ) intends to submit a planning application to the Highland Council for the construction of offshore infrastructure for the proposed offshore West of Orkney Windfarm. The proposed transmission infrastructure will be brought onshore at two locations on the Caithness coast at Gunna Ness and Crosskirk. The proposal includes approximately 22km of underground cabling and a new substation and associated infrastructure at or near Spaillidal. This will constitute a “major” development under the Town and Country Planning (Hierarchy of Development) (Scotland) Regulations 2009. The plan below identifies the location of the proposed offshore infrastructure and new substation.

In addition to the above Offshore Wind Power Limited will submit applications for the proposed offshore infrastructure and new substation. These applications have been advertised separately in line with the relevant legislation and guidance.

As a planning application has not yet been submitted for the proposed offshore infrastructure and new substation, written comments on the proposals should be made to Offshore Wind Power Limited by 30th June 2023. Please note that comments made to Offshore Wind Power Limited are not representations to the Highland Council. Representations to the Highland Council can be made when a formal planning application is made. To make comments please contact Offshore Wind Power Limited on 01856 820 111.

Email: info@westoforkney.com Postal address: Freepost FC8547
Phone: 01856 820 111 Further information can also be obtained by visiting the project website: https://www.westoforkney.com/

General Notices

West of Orkney Windfarm

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Appendix 11: Exhibition boards from 2nd onshore PAC event (ROUND 5)
WEST OF ORKNEY WINDFARM

The West of Orkney Windfarm is located around 30km west of Orkney and 25km from the north coast of Scotland. The project is being developed by Corio Generation, TotalEnergies and RIDG, a consortium with deep Scottish roots, a commitment to delivery and a clear vision for the project.

- 2 MILLION HOMES SUPPLIED WITH ELECTRICITY
- 2029 TARGET FIRST GENERATION
- ~2000MW OF POWER WILL BE GENERATED

www.westoforkney.com
**OFFSHORE**
- Up to 125 wind turbine generators with a maximum tip height of 370m
- Fixed turbine foundations
- Up to five offshore substation platforms
- Inter-array cables linking the wind turbines and offshore substation platforms
- Up to five export cables to Caithness
- Up to five export cables to Flotta (future separate application)

**ONSHORE**
- New substation at or near Spittal
- Up to five underground cable circuits from landfill point to substation
- Orkney infrastructure subject to future separate application
- New substation near existing Flotta Oil Terminal/proposed Flotta Hydrogen Hub
- Up to five underground cable circuits to Flotta substation

www.westoforkney.com
CABLE ROUTE REFINEMENT

Following extensive assessment of six potential landfall options, it is now proposed that electricity from the West of Orkney Windfarm will be brought ashore at either Greany Geo or Crosskirk. The onshore cable route will include up to 33km of buried cable to connect with a new substation near the existing SSE Energy substation at Spittal.

A range of mitigation measures has been devised to protect local environmental and archaeological features throughout the development zones illustrated above and details of these will be included in the planning submission.

In February 2023, SSE Energy commenced consultation about planned investments in the transmission network across the north of Scotland to support the significant growth of renewable energy forecast in the years up to 2030, particularly onshore and offshore wind. This includes upgrading existing lines, building new overhead lines, subsea cable infrastructure and a new substation in the Spittal area, and will include a new 400kV overhead line from Spittal to Loch Buidhe and on to Beauty.

More information can be found here: www.westoforkney.com
All of the onshore surveys were completed in May 2023. To reduce potential impacts that may arise from the Project, mitigations measures will be put in place. The below table outlines some of the proposed mitigations for the onshore impacts.

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<td>• Undertake road repairs as required.</td>
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<td>Geology</td>
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<td>• Horizontal Directional Drill (HDD) under major river crossings.</td>
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<td>Impact on terrestrial ecology</td>
<td>• Avoid sensitive areas and designated sites.</td>
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<td>Visual impact of substation and cables</td>
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<td>Artificial lighting</td>
<td>• Ensure a qualified Ecological Clerk of Works (ECoW) presence at sensitive locations.</td>
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ONSHORE SUBSTATION VISUAL IMPACT

**VISUAL IMPACT**

The map above illustrates the likely maximum extent of the visibility of the proposed near substation based on a non-nearby scenario in terms of size and scale of the substation.

**SUBSTATION DESIGN**

Electricity substations require to be insulated using either gas or air. Gas insulated switchgear (GIS) substations are constructed inside a building and the switch gear is insulated by gas, which allows transformers to be positioned closer together reducing the overall size of the substation. As an insulated switchgear (GIS) substations are open to the elements, the transformers have to be positioned further apart so the substation takes up a larger footprint for the same capacity. Both options are currently being considered for the West of Orkney Windfarm.

The substation will be screened behind bunding (small embankments) and planting. In response to feedback received at the Pre-application (PAC) events in May 2023, planting will be based on native species of trees, shrubs and pollinator-friendly flowers suitable for local birds, insects and other wildlife. As we are applying for ‘planning permission in Principle’, further details regarding the design of the substation and associated mitigation measures will require to be submitted for approval.
STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

The West of Orkney Windfarm project team continues to undertake extensive consultation with a broad range of stakeholders. This process began during preparation of the ScotWind bid to The Crown Estate Scotland. A summary of specialist meetings and consultation events that have been undertaken since the site was awarded in January 2022 is provided below.

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<td>Hallock Highland Games, Caithness</td>
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<td>August 2022</td>
<td>Dounby Show, Orkney</td>
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<td>September 2022</td>
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<td>2nd round of community panels (Orkney, Caithness, Sutherland)</td>
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<td>February 2023</td>
<td>One-to-one socio-economic stakeholder interviews begin</td>
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<td>1st round of onshore and offshore PAC events x7</td>
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<td>2nd round of onshore PAC events x2</td>
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Over 450 community questionnaires have been returned and respondents’ reactions to the Project by location are presented below.

How would you describe your reaction to the West of Orkney Windfarm?

- **Orkney - 259 respondents**
  - Support it: 89%  
  - Oppose it: 10%  
  - Neither support nor oppose it: 1%  

- **Caithness - 65 respondents**
  - Support it: 90%  
  - Oppose it: 6%  
  - Neither support nor oppose it: 4%  

- **Sutherland - 35 respondents**
  - Support it: 56%  
  - Oppose it: 19%  
  - Neither support nor oppose it: 25%  

- **Other Areas - 71 respondents**
  - Support it: 86%  
  - Oppose it: 4%  
  - Neither support nor oppose it: 10%

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## COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

Feedback from local communities continues to play a key part in shaping our engagement activities and informing our final development plans. Specific feedback has been sought on the proposed onshore infrastructure associated with the West of Orkney Windfarm. Suggestions from local people are influencing the screening proposals for the new substation and concerns around environmental impact will be reflected in our mitigation measures for the onshore infrastructure.

The table below summarises feedback received to date and our responses:

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<td>Why did you choose to connect at Spittal?</td>
<td>We did not choose the location, National Grid undertook their own internal analysis and allocated us a grid connection at or near Spittal. No, the electricity will be brought ashore and connected to a new substation at or near Spittal using underground cabling.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Will there be any overhead lines?</td>
<td>Our specialist landscape architect discussed the study area with NatureScot Historic Environment Scotland and The Highland Council. Our assessment includes consideration of the cumulative impact of other projects and proposals in the area.</td>
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<td>How did you determine the study area for the visual impact of the substation and did you consider cumulative effects?</td>
<td>The transmission cable will be buried underground. The substation will be screened behind bunds (small embankments) with appropriate native trees and shrubs, polinator-friendly flora and meadow habitat suitable for local birds and insects. We will restore any land that is affected by our works.</td>
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<tr>
<td>What are you going to do about reducing the visual impact?</td>
<td>There will be no direct physical impact on St Mary’s Chapel although there may be temporary impacts on the setting of the Chapel during the construction phase. A comprehensive assessment has been undertaken to identity known and unrecorded historic features which will be protected during construction.</td>
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<tr>
<td>What about St Mary’s Chapel and other archaeological features at Crosskirk?</td>
<td>We will avoid sensitive areas including designated sites.</td>
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<td>Will you spoil our dark skies?</td>
<td>We will avoid sensitive areas designated sites and adhere to a Species and Habitat Protection Plan (SHPP) with an Ecological Clerk of Works (ECuWf) present, as appropriate.</td>
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<td>Why do you want to screen the substation? Why have bunting?</td>
<td>We will use Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) to go underneath rivers and watercourses.</td>
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<td>Will you develop a biodiversity action plan?</td>
<td>Experience indicates that the vast majority of people prefer transmission lines to be buried where they cannot be seen. This has been further evidenced in the feedback we have received.</td>
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<tr>
<td>What about the interesting ecology at Crosskirk?</td>
<td>We do not plan to create a visitor centre but we will install information boards. The West of Orkney Windfarm has an agreement to provide electricity to the proposed Futile Hydrogen Hub in the future. This will be the subject of separate consent applications.</td>
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<td>Why are you not using overhead cables which would substantially reduce losses of electricity?</td>
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<td>Will there be a visitor centre or signage at the substation?</td>
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<td>Why are you not including energy storage?</td>
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COMMUNITY BENEFIT
Community benefit funds (CBF) are voluntary schemes created by developers to help local communities to benefit from commercial developments. The West of Orkney Windfarm is developing a CBF which will be available when the windfarm starts generating power in 2029. The CBF will be shared across communities in Caithness, Sutherland, and Orkney. Engagement with local communities will ensure that the fund is managed effectively and fairly. Discussions to date suggest a broad range of priorities from short-term to longer term strategic goals, as outlined below:

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<td>Supporting existing local initiatives, e.g. through sponsorship</td>
<td>Digital connectivity</td>
<td>Natural capital</td>
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<td>Local business grants</td>
<td>Affordable housing</td>
<td>Community ownership</td>
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<td>Support for energy bills</td>
<td>Sustaining communities</td>
<td>Sustaining the fund after the windfarm</td>
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In the meantime, the West of Orkney Windfarm has been involved in sponsoring some community events, such as supporting students from Kirkwall Grammar School to attend a Discover Engineering course and Orkney Athletics and Running Club for equipment in preparation for the Island Games 2025.

The West of Orkney Windfarm are keen to hear your views! If you have any further suggestions on how the CBF can benefit your community, please scan the QR code and complete the online form.

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INVESTING IN SCOTLAND

- Targeting 60% UK content of which 40% will come from Scotland
- Committing £140m during the initial development phase to develop the supply chain
- Committing £900,000 along with other developers to expand the University of the Highlands and Islands (UHI) schools Science Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) outreach engagement programme.
- Exclusive EMEC innovation partnership around next generation technologies.
- Multi-million-pound contracts awarded to local companies.
- Agreement to create an operations and maintenance base at Scrabster Harbour, which will create ~140 full-time jobs for 35 years.
- Working with Orkney Islands Council to develop Scapa Deep Water Quay.

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WHAT’S HAPPENING NEXT?

May 2023
First round of onshore and offshore Pre-Application (PAC) events.

June 2023
Second round PAC events.

If you wish to respond directly to West of Orkney Windfarm, please write to Offshore Wind Power Limited by Friday 30th June 2023.
- Email: info@westoforkney.com
- Postal address: Freepost FCHANGE
- Phone: 01766 820 111

Summer 2023
Offshore consent application to be submitted to Scottish Ministers.

Autumn 2023
Onshore consent application to be submitted to The Highland Council.

2027
Onshore construction in Caithness is due to start. Offshore construction to commence.

2029
First power generated. Community Benefit Fund available when power generation begins.

Representations to relevant planning authority

Once the consent applications have been submitted, any representations should be made in writing to the Scottish Ministers for offshore elements and The Highland Council for onshore elements. Further details will be provided by the regulatory authorities, as appropriate.

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Appendix 12: Community Engagement Plan (CEP)
WEST OF ORKNEY WINDFARM

Community Engagement Plan

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1. Introduction

1.1 The Community Engagement Plan

This ‘Community Engagement Plan’ (CEP) outlines the community engagement programme for the proposed West of Orkney Windfarm. We feel that it is important that the community has an input into the plan and we would therefore invite your comments on this document. Our aim is that the document will guide our engagement, so we want to make it as relevant, useful and appropriate as possible.

The purpose of the CEP is to ensure that all relevant local communities have the opportunity to engage with the Project. The Project team believes that the best way to ensure that the consultation approach is appropriate is to involve stakeholders in its design. Existing stakeholders and community groups will typically be well aware of their own engagement and communication needs and have an understanding of what is likely to work in their communities.

We have consulted with key community leaders and representatives on the CEP design. This has involved collaborating to identify relevant stakeholders as well as consideration of the methods and timetable for engagement proposed in this document.

If you have any comments about the plan we would be grateful if you could feed them back to the Project team.

1.2 Aims and objectives of community engagement

This document describes how engagement with community stakeholders is arranged and facilitated to provide an opportunity for people to:
- Learn more about the proposal
- Raise any concerns they may have
- Make suggestions for improvement

It also describes how the information obtained from community engagement is recorded and taken into consideration when making Project decisions.

The key objectives of our community engagement strategy are therefore:
- To build effective long-term working relationships with communities based on mutual respect and trust
- To mitigate the risk of delays in consenting and/or costly Project changes through timely stakeholder buy-in
- To fulfill regulatory obligations in accordance with relevant consenting regimes

1.3 Broader engagement

In addition to engaging with communities, the Project team is also engaging with a range of other stakeholders who may have an influence over the proposals or be impacted by them. This engagement will be documented elsewhere but these stakeholders include:
- Regulatory stakeholders such as Marine Scotland, Crown Estate Scotland and Local Planning Authorities
- Landowners (in relation to onshore works)
- Statutory consultees such as NatureScot and SEPA
- Strategic organisations like the RSPB or fishing organisations
- Politicians like Members of the Scottish Parliament or locally elected Councillors
- Economic stakeholders such as companies that could be involved in the construction and operation of the windfarm, local business that may benefit from the Project and economic development bodies
- Media stakeholders such as local publications or radio broadcasters
2. Background

2.1 Crown Estate Scotland’s ScotWind Leasing Round

Crown Estate Scotland which is responsible for the management of marine assets in Scotland announced their intention to run a leasing round for commercial scale offshore wind energy projects in Scottish waters in November 2017. This was the first offshore wind leasing round in Scotland for over a decade and was named ‘ScotWind’. To inform the spatial development of this leasing round, Marine Scotland, as Planning Authority for Scotland’s seas, was required to undertake a planning exercise, in accordance with relevant EU, UK and Scottish legislation.

2.2 The Sectoral Marine Plan

Following more than two years of extensive analysis, consideration and engagement with stakeholders, the Scottish Government published the Sectoral Marine Plan for Offshore Wind Energy (2020) in October 2020. The Plan identified 15 areas known as Plan Options (POs) for the future development of commercial-scale offshore wind energy in Scotland (see Figure 1). These POs were selected based on an iterative process of opportunity and constraints analysis including Strategic Environmental Assessment, Habitats Regulations Appraisal (HRA) and Socio-Economic Impact Assessment, amongst other studies.

Figure 1: Location of proposed plan options

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3. The Project

Crown Estate Scotland (CES) awarded OWPL the Option to Lease Agreement (OLA) in January 2022 for the development of the West of Orkney Windfarm following the ScotWind leasing round. The OLA was signed in April 2022.

The West of Orkney Windfarm Option Agreement Area (OAA) lies wholly within the “N1” PO and has an area of approximately 657 km². The OAA is located approximately 30km off the coast of Orkney and around 25km north of the Scottish mainland (Figure 2).

![Map of West of Orkney Windfarm](image)

**Figure 2: Location of the proposed West of Orkney Windfarm**

The proposed OAA was developed through an iterative mapping exercise avoiding key constraints, supplemented by consultation with key stakeholders. The constraints analysis resulted in an OAA that both maximises the potential for renewable energy production, whilst retaining flexibility to accommodate technical and environmental considerations.

### 3.1 Offshore works

The West of Orkney Windfarm will have a nominal capacity of 2GW. The wind turbine layout and export cable route will be determined following design optimisation to balance a range of factors including turbine choice and spacing, foundation structure, wind direction, seabed characteristics, metocean and navigational safety and fisheries considerations amongst other constraints.

The Project is currently considering both fixed-bottom foundations and floating substructures for the wind turbines. While this will not be determined until seabed surveys are completed, the offshore infrastructure associated with the Project is expected to comprise:

**Offshore array area:**
- Up to 125 wind turbine generators with a maximum tip height of 370 metres.
- Turbine foundations/ supporting structures – fixed and/ or floating.
- Up to five offshore substation platforms.
- Inter-array cables linking the wind turbines and offshore substation platforms.
Infrastructure for the export of power from the offshore array area:

- Up to five export cables to Caithness.
- Up to five export cables to Flotta, Orkney. These will cross both the offshore area west of Orkney and Scapa Flow and include onshore elements across the island of Hoy and potentially Fara.

3.2 Onshore works

The Project has a grid connection agreement with National Grid for a connection at or near the existing Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission (SHE Transmission) substation at Spittal in Caithness. Additionally, the Project has an exclusive agreement to power the proposed Flotta Hydrogen Hub2 in Orkney.

There is potential for both the above power export options to be utilised and each will require a new onshore substation. The onshore substations will include electrical equipment required to connect the Project to the grid and/or the Flotta Hydrogen Hub. In addition to the area required for the footprint of the onshore substations, temporary working areas will also be required during construction.

No overhead power lines are planned for this Project as all cables will be installed underground. It is anticipated that open-cut trenching will be the primary installation method, however this will be reviewed once the onshore cable routes are finalised following completion of onshore site investigation works. Horizontal directional drilling may be required at the cable landfalls and if obstacles are encountered, including sensitive features such as watercourses and crossings with railways.

To summarise, onshore infrastructure associated with the Project is expected to comprise:

Caithness

- Onshore substation located at or near to the existing SHE Transmission Spittal substation
- Up to five underground cables

Orkney

- Onshore substation located near to the proposed Flotta Hydrogen Hub at the existing Flotta Oil Terminal
- Up to five underground cables to Flotta, across the island of Hoy and potentially Fara.

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2 The Flotta Hydrogen Hub is a separate project to the West of Orkney Windfarm and will be the subject of a separate planning application. More information can be found at: www.flottahydrogenhub.com.
4. Consenting Procedures

4.1 Climate change legislation

The proposed West of Orkney Windfarm has the potential to make a significant contribution to the Scottish Government's commitment to reach net-zero emissions of all greenhouse gases by 2045, as stated in the Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Act 2019 and supported in the Scottish Energy Strategy: The future of energy in Scotland which "envisages further offshore wind developments as playing a key role in Scotland's future energy mix".

In delivering this contribution, OWPL is fully committed to fulfilling and exceeding the requirements of the legislation in relation to community stakeholder engagement. This section outlines these requirements with brief reference to the wider consenting procedures. More detailed information about the consenting regime can be found in the West of Orkney Windfarm Scoping Report which can be accessed on the Project website at www.westoforkney.com.

4.2 Project consents

The consenting process for the West of Orkney Windfarm and its associated infrastructure is quite complex as it spans a number of jurisdictions and regulatory frameworks as shown in Figure 3:

![Figure 3: Map showing relevant consenting areas](image)

**Figure 3: Map showing relevant consenting areas**

4.2.1 Offshore Consenting

Energy proposals of this type are covered by the Electricity Act 1989\(^1\) and the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 and the Coastal Access Act 2009 which require applications for relevant consents and licenses to be made to Marine Scotland’s Licensing and Operations Team (MS-LOT) acting on behalf of Scottish Ministers.

In addition to the above, The Orkney County Council Act 1974 requires a Works Licence to be secured from Orkney Islands Council for works within the Orkney Harbour Area.

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\(^1\) Planning applications for this type of energy development are often referred to as Section 36 applications as they relate to Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989.
4.2.2 Onshore Consenting

Onshore planning applications are determined in accordance with the *Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997* (as amended). The onshore works related to the proposed grid connection at Spittal of Caithness will require planning consent from The Highland Council. The proposed power export to Flotta and associated substation will require planning consent from Orkney Islands Council.

4.3 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)

The application for the proposed windfarm requires an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) to identify and assess the potential environmental and socio-economic effects of the development. It informs the design of the Project from an environmental perspective and identifies mitigation measures to minimise and manage the impacts of the Project on the surrounding environment.

One of the first tasks in the EIA process is to prepare a Scoping Report outlining the surveys and studies proposed, based on initial assessments. A Scoping Report for the Project was submitted to Marine Scotland, The Highland Council and Orkney Islands Council in March 2022 and is available to view on the Project website. Table 1 outlines the topics proposed for consideration during the EIA. The outcome of the EIA will be detailed in an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) which will be publicly available for comment and submitted with the planning application.

**Table 1: EIA Topics**

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4.4 Community engagement policy

The *Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997* (as amended), the *Marine (Scotland) Act 2010* and Scotland’s *National Marine Plan: A Single Framework for Managing Our Seas* all make provision for pre-application consultation in relation to planning and Marine License applications. The Acts are supported by the *Marine Licensing (Pre-application Consultation) (Scotland) Regulations 2013* and the *Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2013* (as amended) which provide specific regulations relating to statutory pre-application consultation.

4.4.1 Statutory Pre-Application Consultation

Within the context of the above Regulations, the prospective applicant’s obligations in terms of statutory pre-application consultation can be summarised as shown in Table 2:
Table 2: Summary of statutory pre-application consultation requirements

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✓ Notify the following stakeholders that an application for a Marine Licence is to be submitted:
  - the Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses
  - the Maritime and Coastguard Agency
  - the Scottish Environment Protection Agency
  - Scottish Natural Heritage (now NatureScot)
  - any delegate for a marine region where the application for a Marine Licence is for an activity which is to be carried out wholly or partly in that region.

✓ Hold one event where stakeholders can comment.
✓ Publish a notice with details of the event and associated consultation in a local newspaper.
✓ Wait at least 6 weeks after the notification of stakeholders and appearance of the advert before holding the event.

✓ Describe proposed consultation activities in the PAN.
✓ Consult all Community Councils whose area is within or adjacent to the development site.
✓ Provide a copy of the PAN to above.
✓ Hold two public events (with the second event no less than 14 days after the first event).
✓ Publish notices in a local newspaper at least 7 days prior to each event.
✓ Provide feedback to the public on comments received at a final public event.

4.4.2 Best Practice Guidance

The West of Orkney Windfarm is committed to significantly exceeding its statutory obligations as it seeks to build effective and long-term working relationships with the Project’s stakeholders, including local communities. The Scottish Government’s Planning Advice Note PAN/ 2010 Community Engagement provides advice to applicants on ways to effectively engage with communities on planning matters. It links directly to the Scottish Government’s National Standards for Community Engagement⁷ and endorses the PAS SP=EED Framework (Successful Planning Equals Effective Engagement and Delivery). Developed by Planning Aid for Scotland (now PAS), the SP=EED Framework provides a practical guide to undertaking effective engagement and is the primary model for this engagement strategy. It is based around eight criteria for effective engagement. Full details of the framework can be seen in Table 3.

The Scottish Government’s Scottish Community Development Centre has recently produced updated guidance on how to engage with communities during and after the Covid-19 pandemic. It highlights issues which may be affecting communities that might make it more difficult for people to take part in engagement activity. The guide, called National Standards for Community Engagement: Engaging with our communities to support recovery and renewal⁸ directs users to online tools and resources to help address these issues and these sources have been consulted in devising this plan.

⁷ National Standards for Community Engagement.
⁸ National Standards for Community Engagement: Engaging with our communities to support recovery and renewal.

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### Table 3: Summary of engagement approach using SP=EED Framework

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<td>Transparency and Integrity</td>
<td>The purpose of the engagement is clear and people can find out about it easily.</td>
<td>Rights to participate are clearly explained and opportunities to express opinions are publicised.</td>
<td>Plans for engagement clearly articulated in CEP.</td>
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<td>Co-ordination</td>
<td>The timetable for the engagement process published and relevant relationships explained.</td>
<td>The timetable for the engagement process includes adequate periods for meetings, public events and discussions with stakeholders.</td>
<td>Draft timetable included in CEP and based on Project timeline and extensive experience on other projects.</td>
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<td>Information</td>
<td>Information will be relevant, accurate and comprehensible to the target audience.</td>
<td>Information will be communicated and shared, aiming to invite feedback.</td>
<td>Range of formats and communication channels. Use of clear, unambiguous and jargon-free language.</td>
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<td>Appropriateness</td>
<td>Information will be presented to suit its intended audience and can be accessed by all stakeholders at each stage of the process.</td>
<td>Engagement processes to fit the situation to be used, with opportunities for discussion and for answers to be raised and answered.</td>
<td>Consultation with community leaders on draft CEP to ensure approach is appropriate to local context(s).</td>
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<td>Responsiveness</td>
<td>Relevant information will be provided at every stage of the process.</td>
<td>Findings from the engagement process will be analysed, disseminated, and potentially incorporated.</td>
<td>Iterative programme of engagement to allow for responding to feedback and re-engaging as necessary.</td>
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<td>Inclusiveness</td>
<td>Relevant representative groups/organisations identified and information designed and disseminated to reach them.</td>
<td>Emphasis on allowing the voices of seldom heard groups and those most likely to be affected to be heard.</td>
<td>Analysis of local stakeholder landscape and consultation with community leaders to ensure representativeness and identify potential issues and communication needs.</td>
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<td>Monitoring and Evaluation</td>
<td>Distribution of information and feedback received on the engagement process will be analysed after the process is completed.</td>
<td>Monitoring and evaluation of the engagement process will take place on an on-going basis.</td>
<td>Ongoing monitoring and review of engagement including alterations to approach as required. Full reporting in line with planning legislation.</td>
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<td>Learning and Sharing</td>
<td>Lessons from the engagement process will be identified and lead to on-going improvements in quality.</td>
<td>Lessons from the engagement process will be reviewed and shared with a focus on learning and training.</td>
<td>Lessons from previous engagement programmes have already informed CEP. Ongoing review to identify opportunities for continuous improvement.</td>
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#### 4.4.3 Verifying Engagements

An ongoing review process will ensure compliance with the principles of the SP=EED framework. For example, by comparing the demographic profiles of community participants against profiles of the target population we will be able to assess whether the responses received are representative of the community as a whole. This will help to verify whether the engagement is appropriate and inclusive in line with the SP=EED model or whether changes to the approach are required.

#### 4.4.4 Main Areas to be Consulted on

At the outset, we have consulted on the consultation process itself to establish the ways in which communities wish to be engaged. Feedback from stakeholders, including community leaders and representatives, has been used to refine this community engagement plan to make it as effective as possible in delivering the consultation objectives. This will be an iterative process throughout the life of the Project. Key topics for the engagement are expected to include those illustrated in Figure 4.

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4.5 Community benefits

From the outset, the Project team is considering ways in which the Project can benefit communities. Engaging local communities and other interested stakeholders in discussions surrounding community benefit will help to direct any potential expenditure to areas of greatest need. The Project team proposes to discuss the timing and format of these discussions with community leaders. Suggested community benefits could include actions to:

- Reduce dependence on fossil fuels
- Improve the stability of the electricity supply
- Support energy efficiency programmes (eg: through the Warmer Homes Scotland scheme)
- Enhance employability through skills development
- Create employment opportunities
- Support affordable housing initiatives

4.6 Proposed timeline for development

An indicative Project timeline has been prepared, as illustrated in Figure 5. It may be subject to change and refinement as the Project develops. The indicative timeline has been used as the basis for developing the community engagement plan and the key engagement activities are timed to reflect when information will become available as the Project evolves.
**Figure 5: Indicative Project Timeline**

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**Environmental Impact Assessment and Surveys**

- **Q3 2022**: Offshore aerial bird and mammal surveys complete
- **Q4 2022**: Baseline surveys complete
- **Q1 2023**: Onshore surveys complete
- **Q2 - Q3 2023**: Marine traffic surveys
- **Q4 2023**: Offshore EIA preparation

**Main Events & Milestones**

- **March**: Scoping Reports submitted
- **May/June**: Receipt of offshore Scoping Report
- **July**: Receipt of offshore Scoping Report
- **June**: Offshore consents application
- **Q4**: Offshore consents application
- **Q3/Q2**: Offshore consent examination

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5. Stakeholder Analysis

5.1 Stakeholder identification

The process of stakeholder identification and mapping follows best practice guidelines with the aims of inclusiveness and equality, giving stakeholders the opportunity to determine how they wish to be consulted. It is understood that many stakeholders will be interested in the Project and will want to be engaged in dialogue. The aim is to provide broad and fair access to enable stakeholders to participate as equals in the engagement process by delivering a consultation plan which respects the different needs and expectations of stakeholders.

5.2 Needs analysis

Each stakeholder group will have a different degree of interest in the proposed West of Orkney Windfarm which will inform the engagement methods to be used. For example, it may sometimes be appropriate to supply regular one-way information updates to some stakeholders, while others will be involved in more interactive discussions. Engagement with community stakeholders requires a range of different approaches to enable and encourage effective engagement. The most effective way of engaging all stakeholders will be to allow them to influence the direction their involvement takes.

5.3 Accessing seldom-heard groups

The Project team is seeking assistance from a range of stakeholders with a view to accessing seldom-heard groups more effectively. Organisations that specialise in promoting inclusiveness and relevant local authority staff such as Equalities Officers, Youth Engagement Officers, Access Panels, Community Planning Partnerships, etc are being consulted.

Discussions with community leaders and representatives have highlighted key contacts in this regard, such as the Omnie Community Association which works in an area of high deprivation supporting single mothers, those experiencing unemployment and older members of the community. These groups are typically less well represented during community consultations and the Project team will work with the Association to identify ways to engage with them effectively.

During the consultation process, data is recorded on factors relevant to representativeness such as age and residence, etc. It will then be possible to compare the profile of participants against the profiles for those communities most likely to be affected by the proposals to ensure that the engagement is appropriately representative. If it appears that the engagement is falling in this regard, measures will be taken to revise the approach to improve inclusivity.

5.4 Stakeholder landscape

For the purposes of this document, the focus is on community stakeholders. This group includes organisations or individuals which the Project may affect because they live, work, or pursue other activities in the area. Although the engagement process enables statutory consultees (such as NatureScot) to comment on behalf of community stakeholders, it is essential that the people whom the Project will affect are informed about the activity and have the opportunity to be included directly in the consultation. Specific community groups who typically may be consulted are:

- People who have formed themselves into any group or groups for the purpose of objecting to or supporting the proposals
- People who are identified as ‘hard to reach’ or ‘seldom heard’
- People with a particular perspective (e.g. school students and young people)

5.5 Community stakeholders

Impacted individuals and communities will include residents living in Orkney, Caithness and Sutherland. However, people from outside these areas may also have an interest in the Project, particularly tourists and visitors to the area. Our aim is to develop a comprehensive list of stakeholders and groups as the Project develops. By registering on the Project website we will be able to keep you up-to-date with any developments and invite you to attend any upcoming events.

5.6 Community Councils

Figure 6 illustrates the relevant Community Councils to be targeted during the engagement.
5.7 Other community organisations

Many communities also feature other community groups or local organisations set up around a particular interest or to address a specific need within the community. A number of these groups and organisations have been identified including local Development Trusts and community renewable energy initiatives.

5.8 Education/ young people

Young people often have an interest in what is going on in their local area and may also benefit from learning opportunities associated with a project of this nature. We aim to contact secondary schools to ascertain how best to engage with pupils and opportunities to engage with young people will be investigated and followed through where appropriate.

Early discussions with community leaders have suggested other channels for engagement which we will explore including:

- Young Farmers
- Youth Café
- Youth Forum
- Developing the Young Workforce
6. Tools Selected for Engagement

6.1 Criteria for selecting tools

The effectiveness of the CEP will ultimately depend upon the appropriateness and robustness of the tool(s) used to engage. A number of key criteria have been considered when determining which methods to employ as detailed in Table 4. Based on these criteria and the Project team’s experience of engaging with communities on other projects, the tools outlined below are proposed for the engagement.

Table 4: Criteria for selecting engagement tools

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<td>▶ Subsequent stages will be more participative and interactive as the</td>
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<td>consultation seeks to canvass the views and comments of stakeholders</td>
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<td>disseminate the findings and evaluate the effectiveness of engagement</td>
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<td>Stakeholder needs</td>
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<td>▶ Support services (e.g. for those with caring responsibilities)</td>
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<td>Type of data required</td>
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<td>larger number of participants</td>
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<td>▶ How the data will be analysed and reported</td>
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6.2 ‘Formal’ public exhibitions

Formal public exhibitions play a key part in effective statutory pre-application consultation and provide real benefits as interested members of the general public are given direct access to the Project team to discuss technical, social and environmental issues. Given issues around social distancing and evolving preferences for remote engagement, we are adopting a hybrid approach to formal public exhibitions.

At the time of Project launch, face-to-face meetings were still restricted and the decision was taken to hold our first public event in March 2022 as a virtual exhibition. This exhibition sought to replicate much of the traditional public event experience with similar display materials and feedback forms on our virtual exhibition portal and live question and answer webinars, hosted by the Project team.

Going forward, the virtual exhibition will be updated at key stages and will be augmented with face-to-face drop-in public exhibitions at suitable accessible locations in the vicinity of the proposals to provide an opportunity for broader stakeholder involvement. The drop-in format encourages participation by people who may be discouraged from contributing in the forum of a conventional public meeting. The events will continue to incorporate methods for capturing opinions and views on the development, such as the feedback form used at the first virtual exhibition.

As was the case in the virtual event in March 2022, the face-to-face exhibitions will be held over the course of a day and evening, providing greater accessibility to more people than a meeting whose audience is restricted to only those who can attend at a given time. These will be held in a variety of appropriate venues (community halls, libraries, etc.) with guidance from local community leaders. Potential venues have been identified and discussed with community leaders who have also been invited to suggest additional or alternative venues. The current list of potential venues is as follows:

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### Table 5: Potential venues for public events

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<td>☑ Graemsay Village Hall</td>
<td>☑ North Coast Visitor Centre, Thurso</td>
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<td>☑ Kirkwall &amp; St Olga Community Centre</td>
<td>☑ Bettyhill Village hall</td>
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<td>☑ Rota Community Centre</td>
<td>☑ Strath Hall</td>
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<td>☑ North Walls Community School</td>
<td>☑ The Kyle Centre, Tongue</td>
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<td>☑ Picaquoy Centre, Kirkwall</td>
<td>☑ Thurso Library</td>
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<td>☑ Armadale Village Hall</td>
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<td>☑ Reay Centre</td>
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In terms of timings, it is expected that drop-in public exhibitions relating to the development of the offshore windfarm will be held in:
- March 2022 (already held) - following the award of exclusivity agreements through the ScotWind Leasing Round
- 2022 Q4/2023 Q1 - as part of the formal pre-application consultation process during development of the consent and planning applications to be submitted in 2023
- 2023 Q3/Q4 - as part of the formal pre-application consultation process for the onshore planning application for Caithness
- Subsequent events will also be required ahead of the Marine Licence and Planning applications for the export cables and substation associated with export to the Flotta Hydrogen Hub

The dates for these events will be dependent upon how the Project progresses and will be widely publicised to maximise attendance.

### 6.3 "Informal" community events

Our experience indicates that those who attend traditional public exhibitions typically fall into a relatively narrow demographic group which is not necessarily representative of the community as a whole. As a result, we are working with communities to identify and deliver events that are more inclusive and reach a wider audience than traditional approaches by capitalising on engagement opportunities that may emerge.

We have previously conducted very successful engagement at summer fêtes and galas, agricultural shows, festivals and air shows. Our approach typically involves setting up a marquee at these events to accommodate a mobile exhibition which is delivered by members of the Project team supported by specialist facilitators who help to initiate dialogue and engage visitors. Starting in 2022, we will attend four of these types of events in Orkney and Highland. Events booked for 2022 are highlighted in Figure 7.

During meetings with community leaders and representatives, we have invited suggestions for future events to attend and the following have been proposed:

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<td>☑ Caithness County Show (July)</td>
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<td>☑ Vintage Rally at the Auction Mart (August)</td>
<td>☑ Thurso Town Market</td>
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<td>☑ Orkney International Science Festival (September)</td>
<td>☑ Kyle &amp; Tongue Fun Weekend</td>
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6.4 Community Panels

The Project team has established three Community Panels covering Orkney, Caithness and Sutherland. Community Councils and other relevant community-based organisations such as Development Trusts have been invited to participate and inaugural meetings of each panel were held in June 2022. The purpose of the Community Panels is to bring community leaders and representatives together to discuss the proposals. The first meetings involved presentations about the project and the associated stakeholder engagement strategy. Attendees were asked to provide feedback on the proposed approach to engagement and to make suggestions for improvements. The discussions were thought provoking and insightful and the input provided has been incorporated into this Community Engagement Plan. Subsequent meetings are proposed for October 2022.

6.5 Working groups

The Project team is establishing a number of topic specific Working Groups to discuss particular aspects of the proposal and inform the Environmental Impact Assessment. These Working Groups involve local and technical experts with relevant experience and knowledge of the local area.

6.6 Content of exhibitions

The exhibitions will typically include:
- A project ‘story board’ display featuring details of the project and associated visual aids such as photomontages
- An explanation of the purpose of this consultation
- An outline of the consenting process for this project
- Summaries of key documents and signposting to relevant sources
- Video displays and visual simulations
- Information leaflets to take away, where appropriate
- Questionnaires and comments forms which offer the opportunity for feedback
- Project team contact details

6.7 Engagement portal & social media

A dedicated Project website provides an engagement portal for anyone wishing to find out more about the proposals. This is already playing a vital role in our engagement activities in response to restrictions and concerns relating to Covid-19. The main access points are the website and associated virtual exhibition which will run throughout the duration of the development.
These tools provide access to:
✓ Key Project documents and information
✓ Community questionnaires
✓ Information about webinars/virtual town hall events (specific online events where the Project team will be available)
✓ Signposting to the Project’s social media channels and other sources of information, where appropriate. Social media interactions are expected to form an important form of engagement with local communities to meet the needs of a broad demographic spectrum

6.8 Communications
Channels for communicating with community stakeholders will likely include:
✓ Newsletters, leaflets and flyers (providing details of the proposals and promoting specific engagement events)
✓ Posters (as above)
✓ Exhibition materials (storyboards to be displayed at public events and on the engagement portal)
✓ Press releases/newspaper articles
✓ Project updates via the engagement portal (including downloadable newsletters and other relevant documents)
✓ Project information such as leaflets left in public places (e.g. libraries, community halls, post offices and local businesses)
✓ Static exhibitions in public places (either independently or alongside other displays such as local Charrettes)

6.9 Project questionnaire
Obtaining feedback from stakeholders is the overarching aim of the engagement process and it is critical that the data collected is managed and analysed effectively. To this end, a standard questionnaire set has been created which can be used in a variety of formats and settings.

At the public drop-in exhibitions and community events, participants will be invited to complete the questionnaire. The questionnaire is also available electronically on the virtual exhibition via the website. Posters featuring details about where to complete the questionnaire (including QR codes, web addresses, telephone number to receive by post) will be displayed in key locations within the local areas of Orkney, Caithness and Sutherland. Discussions have also been held with the Community Panels to identify ways to maximise completion rates and the following suggestions have been made:

Table 7: Suggested promotion of community questionnaire

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6.10 Supply chain engagement
The Project team is fully committed to ensuring that the Project benefits the local economy by making a positive contribution to employment and business opportunities for local people. We propose to work with local agencies involved in capacity building and skills development with a view to identifying ways in which we can support these objectives.

We will also engage with the potential supply chain for the Project at the earliest opportunity. Supply chain events will allow those who are interested in supplying goods and services to the Project to find out how to get involved.

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7. Reporting and Recording

7.1 Data processing
With such a comprehensive programme of engagement, it is important to record any data collected accurately and securely and to act on feedback received. Our process for collecting and storing data is fully compliant with the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) and ensures that all consultation responses are processed and considered appropriately. This includes reviewing proposals in light of feedback and producing a processing log which shares our responses to the consultation output in terms of specific actions taken or changes made to the proposals.

7.2 Reporting on engagement
Pre-Application Consultation with Communities (PAC) Reports, or equivalent, will be produced as required for each consent/planning application, and are expected to include:
- Summaries of the consultation and engagement activities undertaken
- Responses received from community stakeholders
- An explanation of those changes that have been made to the proposal as a result of stakeholder feedback
- The outcome of the SP+ED audit of the community engagement
## A1. Appendix 1: Acronyms

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Appendix 13: Exhibition boards from virtual exhibition (ROUND 1)
WELCOME

Welcome to the virtual public exhibition and consultation for the West of Orkney Windfarm.

This is the first of a number of public consultation events designed to keep local residents and other interested stakeholders up-to-date and obtain feedback as the Project progresses. As this is our first public event, we would like to introduce the Project and its partners, illustrate the work we have done to date, and outline the surveys and studies ahead.

We are committed to working with local communities and stakeholders to help shape our proposal and we invite you to join one of our Live Question & Answer sessions or make comments through our feedback form.

This consultation is virtual to minimise the risk of transmitting COVID-19 in the local community. However, the exhibition layout is similar to a traditional public exhibition with information boards on the proposal and instructions on how to provide feedback or find out more information.

WHO ARE WE

The West of Orkney Windfarm is being developed by Offshore Wind Power Limited (OWPL) which is a joint venture owned by three companies:

- **GREEN INVESTMENT GROUP**: Owned by Macquarie, the world’s largest infrastructure investor, with ownership of over 40% of UK’s operational offshore wind farms.
- **TOTAENERGIES**: One of the largest offshore operators on the UK continental shelf, majority owner of Seagreen Offshore Windfarm and the Shetland Gas Plant.
- **R|DG**: Scottish offshore wind project developer with over 40 years’ experience in the sector, set up to deliver high value projects alongside strategic partners.

**LIVE QUESTION & ANSWER SESSIONS**

The Project team will be available to answer any further questions you may have via live webinars which will be held on:

- Tuesday 29th March, 12noon-2pm
- Tuesday 29th March, 6pm-8pm

**FEEDBACK**

You can provide feedback on the proposal through the feedback form in this virtual exhibition which is located on the table in the middle of the hall. This is the first of a series of events that we will hold at key stages during the development of the proposal. This will include pre-application community consultation events which will take place before we submit planning and associated consent applications.

**FURTHER INFORMATION**

Our website [www.westoforkney.com](http://www.westoforkney.com) provides further information about the Project and will be updated with details about upcoming events. We would love to hear from you so please do not hesitate to get in touch, either by completing the feedback form or emailing us at info@westoforkney.com.
WEST OF ORKNEY WINDFARM

THE PROJECT

The West of Orkney Windfarm is located approximately 30km off the coast of Orkney and around 25km north of the Scottish mainland. The expected capacity of the windfarm will be 2GW with first power generated in 2029.

The Project has a grid connection agreement with National Grid for a connection in Caithness. Additionally, the Project partners are exploring an option to power the Flotta Hydrogen Hub. There is a potential for both power export options to be utilised. The map illustrates the areas within which project infrastructure may be located.

The windfarm will be located in the N. Plan Option (PO) area which was identified as a potential site for offshore wind development by the Scottish Government through its marine planning process.

The area proposed for deployment of the wind turbines, known as the Option Agreement Area (OAA), was developed through an iterative mapping exercise avoiding key constraints, supplemented by consultation with key stakeholders. The constraints analysis resulted in an OAA that both maximises the potential for renewable energy production, whilst retaining flexibility ahead of final design to accommodate technical and environmental considerations.

With a maximum capacity of 2GW, the West of Orkney Windfarm will require around half of the total option agreement area which extends to 657km². The wind turbine layout will be determined once the design optimisation process has been completed.

The Project is currently considering both fixed-bottom foundations and floating substructures for the wind turbines. This will be determined once seabed surveys are completed.

INVESTING IN SCOTLAND

The West of Orkney Windfarm is targeting 60% UK content throughout the Project’s lifetime, with 40% coming from Scotland. This will be achieved by:

- Committing £140 million during the initial development phase to develop the supply chain and ensure high levels of content from Scottish and UK companies.
- Supporting significant employment opportunities and helping Scotland meet their net zero targets.
- Providing the renewable power necessary to generate green hydrogen at the proposed Flotta Hydrogen Hub on the island of Flotta in Orkney.
THE SECTORAL MARINE PLAN & SCOTWIND

THE SECTORAL MARINE PLAN

Following more than two years of extensive analysis, consideration and engagement with stakeholders, the Sectoral Marine Plan was published in October 2020. The Plan identified 15 areas known as Plan Options (POs) for the future development of commercial-scale offshore wind energy in Scotland. These POs were selected based on an iterative process of opportunity and constraints analysis including Strategic Environmental Assessment, Habitats Regulations Appraisal and Socio-Economic Impact Assessment, amongst other studies.

SCOTWIND LEASING ROUND

In November 2017, Crown Estate Scotland which is responsible for the management of marine assets in Scotland announced their intention to run a leasing round for commercial scale offshore wind energy projects in Scottish waters. This was the first offshore wind leasing round in Scotland for over a decade and was named ‘ScotWind’. To inform the spatial development of this leasing round, Marine Scotland, as Planning Authority for Scotland’s seas, was required to undertake a planning exercise, in accordance with relevant EU, UK and Scottish legislation.

WEST OF ORKNEY WINDFARM

In January 2022, OWEZ was awarded the leasing of Option Agreement from Crown Estate Scotland through the ScotWind leasing process for the “N1” Plan Option area. The West of Orkney Windfarm lies wholly within this area.
OFFSHORE PROPOSAL

Offshore infrastructure associated with the Project will comprise:

- The offshore array area which will include:
  - Up to 125 wind turbine generators occupying approximately 50% of the Option Agreement Area and with a maximum tip height of 370 metres
  - Turbine foundations’ supporting structures – fixed or floating
  - Up to five offshore substation platforms
  - Inter-array cables linking the wind turbines and offshore substation platforms

- Infrastructure associated with the export of power from the offshore array area which will include:
  - Up to five export cables to Caithness
  - Up to five export cables to Flotta, Orkney. These will cross both the offshore area west of Orkney and Scapa Flow and include onshore elements across the island of Hoy and potentially Faro.

Foundation options under consideration

- Monopile
- Jacket
- Gravity Based

Floating foundations

WIND TURBINE LAYOUT & EXPORT CABLE ROUTES

The wind turbine layout and export cable routes will be determined once the design optimisation process has been completed. This process will balance a range of key factors including wind turbine choice, foundation structure, wind turbine spacing and wind direction, seabed characteristics, metocean conditions, benthic habitats, navigational safety and fisheries considerations amongst other constraints.
ONSHORE PROPOSAL

Onshore infrastructure associated with the Project will comprise:

- Caithness:
  - Onshore substation located at or near to the existing Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission (SHE Transmission) Spittal substation
  - Up to five underground cables

- Orkney:
  - Onshore substation located near to the existing Flotta Oil Terminal and proposed Flotta Hydrogen Hub
  - Up to five underground cables to Flotta, across the islands of Hoy and potentially Fara

No overhead lines are planned for the Project.

It is anticipated that open-cut trenching will be the primary installation method, however this will be reviewed once the onshore cable routes are finalised. Horizontal directional drilling may be required, if obstacles are encountered, including sensitive features such as water courses and crossings with railways.

The onshore substations will include electrical equipment required to connect the project to the grid and/or the Flotta Hydrogen Hub. In addition to the area required for the footprint of the onshore substations, temporary working areas will also be required during construction.

Through the Environmental Impact Assessment process, and in consultation with the public and stakeholders, the locations of the Project infrastructure will continue to be refined. Further site selection work will be undertaken following the completion of survey work and additional technical, environmental, and commercial discussions and studies.

THE FLOTTA HYDROGEN HUB

- The Flotta Hydrogen Hub is a proposed green hydrogen production and export facility on the island of Flotta in Orkney.
- The Project would utilise a repurposed area of the Flotta Oil Terminal to create a green hydrogen hub which would offer new employment possibilities, a maritime low carbon refuelling port and significant inward investment.
- The electricity generated from the offshore windfarm will be used to power the Hydrogen Hub.
- The Flotta Hydrogen hub is a separate project to the West of Orkney Windfarm and will be the subject of a separate planning application.
CONSENTS & ASSESSMENTS
PROJECT CONSENTS
The consenting process for the West of Orkney Windfarm and its associated infrastructure is quite complex as it spans a number of jurisdictions and regulatory frameworks. Scottish Ministers, through Marine Scotland, are the relevant decision makers for the offshore consents and licences. The Highland Council (THC) and Orkney Islands Council (OIC) are the decision makers for the relevant onshore consents.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA)
EIA is a process which identifies and assesses the potential environmental effects of a development. It informs the design of the Project from an environmental perspective and identifies mitigation measures to minimise and manage the impacts of the Project on the surrounding environment.

One of the first tasks in the EIA process is to prepare a Scoping Report outlining the surveys and studies proposed, based on initial assessments. The Scoping Report for the West of Orkney Windfarm was submitted at the beginning of March 2022. The table outlines the topics proposed for consideration during the EIA.
PROJECT SURVEYS

To further understand the local environment, guide the design of the Project, and inform the extent of any potential impacts it may have, a broad variety of surveys are being undertaken.

The Environmental Impact Assessment Report will present the findings of these surveys along with proposed mitigation and management measures. The table below outlines the key surveys associated with the Project.

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| Geosciences              | - Geophysical and geotechnical surveys to understand the physical characteristics and technical stability of the seabed.  
                          | - These surveys inform wind turbine foundation / substructure design and offshore cable routing. | Ongoing  |
| Metocean                 | - Variety of equipment installed offshore and onshore to understand the wind resource and wave and tidal characteristics of the offshore array area.  
                          | - These surveys inform turbine layout and foundation / substructure design. | Planned  |
| Benthic                  | - Visual and sediment samples of the seabed to characterise habitats and species in the offshore array area and along potential cable routes to shore. | Planned  |
| Seabirds & marine mammals| - Offshore aerial surveys to identify species present in the offshore array area and how their distribution and abundance varies across the site and between different seasons of the year, and between years. | Ongoing  |
| Fish ecology             | - Surveys to characterise those seabed habitats and offshore areas important for fish spawning and juvenile fish. | Planned  |
| Fisheries                | - Engagement with the fisheries stakeholders to understand how the offshore array area and potential cable routes to shore are used. | Ongoing  |
| Marine traffic           | - Surveys of the offshore array area during the summer and winter to understand shipping activities and patterns. | Planned  |
| Seascapes, landscape &   | - Surveys to corroborate desk-based research, capture baseline photography from agreed viewpoint locations and undertake the assessment of potential effects. | Planned  |
| & amenity                |                                                                                              |          |
| Onshore ecology          | - Surveys to assess the impacts on protected and sensitive habitats and species such as peat bog, freshwater habitats, birds and otters amongst others. | Ongoing  |
| Archaeology              | - Offshore geophysical data will be assessed by marine archaeologists.  
                          | - Walkover surveys onshore to identify any previously undiscovered archaeological interests. | Planned  |
| Other onshore surveys    | - Walkover surveys to confirm land use and other constraints.  
                          | - Potential traffic counts and baseline noise surveys depending on final project locations. | Planned  |
| Socio economics          | - Engagement with the local and national supply chain, and wider industry in order to ascertain positive and negative impacts which may result from the Project. | Planned  |
STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Effective engagement with stakeholders is the best way to deliver a sustainable Project that maximises economic and environmental benefits. The Project team is fully committed to engage early and regularly with stakeholders to build long-term relationships based on mutual trust and respect.

Whilst a key objective is to secure relevant consents with minimal delays, our ultimate aim is to create the best possible Project by sourcing expert technical knowledge alongside local insights and views.

We will not engage for the sake of engaging and instead will engage more intensively when new information is available or specific approval is required. The engagement schedule will therefore be aligned with the overall Project timeline.

Early discussions with certain stakeholders started during preparation of the ScotWind bid and EIA Scoping Report and ahead of the offshore geophysical surveys. The Project team is now keen to meet with local communities and strategic stakeholders to share information about the proposals and find out your views which is why we have devised this virtual exhibition and associated live Question and Answer sessions.

We are very interested in hearing your views and would encourage you to complete a feedback form (located on the table in the virtual exhibition hall) or send us an email to: info@westoforkney.com
Appendix 14: Exhibition boards from summer shows (ROUND 2)
WEST OF ORKNEY WINDFARM

The West of Orkney Windfarm is located around 30km west of Orkney and 25km from the north coast of Scotland. The project is being developed by Corio Generation, TotalEnergies and RIDG, a consortium with deep Scottish roots, a commitment to delivery and a clear vision for the project.

- **2 MILLION MÓRE ENERGY WITH ELECTRICITY**
- **2029 TANKER-TIP GENERATION**
- **2000MW OF MONEY WILL BE GENERATED**

**OFFSHORE**
- Up to 125 wind turbine generators with a maximum tip height of 370 metres
- Fixed or floating turbine foundations
- Up to five offshore substation platforms
- Inter-array cables linking the wind turbines and offshore substation platforms
- Up to five export cables to Caithness
- Up to five export cables to Flotta

**ONSHORE**
- New substation at or near existing substation at Spittal
- Up to five underground cables from landfall point to substation at Spittal
- New substation near existing Flotta Oil Terminal/ proposed Flotta Hydrogen Hub
- Up to five underground cables to Flotta substation

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PROJECT CONSENTS

The consenting process for the West of Orkney Windfarm and its associated infrastructure is quite complex and spans a number of jurisdictions and regulatory frameworks. Scottish Ministers, through Marine Scotland, are the relevant decision makers for the offshore consents and licences. The Highland Council (THC) and Orkney Islands Council (OIC) are the decision makers for the onshore consents.

1. Section 34 consent from Marine Scotland for works on or within Scottish Waters to the offshore windfarm
4. Works Licence from Orkney Islands Council for windfarm consents onshore

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA)

EIA is a process which identifies and assesses the potential environmental effects of a development. It informs the design of the Project from an environmental perspective and identifies mitigation measures to minimise and manage the impacts of the Project on the surrounding environment. The topics being considered during the EIA include:

OFFSHORE

1. Physical Environment
   - Geology and hydrology
   - Air quality, noise and vibration

2. Biological Environment
   - Benthic and intertidal ecology
   - Fish and shellfish ecology
   - Ornithology
   - Marine mammals and megafauna

3. Human Environment
   - Commercial fisheries
   - Shipping and navigation
   - Archaeology and cultural heritage
   - Military and aviation
   - Landscape, landscape and visual
   - Other sea users
   - Socio-economics

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STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Effective engagement with stakeholders is the best way to deliver a sustainable Project that maximises economic and environmental benefits. The Project team is fully committed to engaging regularly with stakeholders to build long-term relationships based on mutual trust and respect.

Whilst a key objective is to obtain relevant consents with minimal delays, our ultimate aim is to create the best possible Project by securing local insights and views alongside expert technical knowledge.

West of Orkney Windfarm’s key stakeholders

- Community
  - Community Council
  - Renewable Trust
  - Community Associations
  - Community Forum
- Other community groups
- Local volunteers
- Media
- Grid
  - Scottish Hydro Electric
  - National Grid
- Regulators
  - Scottish Government
  - Marine Scotland Licensing & Operations Team (WIS-LOT)
  - The Highland Council
  - Orkney Islands Council

Flokta Hydrogen Hub
- Port Authority
- Local Businesses

Supply Chain & Skills
- Orkney Energy Hub
- Orkney Energy Group
- Orkney Hydrogen

Stakeholder Working Groups (WGs)
- 3 shops (energy, fisheries, local economy)

Please let us know your thoughts about the West of Orkney Windfarm by asking a member of the team for a copy of the COMMUNITY QUESTIONNAIRE or scanning the QR code with your smartphone to complete it online.

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INVESTING IN SCOTLAND

- Targeting 60% UK content with 40% coming from Scotland
- Committing £140m during the initial development phase to develop the supply chain
- Investing in local port and harbour infrastructure
- Creating significant skills and employment opportunities
- Helping Scotland meet net zero targets
- Providing renewable power to generate green hydrogen at proposed Flokta Hydrogen Hub

To register your interest in getting involved in the West of Orkney Windfarm, please use the QR code.

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WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

INDICATIVE WEST OF ORKNEY WINDFARM PROJECT TIMELINE

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Appendix 15: Exhibition boards from autumn events (ROUND 3)
WEST OF ORKNEY WINDFARM

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- Up to 125 wind turbine generators with a maximum tip height of 370m
- Fixed turbine foundations
- Up to five offshore substation platforms
- Inter-array cables linking the wind turbines and offshore substation platforms
- Up to five export cables to Caithness
- Up to five export cables to Flotta (future separate application)

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ONSHORE PROPOSAL
West of Orkney Windfarm originally received an offer from National Grid in August 2019 to connect to the electricity network at either Downrea or Spittal. In November 2020, National Grid confirmed that West of Orkney Windfarm's grid connection would be 'at or near Spittal'. The proposed onshore infrastructure for the West of Orkney Windfarm will include:

- Cable landfalls – at Greeny Geo and/or Crosskirk
- One cable transition joint bay at each landfall
- Up to 5 underground onshore cables, buried to a depth of 1m, subject to ground conditions. The onshore cables shall extend for a distance of approximately 22km
- A new onshore substation, at or near the existing Spittal substation. This location was deemed suitable by National Grid and Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission Limited. The exact location and size will depend on ground conditions, landowner agreement and grid requirement
- Temporary construction compounds for the onshore substation and onshore export cables, subject to landowner agreements

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CABLE ROUTE REFINEMENT

Potential locations for offshore substations have been a key factor in identifying suitable cable routes to bring the electricity to the shore. Other significant factors affecting the selection process for the offshore cable routes include:

- Shipwrecks
- Protected species and habitats
- Commercial Fisheries
- Recreational users

The study area for the onshore cable route is illustrated below. Discussions and assessment to refine the route are ongoing and consideration is being given to a broad range of features including:

- Physical features, such as geology and hydrology
- Peatland areas
- Private water supplies
- Wildlife and their habitats, including protected sites
- Archaeology
- Existing and planned infrastructure, e.g. onshore windfarms
OFFSHORE SURVEY RESULTS
SHIPPING & NAVIGATION

Extensive work has been undertaken to understand the windfarm's potential impact on shipping and navigation. The Automatic Identification System (AIS) is an automatic tracking system that tracks the location of vessels. Analysis of data for the period from January 2021 to December 2021 show an average of 22 vessels per day through the study area, 4 of which were within the West of Orkney Option Agreement Area (OAA). The most frequent types of vessel present were cargo vessels followed by fishing vessels.

VESSEL DENSITY FROM JANUARY-DECEMBER 2021

The AIS data analysis clearly indicates that there is a high density of vessel traffic that passes to the south of the Project's OAA, with lower volumes of traffic passing through the OAA itself.

The analysis shows that there is little seasonal variation in terms of shipping and navigation with an average of 22 vessels per day passing through the survey area and 4 vessels per day in the OAA throughout the year. These values broadly align with a dedicated vessel traffic survey undertaken in August 2022.
OFFSHORE SURVEY RESULTS
BENTHIC SURVEYS

An environmental survey was undertaken from August-September 2022 over the West of Orkney Option Agreement Area (OAA) and Export Cable Corridor (ECC) to Caithness. This included a benthic survey to understand the composition of the seabed and identify any potential habitats that could be disturbed during construction. The seabed survey data will be analysed alongside geophysical data in order to characterise and map the habitats and species that could be impacted by the Project.

Photographs, videos and samples of the seabed and water were taken, as follows:
- Grab samples and drop down video taken from 82 seabed locations
- Targeted video transects conducted at 17 locations
- 20 water samples for suspended sediments and environmental DNA (eDNA) analysis

Out of the 17 video transects that were conducted, 13 of these were found to contain potential Annex 1 habitats, including stony and bedrock reef:

Environmental DNA (eDNA) sequencing is a rapidly emerging method for studying biodiversity. At separations of DNA into their environmental, eDNA analyses can provide clues about the species present without disturbing the ecosystem. The West of Orkney Windfarm is one of the first offshore wind projects to apply this survey method.

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OFFSHORE SURVEY RESULTS
ORNITHOLOGY & MARINE MAMMALS/MEGAFANA

Digital video aerial surveys were conducted from July 2020 to September 2022 over the West of Orkney OAA, plus a 4 km buffer. The digital aerial surveys were supplemented by visual observations by Marine Mammal Observers (MMOs) during the geophysical and benthic surveys. The video footage is being analysed for birds, marine mammals, and basking sharks. The surveys analysed from July 2020 to June 2022 have recorded a total of 27276 birds of 32 species and 415 non-eulian, animals of 12 species, as listed in the table below. Over 97% of species were positively identified with 35 seals and 11 cetaceans unidentified.

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An extensive programme of surveys have been undertaken or are ongoing in order to inform the onshore Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the Project. Once surveys are complete, impact assessment studies will be undertaken in order to identify potential impacts and assess their significance. The results of the surveys and studies will be communicated in subsequent consultation meetings and events. Impacts will be assessed for all phases of the Project from construction, operations and maintenance, through to decommissioning.

LAND USE, AGRICULTURE & SOILS
A site walkover survey was undertaken to ground truth receptors including soils, land use, property and recreational areas present within the onshore project area and its surrounds. A separate woodland and forestry study is also being undertaken in order to identify woodland areas that could be impacted from the onshore Project.

VISUAL AMENITY AND LANDSCAPE
A range of viewpoints have been identified through site surveys and consultation which will be used to illustrate potential impacts on visual amenity through the use of wireline images and photomontages. The Project has also developed a 3-D model which can be interpreted by the public on what the Project will look like from different locations. Impacts on landscape character from the introduction of new infrastructure to the environment will also be assessed. The landscape character baseline is informed by publicly available reports, commissioned by the Highland Council and MureUtilities, that have characterised the landscapes present in Caithness and Sutherland.

GEODESY AND HYDROLOGY
A field walkover survey was initially undertaken to identify the main topographical, hydrological and hydrogeological features within the project area and its surrounds, including drainage patterns, watercourse crossings, water catchments and supplies and peatlands. The survey was supplemented by a land owner questionnaire in order to identity private water supplies, amongst other things. Peat depth surveys have also been completed for areas where peat was considered likely or possible within the onshore project area.

FRESHWATER ECOLOGY
Several watercourses in the Thurso and Finess catchments are present in the onshore Project area. As these are assumed to contain suitable habitats for Atlantic salmon, trout, eels, lampreys, and other important aquatic species, it was necessary to undertake surveys to understand the possible species distribution and any potential risk posed by the Project. An initial reconnaissance walkover survey was undertaken in May 2022, followed by detailed habitat surveys during July and August 2022. The results indicated the widespread distribution of good in-channel habitat, along with several channels with reduced habitat quality.
ONSHORE SURVEYS

TERRESTRIAL NON-AVIAN ECOLOGY

Initially a Phase I desk study was completed using aerial photography to characterise the habitats present throughout the onshore Project area and identify target areas for survey work. This was followed by a National Vegetation Classification (NVC) survey to map sensitive habitats and to classify ground water dependent terrestrial ecosystems. Other surveys undertaken have identified the presence / absence of protected species and habitats and include: Scottish Primrose, badger, eider and water vole, pine marten and red squirrel, bat roost potentials, reptile habitat and great crested newt habitat suitability. A separate deer study is also being undertaken in order to identify potential impacts on this species from the onshore Project.

TERRESTRIAL ORNITHOLOGY

A programme of bird surveys is ongoing to identify local ornithological features. Breeding bird surveys have been completed between March – September 2022 and wintering bird surveys started in September 2022 and will continue through to March 2023. Specifically, the following have been surveyed: breeding raptors and owls; targeted breeding birds, excluding habitats of low suitability (improved grassland and commercial forestry); divers; seabirds; corncrakes; geese; wintering birds; and wetland birds.

ARCHAEOLOGY & CULTURAL HERITAGE

Initially a desk study was undertaken to identify known archaeological and cultural heritage features within and surrounding the onshore Project area; this included data collected from record centres and archives. A walkover survey was then undertaken to evaluate the current state of any known sites and to determine whether there were any previously unrecorded historic features visible or present in the onshore Project area. Survey work will also assess potential impacts on the setting of historic features due to the presence of the onshore substation.

NOISE AND VIBRATION

The main source of noise from the Project is likely to come during the construction phase. Whilst noise during operations and maintenance is unlikely to cause significant disturbance, noise from the operational elements of the Project, such as the substation, does need assessed. A background noise survey has been commissioned in the area around the proposed substation location.

TRAFFIC AND ACCESS

A desk study traffic survey data has been undertaken and project specific surveys commissioned to characterise the existing traffic network. The map below indicates the locations where traffic count data is being collected.

OTHER TOPICS

Although no Project specific surveys are required, the EIA will also study the potential impacts on air quality and climate change.

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SEASCAPE, LANDSCAPE, AND VISUAL (SLVIA)

The potential visibility of the Project and subsequent effects on the coastal and landscape character, landscape designations, and on the visual amenity of people are being considered and assessed as part of the design and EIA process.

The initial SLVIA study area extends to 60 km from the nearest turbines which includes the Caithness and Sutherland coastlines, and the west mainland of Orkney and Hoy. The Study Area is informed by a zone of theoretical visibility (ZTV). A ZTV is a computer-generated tool that establishes the likely maximum extent of the visibility of a proposed development and enables key visual receptors and exposed viewpoints from which the impact of the development would be assessed to be identified. A ZTV based on preliminary design options has been prepared to inform the SLVIA.

The ZTV illustrates that potential visibility would be along the north coast of Caithness and Sutherland, and the west coast of Hoy, mainland Orkney, Rousay and Westray. It is not continuous visibility along the north coast of the Scottish mainland due to the fissured and rocky cliff character with many sheltered inlets and bays.

Inland in Sutherland, the visibility is very fragmented, largely within approximately 20 km from the coastline and limited to the north facing elevated areas. This includes around Kyle of Tongue and north-west Sutherland. In the east, inland visibility is very limited, to within approximately 10 km from the coast, due to the lower moorland and flows landscape in this area which has very limited visibility with the sea. Inland on the Orkney Isles, potential visibility is illustrated along the moorland hills between Kirkwall in the south and Eise in the north.

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SEASCAPE, LANDSCAPE, AND VISUAL (SLVIA)

A selection of viewpoints has been considered through desk and site survey and agreed with NatureScot, The Highland Council and Orkney Islands Council. These represent a variety of landscape and visual receptors, distances and directions from the Proposed Project. Wireframes and photomontages of the Project from these agreed viewpoints will be produced to accompany the SLVIA.

Early examples of these are shown here from a selection of locations across the Study Area to illustrate the likely appearance of the West of Orkney Windfarm. This is based on an indicative turbine layout and size. The photographic panoramas reflect an indicative worst case layout which is subject to change ahead of consent application.

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WORKING GROUPS AND CONSULTEE MEETINGS

The Project team has established several Working Groups and has an ongoing programme of consultee meetings to discuss particular aspects of the proposed Project. The groups involve local and technical experts with relevant experience and knowledge of the area.

There is also an ongoing programme of meetings with specialist consultees to discuss the scope of the surveys and studies and share early results.

The key objective is to ensure that consultees are aware of all potential impacts and proposed mitigation ahead of application submission and that the application doesn’t include any unexpected information. Topics discussed include, but are not limited to:

- Seascape, landscape and visual impact
- Shipping and navigation
- Ornithology
- Marine mammals and megafauna
- Marine habitats and species
- Archaeology
- Terrestrial ecology

COMERCIAL FISHERIES

Local associations, federations and Independent Fisheries Groups representing local fishermen have been attending the Commercial Fisheries Working Group and liaising with the Project team. Topics discussed have included the cable corridor route, potential options for landfalls and mitigation measures, and the sharing of up-to-date relevant data.

SOCIO-ECONOMIC

The Socio-Economic Working Group was established to ensure that socio-economic activities within the region are represented and considered. The Group works collaboratively to share knowledge, exchange data sources and discuss ways in which the Project’s potential benefits can be maximised.

SPECIALIST CONSULTEE INCLUDES:

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COMMUNITY PANELS

Three Community Panels have been established to bring community leaders and representatives from Orkney, Caithness, and Sutherland together to discuss the proposals. The Panels include 26 Community Councils and 7 Development Trusts representing those areas most likely to be impacted by the Project.

The Panels have been discussing how best to engage with local people and how the Project can benefit local communities. Future discussions are likely to focus on the community benefit fund which will be established to provide financial contribution to local communities once the windfarm is operational.

Recurring themes have emerged during these conversations with particular interest in directing the fund towards initiatives which:
- Support affordable housing initiatives
- Improve the stability of the electricity supply
- Enhance employability through skills development
- Create employment opportunities

SUMMER EVENTS

Following discussions with the Community Panels, the West of Orkney Windfarm Project team attended the following summer events in July and August 2022:

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<th>Community Summer Events</th>
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<td>Dunnet Highland Gathering</td>
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<td>Yurtshay Highland Games</td>
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<td>Orkney Show</td>
<td>13 August</td>
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Over 1,100 people visited the stand where they were able to hear more about the Project, ask questions and provide feedback through our community questionnaire.

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COMMUNITY QUESTIONNAIRE

To date, over 250 questionnaires have been completed. The charts and quotes below illustrate responses to some of the key questions asked. More detailed interviews are planned to explore these issues in greater depth.

IF THE PROJECT GOES AHEAD, WHAT EFFECT, IF ANY, DO YOU THINK IT WILL HAVE ON:

1. Your own quality of life?
2. Community relations?
3. Crime and anti-social behaviour?
4. Demand for local services (e.g. healthcare, schools, parking)?
5. Property values?
6. Wildlife (wetlands, woods, etc.)?
7. Tourism in the area?
8. Jobs and the local economy?
9. Noise?
10. CO2 reductions?
11. The coastal environment?
12. The visual impact of the renewable technology?
13. The visual impact of the project?

"Investment in renewables should simply speed up"  "This is an important and exciting development for Orkney. I hope the positive sustainable development and economic benefits are realised."
"I am most concerned about the impacts on wildlife, terrorism and other marine life."
"Need this to tackle climate change - but would be good if it helped to reduce poverty locally."
"How does it benefit local people?"
"Concern about job creation."
"I support offshore development. I have concerns about environmental issues, but I believe it will directly benefit Orkney residents for the good or bad."
"Do you agree?"

Community Benefit

Community benefit funds (CBF) are a voluntary payment promised by developers to local communities to benefit from commercial developments. The West of Orkney Windfarm is at the early stages of development, and CBF which will likely be available when the windfarm starts generating power in 2020. The CBF will potentially be split into three areas: Cafelands, Shetland and Orkney and early engagement will ensure that the fund is accepted efficiently and fairly amongst the communities. Possible discussions have outlined some potential ideas on what to fund ranging from shorter to longer term initiatives.

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INVESTING IN SCOTLAND

- Targeting 60% UK content with 40% coming from Scotland
- Committing £140m during the initial development phase to develop the supply chain
- Investing in local port and harbour infrastructure
- Creating significant skills and employment opportunities

- Helping Scotland meet net zero targets
- Providing renewable power to generate green hydrogen at proposed Flotta Hydrogen Hub

To register your interest for getting involved in the West of Orkney Windfarm, please use the QR code.

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Appendix 16: Exhibition boards from 1st onshore/offshore PAC event (ROUND 4)
WEST OF ORKNEY WINDFARM

The West of Orkney Windfarm is located around 30km west of Orkney and 25km from the north coast of Scotland. The project is being developed by Corio Generation, TotalEnergies and RIDG, a consortium with deep Scottish roots, a commitment to delivery and a clear vision for the project.

OFFSHORE
- Up to 125 wind turbine generators with a maximum tip height of 370m
- Fixed turbine foundations
- Up to five offshore substation platforms
- Inter-array cables linking the wind turbines and offshore substation platforms
- Up to five export cables to Caithness
- Up to five export cables to Flotta (future separate application)

ONSHERE
- New substation at or near Spittal
- Up to five underground cable circuits from landfall point to substation
- Orkney infrastructure subject to future separate application
- New substation near existing Flotta Oil Terminal/proposed Flotta Hydrogen Hub
- Up to five underground cable circuits to Flotta substation

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ONSHORE PROPOSAL

In November 2020, National Grid confirmed that the West of Orkney Windfarm’s grid connection would be ‘at or near Spittal’. The onshore cables will run from the two potential landfall locations Greeny Geo and/or Crosskirk. The onshore route has been split into three development zones: landfall, onshore cable route, and substation. The figure below indicates which activities will occur within each of the zones.

CABLE DEVELOPMENT ZONE
- Establishment of compounds
- Enabling works
- Horizontal directional drilling/main crossing works
- Cable trenching (including unforeseen crossings)
- Ducts/dutch bank installation
- Joint bay excavation and installation
- Cable installation
- Cable jointing and testing
- Cable trench backfilling
- Reinstatement of joint bay sites
- Removal of compounds and final reinstatement works

LANDFALL DEVELOPMENT ZONES
- Enabling works
- Horizontal directional drilling works
- Transition joint bay construction
- Pull in and jointing of offshore export cables

SUBSTATION DEVELOPMENT ZONE
- Enabling works
- Onshore substation civil works
- Onshore substation mechanical and electrical works
- Onshore substation cold commissioning
- Onshore substation energised and hot commissioning
- Grid connection enabling works
- Grid connection civil works
- Grid connection mechanical and electrical works
- Grid connection commissioning
- Final reinstatement and landscaping works

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CABLE ROUTE REFINEMENT

There are two shallow banks located within the OAA referred to as Stormy Bank and Whiten Head Bank. A combination of water depth, seabed composition and environmental constraints will determine the turbine layout. The Project will have turbines which will be fixed to the seabed.

The onshore cable corridor continues to be refined and has been influenced by the following features:

In February 2023, SSE Renewables commenced consultation about planned investments in the transmission network across the north of Scotland to support the significant growth of renewable energy forecast, particularly onshore and offshore wind. This includes upgrading existing lines, building new overhead lines, subsea cables and a new substation in the Spittal area.

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The offshore surveys were all completed in 2022. To reduce potential impacts that may arise from the Project, mitigations measures will be put in place. The below table outlines some of the proposed mitigations for the offshore impacts.

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<td><em>Marine mammals</em></td>
<td>Noise from pile-driving during construction</td>
<td>Use Marine Mammal Observers (MMO).</td>
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<td><em>Birds</em></td>
<td>Collision with turbine blades</td>
<td>Soft-start piling to reduce potential underwater noise.</td>
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<td><em>Fish</em></td>
<td>Sub-sea cable Electro-Magnetic Field (EMF)</td>
<td>Use larger and more widely spaced turbines to decrease risk of collision.</td>
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<td><em>Shellfish</em></td>
<td>Gear damage from cable snagging</td>
<td>Blade clearance of at least 34.7m above sea level to reduce collision risks.</td>
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<td><em>Commercial fisheries</em></td>
<td>Disruption from construction in Project area</td>
<td>Bury cables to reduce the potential impact of EMI.</td>
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<td><em>Boat users</em></td>
<td>Collision with turbine structures</td>
<td>Bury cables and conduct burial risk assessment.</td>
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<td><em>Commercial fisheries</em></td>
<td>Artificial light pollution</td>
<td>Distribute Notices to Mariners for effective communication of Project works in the area.</td>
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<td><em>Aviation</em></td>
<td>Impact on marine archaeology</td>
<td>Construct in sections to avoid total exclusion.</td>
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<td><em>Military</em></td>
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<td>Allow vessels to transit area after construction.</td>
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<td><em>Commercial fisheries</em></td>
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<td>Results from data collected show that very few vessels pass through the windfarm site.</td>
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<td><em>Boat users</em></td>
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<td>Inform Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) of locations, heights and lighting status of the wind turbines, including dates of construction.</td>
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<td><em>Visual impacts</em></td>
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<td>Avoid excessive lighting/ minimise lighting, where feasible.</td>
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<td><em>Marine archaeology</em></td>
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<td>Locate turbines at least 25m offshore.</td>
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All of the onshore surveys were completed in May 2023. To reduce potential impacts that may arise from the Project, mitigations measures will be put in place. The below table outlines some of the proposed mitigations for the onshore impacts.

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<td>Traffic and access</td>
<td>Damage to roads and road closures</td>
<td>• Implement Traffic Management Plan.</td>
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<td>• Use dedicated haul roads to avoid using main roads.</td>
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<td>• Undertake road repairs as required.</td>
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<td>Geology and Hydrology</td>
<td>Impact on sensitive areas</td>
<td>• Avoid sensitive areas, such as peatland and designated areas.</td>
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<td>Freshwater ecology</td>
<td>Impact on freshwater fish</td>
<td>• Horizontal Directional Drill (HDD) under major river crossings.</td>
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<td>Onshore ecology</td>
<td>Impact on terrestrial ecology</td>
<td>• Avoid sensitive areas and designated sites.</td>
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<td>Visual impact of substation and cables</td>
<td>• Adhere to a Species and Habitat Protection Plan (SHIPP).</td>
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<td>Artificial lighting</td>
<td>• Ensure a qualified Ecological Clerk of Works (ECoW) presence at sensitive locations.</td>
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<td>• Substation will be behind a bund.</td>
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<td>• Screening and planting.</td>
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<td>• Underground cables.</td>
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<td>Landscape and visual</td>
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<td>• Sensor controlled lighting.</td>
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VISUAL IMPACTS

The map above illustrates the zone of theoretical visibility (ZTV) which is a computer-generated tool that establishes the likely maximum extent of the visibility of the proposed windfarm. The map also shows the key viewpoints agreed with NatureScot, Historic Environment Scotland, Orkney Islands Council and The Highland Council. To see the most up-to-date visual information available, please speak to a member of staff.

The visual impact of the onshore substation is also being considered and mitigation measures are proposed to screen the substation using a combination of earth bunds and planting, as illustrated in the map.

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STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

The West of Orkney Windfarm project team continues to undertake extensive consultation with a broad range of stakeholders. This process began during preparation of the ScotWind bid to The Crown Estate Scotland. A summary of specialist meetings and consultation events that have been undertaken since the site was awarded in January 2022 is provided below.

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<td>January 2022</td>
<td>West of Orkney Windfarm site awarded</td>
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<td>March 2022</td>
<td>Virtual public exhibition, including live Q&amp;A sessions</td>
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<td>May 2022</td>
<td>Pre-Application Consultation (PAC)</td>
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<td>June 2022</td>
<td>Technical Working Groups established</td>
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<td>1st round of topic-specific consultee meetings</td>
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<td>1st round of community panels (Orkney, Sutherland, Caithness)</td>
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<td>July 2022</td>
<td>Durness Highland Gathering, Sutherland</td>
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<td>Helmskirk Highland Games, Caithness</td>
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<td>August 2022</td>
<td>Dounby Show, Orkney</td>
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<td>Orkney County Show</td>
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<td>September 2022</td>
<td>2nd round of topic-specific consultee meetings</td>
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<td>November 2022</td>
<td>1st round of public consultation events x7</td>
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<td>January 2023</td>
<td>3rd round of topic-specific consultee meetings</td>
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<td></td>
<td>2nd round of community panels (Orkney, Caithness, Sutherland)</td>
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<td>February 2023</td>
<td>One-to-one socio-economic stakeholder interviews begin</td>
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<td>May 2023</td>
<td>1st round of onshore and offshore PAC events x7</td>
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<td>June 2023</td>
<td>2nd round of onshore PAC events x2</td>
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Over 450 community questionnaires have been returned and respondents’ reactions to the Project by location are presented below:

How would you describe your reaction to the West of Orkney Windfarm?

- I support it
- I oppose it
- I neither support nor oppose it
- Other

- Orkney – 353 respondents
- Caithness – 33 respondents
- Sutherland – 35 respondents
- Other areas – 71 respondents

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COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

The community questionnaire asked respondents about the impact that they felt the West of Orkney Windfarm might have on a range of factors, from the natural environment to their own quality of life. A summary of the output was presented at the project consultation events held in November and is available on the website. More detailed interviews were then held to explore in greater depth the issues raised through the questionnaire and at the events. The final consent applications will be accompanied by a Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) Report which will present the findings of this consultation along with how it has been used to shape the Project.

The table below shows a summary of the key questions asked and our actions in response to date.

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<th>YOU SAID</th>
<th>WE DID</th>
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<tr>
<td>Will you come to Orkney West Mainland?</td>
<td>Pre-Application Consultation event in Sandwich Hall.</td>
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<td>Will you come to the Strathy/Melvich area?</td>
<td>Pre-Application Consultation event in Strathy Hall.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Will you undertake STEM projects?</td>
<td>£800k funding of UHI STEM outreach programme.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Can you share more detail on the outcome of the Environmental Impact Assessment?</td>
<td>Details added to online display materials and at subsequent consultation events. The full EIA Report will be published alongside our submitted consent applications.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Can you have events at times when working has to be less intense?</td>
<td>Events scheduled across days and evenings plus all materials replicated online, dedicated phone lines, email address and freepost address for those who can’t attend.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>How are you ensuring that public are informed at all the various stages of the project?</td>
<td>Regular consultation events, leaflet drops, online updates, public notices, and ongoing engagement with Community Panels, local business forums and education providers.</td>
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<tr>
<td>What are you going to do about the impact on roads in Caithness?</td>
<td>Our Traffic Management Plan includes plans for dedicated haul roads, delivering material by sea where possible, and post-construction reinstatement and repair programmes.</td>
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<tr>
<td>What will the benefit be to local communities?</td>
<td>Creation of jobs and other training and supply chain opportunities. The Project is committed to a Community Benefit Fund to support communities in Caithness, Sutherland and Orkney for the duration of the Project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Will there be local jobs?</td>
<td>Once built, the windfarm will require around 140 full-time, well-paid jobs for approximately 35 years.</td>
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<td>Can you reduce my energy bills?</td>
<td>Offshore wind projects will reduce our reliance on fossil fuels and, ultimately, energy bills as the cost of producing electricity from offshore wind is significantly lower than producing it from gas. Communities will also be able to direct their Community Benefit Fund expenditure to reduce local energy bills, should they choose to.</td>
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<td>What are you doing to protect birds?</td>
<td>Comprehensive assessment of potential impacts. Use leger and more widely spaced turbines to decrease the risk of birds colliding with blades. Blade clearance of at least 24m above sea level to reduce collision risks.</td>
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<tr>
<td>What are you doing to protect sea life?</td>
<td>Comprehensive assessment of potential impacts. Use Marine Mammal Observers (MIMO) during construction. Soft-start piling to reduce potential underwater noise.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Will there be any overhead lines?</td>
<td>No, the Project will be connected to a new sub-station at or near Stroma using underground cabling.</td>
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<tr>
<td>What about our dark skies?</td>
<td>Avoid unnecessary lighting offshore and onshore. Use sensor-controlled lighting at sub-station to minimise times lights are on.</td>
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COMMUNITY BENEFIT

Community benefit funds (CBF) are voluntary schemes created by developers to help local communities to benefit from commercial developments. The West of Orkney Windfarm is developing a CBF which will be available when the windfarm starts generating power in 2029. The CBF will be shared across communities in Caithness, Sutherland, and Orkney. Engagement with local communities will ensure that the fund is managed effectively and fairly. Discussions to date suggest a broad range of priorities from short-term to longer term strategic goals, as outlined below:

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<td>SHORT TERM</td>
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<td>Supporting existing local initiatives, e.g. through sponsorship</td>
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<td>Local business grants</td>
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<td>Support for energy bills</td>
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<td>Sustaining the fund after the windfarm</td>
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In the meantime, the West of Orkney Windfarm has been involved in sponsoring some community events, such as supporting students from Kirkwall Grammar School to attend a Discover Engineering course and Orkney Athletics and Running Club for equipment in preparation for the Island Games 2025.

The West of Orkney Windfarm are keen to hear your views! If you have any further suggestions on how the CBF can benefit your community, please scan the QR code and complete the online form.

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- Committing £900,000 along with other developers to expand the University of the Highlands and Islands (UHI) schools Science Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) outreach engagement programme.
- Exclusive EMEC innovation partnership around next generation technologies.
- Multi-million-pound contracts awarded to local companies.
- Agreement to create an operations and maintenance base at Scrabster Harbour, which will create ~140 full-time jobs for 35 years.
- Working with Orkney Islands Council to develop Scapa Deep Water Quay.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING NEXT?

May 2023
First round of onshore and offshore Pre-Application (P&I) events.

June 2023
Second round PAC events.

If you wish to respond directly to West of Orkney Windfarm, please write to Offshore Wind Power Limited by Friday 30th June 2023.
- Email: info@westoforkney.com
- Postal address: Fergusport, FCHANG
- Phone: 01798 820 111

Summer 2023
Offshore consent application to be submitted to Scottish Ministers.

Autumn 2023
Onshore consent application to be submitted to The Highland Council.

2027
Onshore construction in Caithness is due to start.
Offshore construction to commence.

2029
First power generated.
Community Benefit Fund available when power generation begins.

Representations to relevant planning authority
Once the consent applications have been submitted, any representations should be made in writing to the Scottish Ministers for offshore elements and The Highland Council for onshore elements. Further details will be provided by the regulatory authorities, as appropriate.

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Appendix 17: Adverts for summer shows (ROUND 2)
West of Orkney Windfarm
Proud sponsor of the Dounby Show

We would love to hear your thoughts on the proposed West of Orkney offshore windfarm. To learn more about the project and tell us what you think, please come and visit us on our stand at the Show.

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FREE KIDS' COMPETITION at the Show

West of Orkney Windfarm
Proud sponsor of the Durness Highland Gathering

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FREE KIDS' COMPETITION at the Gathering

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FREE KIDS' COMPETITION at the Show

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FREE KIDS' COMPETITION at the Games
Appendix 18: Advert for autumn events (ROUND 3)
West of Orkney Windfarm

Marine (Scotland) Act 2010
Marine Licensing (Pre-Application Consultation) (Scotland) Regulations 2013

Offshore Wind Power Ltd (company number SC605260 with registered office at Clava House, Cradiehall Business Park, Inverness, United Kingdom, IV2 5GH) intends to submit marine licence applications to construct an offshore windfarm and associated transmission infrastructure for the West of Orkney Windfarm. The proposed windfarm will have the potential to generate around 2GW of renewable energy and is located around 30km west of Orkney and 25km from the north coast of Scotland. The key offshore components of the Project are:

- Up to 125 wind turbine generators and fixed turbine foundations
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- Up to five export cables to Caithness

The plan below identifies the location of the proposed West of Orkney Windfarm and associated transmission infrastructure:

Offshore Wind Power Limited is holding a series of pre-application public consultation (PAC) events which will provide an opportunity for stakeholders, including local residents, to hear more about the Project and make comments on the proposals. Members of the Project team will be available to answer questions. The details of the events are as follows:

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<td>Pickaquoy Centre, Kirkwall, KW15 1LR</td>
<td>3pm - 7.30pm</td>
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<td>Mon 28 Nov</td>
<td>Spittal Village Hall, Spittal, Caithness, KW10 1XG</td>
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<td>Bettyhill Village Hall, Bettyhill, Thurso, KW14 7SS</td>
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In addition to the above, Offshore Wind Power Limited will be submitting subsequent applications for Section 36 consent and onshore planning permission for the infrastructure required to connect the windfarm to the National Grid at or near the existing Spittal substation in Caithness. Marine licence, planning permission and Section 36 consent applications will also be required to connect the windfarm to the proposed Peterhead Hydrogen Hub (please see map above). Notification of these applications will be advertised separately and will be subject to additional pre-application consultation at a later date, in line with the relevant legislation and guidance.

As marine licence applications have not yet been submitted, written comments should be made to Offshore Wind Power Limited by 10 January 2023. Please note that comments made to Offshore Wind Power Limited are not representations to Scottish Ministers. Representations to Marine Scotland can be made when formal marine licence applications are made. To make comments or request further information, please contact:

Email: info@westoforkney.com
Postal address: Freepost FCHANGE
Phone: 01771 820 111

Further information can also be obtained by visiting the project website:

https://www.westoforkney.com/
Appendix 19: Leaflets for events
INVITATION TO ATTEND

PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION EVENTS
West of Orkney Windfarm

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We've already attended a number of local events including the Durness Gathering, the Halkirk Games, the Dounby Show and the Orkney County Show. It was great to meet so many local residents and visitors alike and to hear your views on the project.

We have now analysed the feedback we have received to date and would like to share with you an overview of that analysis. We would also like to provide you with a Project update and some more detailed insights into a number of the environmental assessments we have been undertaking.

We’d like to encourage as many people as possible to attend one of our local pre-application consultation events, where you will get a chance to meet the development team, ask questions and offer feedback.

The dates and venues of the community consultation events are as follows:

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We have also developed a short community questionnaire as another way for you to express your opinion about the project. Every person who completes a questionnaire will have the opportunity to enter into a monthly prize draw to win a £50 voucher. (Contact details provided for the prize draw will only be retained for that purpose and will be deleted thereafter.)

In addition, we have developed a virtual public exhibition which remains open and can be visited via our website. The questionnaire can also be accessed via our website or by using the QR code below.

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Please note

As marine licence/ planning consent applications have not yet been submitted, written comments submitted on this questionnaire will be received by West of Orkney Windfarm only.

Representations to Marine Scotland and the local planning authorities can be made when formal marine licence/ planning applications are made.

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PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION EVENTS

(REVISED DATES ENCLOSED)
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You may have received a leaflet advising of future consultation events commencing in March 2023. We have decided to delay these events for a few weeks and extend the date by which comments should be submitted. The planned pre-application consultation events will now take place in May 2023 on the dates and in the venues detailed below:

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Please note

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PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION EVENTS
ONSHORE INFRASTRUCTURE
JUNE 2023
West of Orkney Windfarm

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We will now be hosting further onshore-specific PAC events in June 2023 to discuss the onshore infrastructure related to the Project, including the associated substation and onshore cable route.

We’d like to encourage as many people as possible to attend one of our local Pre-Application Consultation events, where you will get a chance to meet the development team, ask questions and offer feedback on our proposals.

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We have also developed a short community questionnaire, which is focused on the proposed onshore infrastructure of the Project as another way for you to provide feedback. This can be accessed by scanning the QR code or visiting the website.
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West of Orkney Windfarm
Appendix 20: Community questionnaire – whole project
Community Questionnaire

We are keen to receive your feedback which we will use to inform the development of the West of Orkney Windfarm. This short questionnaire is one of the ways in which you are able to express your opinion about the project. We would also welcome your feedback on our consultation and any suggestions you may have for future engagement activities.

This is an anonymous survey and the results will be summarised.

Please note: as consent applications have not yet been submitted, written comments submitted on this form will be received by West of Orkney Windfarm only. Representations to Marine Scotland and the local Planning Authorities can be made when formal applications are made.

Your views… (Please □ one box only)

Q1  In general, what is your attitude towards climate change?
□ I think it’s something we need to take action on now □ I don’t believe that climate change is an issue of concern
□ I don’t have a view on climate change

Q2  In general, what is your attitude towards offshore wind projects?
□ I support them □ I oppose them □ I don’t have a view on offshore wind projects

Q3  How would you describe your knowledge of the West of Orkney Windfarm development?
□ I am very well informed □ I know a lot □ I know a little □ I know very little □ I know nothing at all

The proposed West of Orkney Windfarm…

Q4  If the West of Orkney Windfarm goes ahead what effect, if any, do you think it will have on:

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Q5  How would you describe your reaction to the West of Orkney Windfarm? (Please □ one box only)
□ I support it □ I neither support nor oppose it □ I oppose it

Please turn over
Q6 Do you have any specific COMMENTS or QUESTIONS about the proposed West of Orkney Windfarm and its onshore infrastructure?

Your experience of our engagement...

It is important that we take into account the views of local people when developing this windfarm proposal and we would value your input on how best to engage with local communities.

Q7 Please indicate to what extent you agree or disagree with the following statements:

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Q8 Do you have further comments about how we engage with the local community?

About you...

So that we are able to ensure that we include the views of people from across the community, please tell us a bit about yourself. (This information will only be used for reporting purposes to indicate the reach of this engagement and will not be used to identify you.)

Q9 Which local authority area do you currently live in?

☐ Orkney Islands Council  ☐ The Highland Council (Caithness area)  ☐ The Highland Council (Sutherland area)

☐ Other

(please specify) ........................................................................................................................................

Q10 What is your postcode?

Q11 How old are you?

☐ Under 16yrs  ☐ 16-29yrs  ☐ 30-44yrs  ☐ 45-59yrs  ☐ 60-74yrs  ☐ 75yrs & over

Project updates...

Q12 In future, how would you like us to keep you updated on the progress of the Project?

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Q13 To receive Project updates, please provide an email or postal address:

Name: ____________________________  Email: ____________________________

Address: ____________________________

Thank you for completing this questionnaire

All the information that you have provided will be processed in accordance with your rights under the Data Protection Act and the General Data Protection Regulations in line with our privacy policy which can be accessed here: https://www.westoforkney.com/privacy-policy. By providing us with your contact details, you are giving us your consent to use your data to keep you updated on the West of Orkney Windfarm only. We will not use your data for any other purpose without first seeking further consent from you.
Appendix 21: Community questionnaire – onshore only
We are keen to receive your feedback which we will use to inform the development of the ONSHORE elements of the West of Orkney Windfarm. This short questionnaire is one of the ways in which you are able to express your opinion about the project. We would also welcome your feedback on our consultation.

This is an anonymous survey and the results will be summarised. Contact details provided for the purposes of receiving Project updates will only be retained for that purpose and will be deleted thereafter.

Please note: as a planning application has not yet been submitted, written comments submitted on this form will be received by West of Orkney Windfarm only. Representations to The Highland Council, as the local planning authority, can be made when a formal application is made.

Your views…

Q1 Do you have any comments to make on the proposed ONSHORE elements for the West of Orkney Windfarm?

Q2 Do you have any suggestions for ‘screening’ the onshore substation?

Q3 In general, what is your reaction to the proposed ONSHORE elements for the West of Orkney Windfarm?

☐ I support it ☐ I neither support nor oppose it ☐ I oppose it
Your experience of our engagement…

It is important that we take into account the views of local people when developing these proposals and we would value your input on how best to engage with local communities.

Q4 Please indicate to what extent you agree or disagree with the following statements:

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Q5 Do you have further comments about how we engage with the local community?

About you…

So that we are able to ensure that we include the views of people from across the community, please tell us a bit about yourself. (This information will only be used for reporting purposes to indicate the reach of this engagement and will not be used to identify you.)

Q6 Which local authority area do you currently live in?

☐ The Highland Council (Caithness area)
☐ The Highland Council (Sutherland area)
☐ Other (please specify)

☐ Under 16yrs
☐ 16-29yrs
☐ 30-44yrs
☐ 45-59yrs
☐ 60-74yrs
☐ 75yrs & over

Project updates…

Q9 In future, how would you like us to keep you updated on the progress of the Project?

☐ Email
☐ Post/leaflet through the door
☐ Website/virtual exhibition
☐ Face-to-face events
☐ Press/media coverage
☐ Social media
☐ I do NOT want updated

Q10 To receive Project updates, please provide an email or postal address:

Name: __________________________
Email: ________________________
Address: ______________________

Thank you for completing this questionnaire

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