

# An Càrr Dubh Wind Farm

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## Pre-Application Consultation Report



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# Chapter 1

## Introduction

### Introduction

**1.1** This Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) Report (hereafter referred to as 'PAC Report') has been prepared by Car Duibh Farm Ltd (hereafter referred to as 'the Applicant') to accompany a Section 36 application under the Electricity Act 1989 for consent to construct and operate An Càrr Dubh Wind Farm (hereafter referred to as 'the Proposed Development').

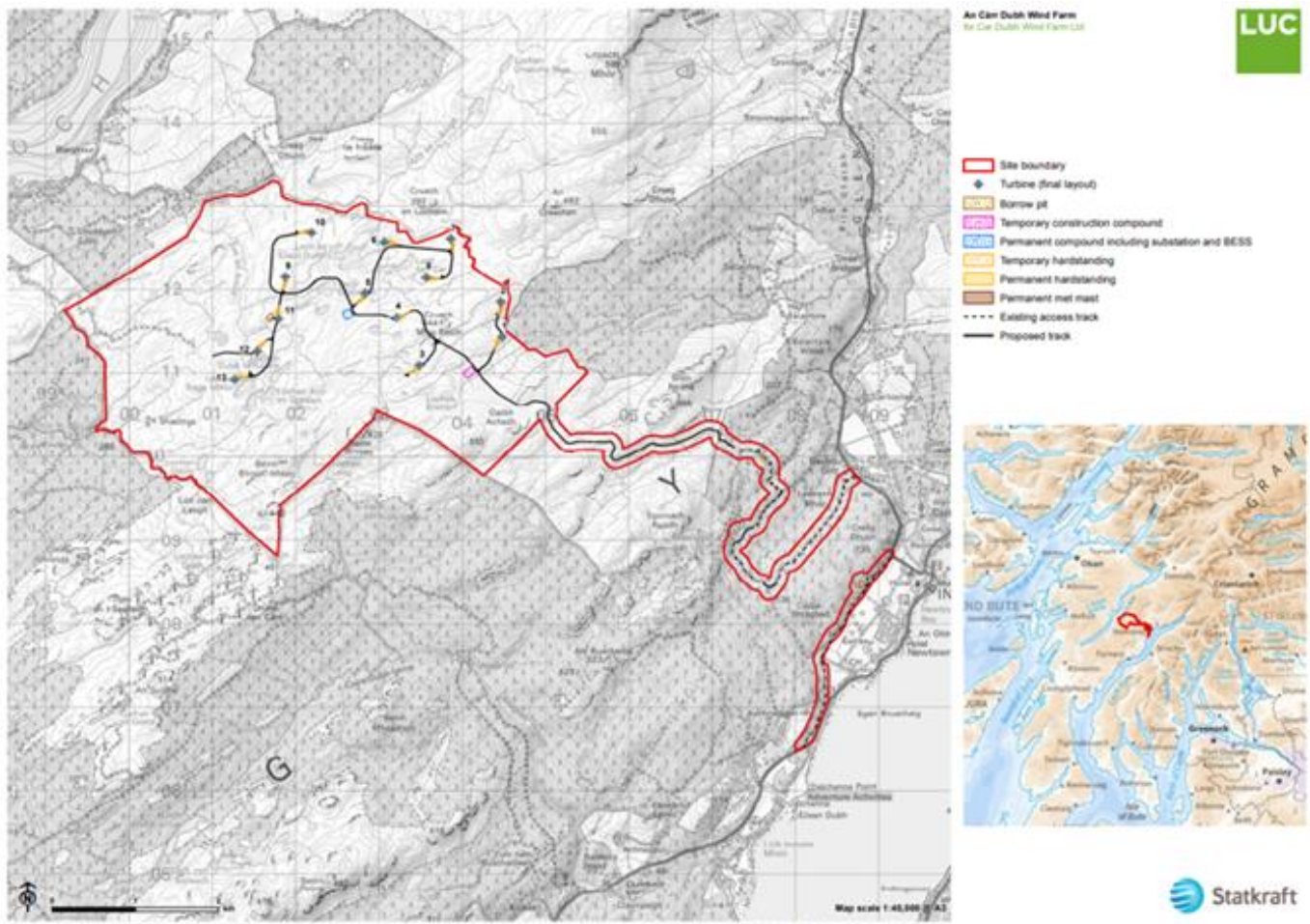
**1.2** This PAC Report outlines the pre-application consultation activity conducted by the Applicant. It details the activities undertaken during the pre-application consultation phase using the framework for community engagement, as outlined in the Scottish Government's Planning Advice Note 3/2010: Community Engagement (PAN 3/2010). It is not a requirement to carry out Community Engagement for Section 36 applications but recognised and undertaken as best practice by the Applicant.

**1.3** This PAC Report analyses the gathered engagement responses and details the response of the Applicant to feedback received.

### The Proposed Development

**1.4** The Proposed Development is located wholly in the Argyll and Bute administrative area. Turbine 1 (T1) of the Proposed Development is the closest to Inveraray, located approximately 6km to the north-west, and T13 is the closest to Dalavich, approximately 4.5km to the east. The site is centred on British National Grid NN 04004 10793. The location of the site is shown in **Figure 1** below.

Figure 1.1: Site location



**1.5** The Proposed Development will comprise up to 13 turbines, with a maximum tip height of up to 180m. The generation capacity of the Proposed Development will be in excess of 50MW, with the exact capacity dependent on the turbine installed should it be consented and installed capacity of energy storage facility.

**1.6** The main components of the development proposal include:

- Up to 13 wind turbines (including internal transformers), each with a maximum tip height of 180m. The currently considered candidate turbine has a rated capacity of 6.6MW;
- Foundations supporting each wind turbine;
- Associated crane hardstandings and adjacent laydown areas at each turbine location;
- A network of onsite access tracks of approximately 23.1km (of which 6.6km will be upgraded existing track and 16.5km will be new track);
- 105 watercourse crossings and associated infrastructure, i.e. culverts (31 upgraded existing crossing and 74 new crossings);
- A network of underground cables and cable trenches to connect the turbines to the onsite substation;
- A permanent meteorological mast of up to 102.5m in height, and associated track;
- Vehicle turning heads;

- Onsite passing places (location and size to be determined by the turbine supplier);
- Site signage;
- A permanent compound containing the control building, substation and 20MW energy storage facility; and
- An Outline Restoration and Enhancement Plan (OREP) for peat, biodiversity, landscape and forestry.

**1.7** In addition to the above components of the operational Proposed Development, construction of the Proposed Development will also require the following components:

- One temporary construction compound;
- A concrete batching area (location to be confirmed however this is likely to be in the new borrow pit, or construction compound, as identified by the Contractor and agreed in the CEMP);
- The creation of one temporary borrow pit for the extraction of stone, and the reopening/use of two existing borrow pits;
- Junction widening and upgrades at the A83 and the A819, and an upgraded access off the A83 into site; and
- Felling of approximately 3.77 hectares (ha) of forestry to facilitate access during construction.

**1.8** Two blade transfer areas will also be required to facilitate construction of the Proposed Development; however, these do not form part of the application for consent.

**1.9** Further information about the Proposed Development is provided in the EIA Report Volume 1, Chapter 4: Project Description.

## The Applicant

**1.10** The Applicant is Car Duibh Wind Farm Ltd (a wholly owned subsidiary of Statkraft UK Ltd). Statkraft is a leading company in hydropower internationally and is Europe's largest generator of renewable energy. The Group produces hydropower, wind power, solar power, gas-fired power and supplies district heating. Statkraft is a global company in energy market operations and has 5,300 employees in 21 countries.

**1.11** Statkraft is at the heart of the UK's energy transition. Since 2006, Statkraft has gone from strength to strength in the UK, building experience across wind, solar, hydro, storage, grid stability, EV charging, Green hydrogen and a thriving markets business. Statkraft has invested over £1.3 billion in the UK's renewable energy infrastructure and facilitated over 4GW of new-build renewable energy generation through Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs). In the UK Statkraft employs over 300 staff in England, Scotland, and Wales and plays a key role in helping the global business reach its goal of 9GW of developed wind and solar power by 2025.

**1.12** Across Scotland, Statkraft owns or operates five onshore wind farms and has a further two wind farms consented. Statkraft is also at the forefront of innovative Greener Grid Parks, with operational projects in Keith and Liverpool, which facilitate more green energy onto the grid, offering grid stability services.

**1.13** The Applicant is committed to setting up a Community Benefit Fund for the Proposed Development. Statkraft has distributed over £3.5 million to date to projects and initiatives located near to their operating wind farms across the UK. Example initiatives include education, energy efficiency, facilities for community halls, and playground equipment.

**1.14** In accordance with Scottish Government Good Practice Principles for Community Benefits from Onshore Renewable Energy Developments the Proposed Development, if consented, will contribute £5,000 per MW of installed capacity per annum to a Community Benefit Fund. Based on an installed capacity of up to 85.8MW capacity, this could result in a value of up to £429,000 per annum. With a 40 year operational consent, this could provide over £17.1 million in community benefit. If consented, the value of the Community Benefit Fund will be determined by the installed capacity of the turbines at the Proposed Development.

**1.15** In addition to establishing a Community Benefit Fund for the Proposed Development the Applicant is committed to offering Shared Ownership and, should there be interest within the community, is keen to progress these discussions.

**1.16** The Applicant recognises the importance of the economic benefits to Scotland and the rest of the UK from investing in onshore wind generation. It is expected that the Proposed Development would further economic opportunities within the region and would contribute significant income to support local services through business rates.

**1.17** It is estimated that during the construction phase, the Proposed Development will be worth £1.91 million (GVA) within Argyll and Bute and the additional indirect and induced effects i.e. spend on hotels and local shops is estimated at £4.03 million (see Chapter 13 of the EIA Report).

**1.18** More detail on the socio-economic benefits of the Proposed Development can be found in Chapter 13: Socio-Economics, Tourism and Recreation of the EIA Report.

## Report Structure

**1.19** This report comprises the following sections:

- Chapter 1: Introduction
- Chapter 2: Public Consultation Approach
- Chapter 3: Engagement at Scoping
- Chapter 4: First Public Exhibition and Consultation Period
- Chapter 5: Second Public Exhibition and Consultation Period
- Chapter 6: Conclusions



# Chapter 2

## Public Consultation Approach

### Public Consultation Guidance, Legislation and Approach

**2.1** Consent for the Proposed Development is being sought via a Section 36 application under the Electricity Act 1989 which does not carry a statutory requirement for Pre-Application Consultation (PAC).

**2.2** The Applicant, as noted in the introduction, recognises the benefits of carrying out early consultation during the planning process and considers producing a PAC report as best practice. The Scottish Government’s Planning Advice Note (PAN) 3/2010 – Community Engagement, has been used as a framework and guide for carrying out the PAC engagement activity for the Proposed Development. The guidelines have provided a useful framework to help plan, monitor and evaluate community engagement as detailed in **Table 2.1** below. A timetable summary of the engagement carried out to date can be found at **Appendix A**.

**2.3** Both exhibitions and most of the consultation activity was carried out ahead of the Energy Consents Unit Good Practice Guidance for Applications under Section 36 and 37 of the Electricity Act 1989 issued in February 2022 and updated in July 2022.

**2.4** Much of the consultation activity for the Proposed Development was also carried out during Covid-19 restrictions. In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Scottish Government provided development planning and engagement regulations through The Town and Country Planning (Emergency Period and Extended Period) Regulations 2021, which remained in force until 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022. The document provided advice on consultation during the period and stated that engagement should focus on digital means and the consultation engagement should involve the provision of information in a user-friendly format on a free, publicly accessible website. In addition, engagement was required to be enhanced by non-digital communication, including, for example, placing articles in newspapers circulated locally, expanding contact with community councils, or posting letters to households. Information was required to be provided as to the way people could obtain copies of the engagement materials offline, as well as the ability for them to submit comments by post.

**2.5** With the easing of lockdown restrictions in Summer 2021 it was possible to hold physical exhibition events and the Applicant hosted three local events in November 2021. Further details are provided below.

**2.6** Engagement activities for the Proposed Development have concentrated on community councils hosting or bordering the site. All properties and business surrounding the Proposed Development were mailed to seek residents’ views on the Proposed Development (see **Appendix B**). Before finalising the area of engagement this was discussed this with the Case Officer at Argyll and Bute Council and no amendments to the consultation area were requested.

**2.7** During the pre-application stage of the Proposed Development, the Applicant’s aim has been to provide the local community and those with an interest in the proposal with a clear opportunity to comment and provide feedback prior to the submission of the S36 application.

**2.8** This report sets out the background and details of the pre-application engagement and public exhibition activity carried out by the Applicant in the preparation of the Section 36 application, and how feedback received has resulted in modifications to the Proposed Development.

**Table 2.1: Overview of community engagement - Consultation stages**

Standard	PAN 3/2010 Standard	Activities Undertaken
1	Involvement: Identify and involve the people and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The host and neighbouring community councils as well as local politicians were identified and contacted with information about the</li> </ul>

Standard	PAN 3/2010 Standard	Activities Undertaken
	organisations who have an interest in the focus of the engagement.	<p>Proposed Development at the time of Scoping, when the project first entered the public domain on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ An offer was made to community councils to host virtual meetings or a special meeting on the Proposed Development; one community council engaged regarding attending the next community council meeting scheduled for July which members of the Proposed Development project team attended.</li> <li>■ A dedicated An Càrr Dubh Wind Farm website with contact details was established when the Scoping report was published on the Energy Consents Unit portal 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021.</li> <li>■ Online Exhibitions held 14<sup>th</sup> June – 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021 and 1<sup>st</sup> November – 21<sup>st</sup> November 21.</li> <li>■ With Covid-19 restrictions eased the second exhibition period was complemented with physical exhibitions held 9<sup>th</sup> November (Ford), 10<sup>th</sup> November (Dalavich) and 11<sup>th</sup> November (Inveraray).</li> <li>■ Invites and feedback forms were sent to 1,480 (first exhibition mailing) and 1,495 (second exhibition mailing) residents and businesses surrounding the Proposed Development at the start of the both exhibition periods. The additional addresses can be accounted for updated mailing lists and following feedback from a local resident.</li> </ul>
2	Support: Identify and overcome any barriers to involvement.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The public was able to communicate with the Proposed Development team via the project website, email, letter, telephone, or in person.</li> <li>■ Accessible online exhibitions and physical public exhibitions were held in three accessible locations delivered in line with Covid-19 advice.</li> <li>■ The exhibitions were advertised in the Oban Times and the Argyllshire Advertiser. Adverts were provided to community councils, Councillors and other key stakeholders to post online.</li> <li>■ Invitations were sent to nearly 1,500 households and businesses surrounding the Proposed Development, during both exhibition periods. The invitations included information on the forthcoming consultation and how to get involved, details on the Proposed Development and a freepost feedback reply card.</li> <li>■ Statkraft was a sponsor and attended the Inveraray Games in July 2022. A banner was produced for the games providing the website address for the project. Local stakeholders were made aware of Statkraft attendance at the event providing a more informal occasion for community members to engage.</li> </ul>
3	Planning: Gather evidence of need and resources to agree purpose, scope and actions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The commitment to undertaking meaningful consultation with the local community was set out.</li> <li>■ The Scoping Report (Section 2.3), set out that consultation would adhere to Planning Advice Note (PAN) 3/2010.</li> <li>■ Contact was made with community councils and other key stakeholders outlining the proposed approach and requesting feedback to ensure the Applicant reached extended to as many people as possible.</li> </ul>
4	Methods: Agree and use methods of engagement that are fit for purpose.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Information was presented on the Proposed Developments website, accessible to interested parties.</li> <li>■ Commitment to engagement was outlined in communications, issued to community councils, including commitment to attend community council meetings.</li> </ul>

Standard	PAN 3/2010 Standard	Activities Undertaken
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Two exhibitions were held, providing residents and interested groups an opportunity to meet and interact with the Proposed Development team, allowing discussion and feedback. In line with prevailing Covid-19 advice, the first exhibition was online and the second exhibition online and in person.</li> <li>■ Following Covid-19 restrictions easing, three physical exhibitions were held in the local area during the second exhibition period (November 2021).</li> <li>■ Online chat sessions were held during both exhibition periods.</li> </ul>
5	Working Together: Agree and use clear procedures that enable participants to work together effectively and efficiently.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ PAC process enabled the Applicant to listen and take into account comments from interested parties and use responses to influence design.</li> <li>■ Encouraged use of virtual meetings, feedback forms and contact details provided at public exhibitions to receive input.</li> <li>■ Project contact information was provided on all public documentation, including a dedicated website.</li> <li>■ Physical exhibitions were held for the second round of exhibitions.</li> <li>■ Offered to meet with community councils in person and online.</li> </ul>
6	Sharing Information: Ensure necessary information is communicated between the participants.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Interaction at online and physical exhibition and follow up with any questions and provided further information.</li> <li>■ Exhibition brochure made available online.</li> <li>■ Follow up with queries after community council presentations or attendance of members at exhibitions.</li> <li>■ Provided a Consultation Report for community councils and the public following feedback from community engagement events.</li> <li>■ Provided update on design changes in November 2022 and advised that further information sessions will be held once the application is submitted, as well as offering to attend community council meetings.</li> </ul>
7	Working with Others: Work effectively with others with an interest.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Interaction and comment from residents and community councils – followed up recommendations such as amending the project name to accurately reflect the location and Gaelic grammar.</li> <li>■ Highlighted that potentially some properties in Dalavich may have been missed off the mailing list. Worked with mailing house to ensure all properties appeared on the list for the second exhibition. (Resulted in 15 additional properties being added to the list).</li> <li>■ Feedback provided at the consultation sessions has been considered as the site has been developed.</li> </ul>
8	Improvement: Develop the skills, knowledge and confidence of the participants.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Experienced team – Project Manager and EIA team members attended the public consultation events to provide information requested by visitors to the exhibitions.</li> <li>■ Provided visitors at the exhibitions the opportunity to view a representation of the Proposed Development from different viewpoint locations.</li> <li>■ During the physical exhibition visitors had the opportunity to view a ‘fly through’ representation of the Proposed Development from key viewpoints.</li> </ul>

Standard	PAN 3/2010 Standard	Activities Undertaken
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Project Manager presented at an online Community Council meeting.</li> </ul>
9	Feedback: Feedback results to the wider community and agencies affected.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ A summary of exhibitions provided to stakeholders such as community councils and local politicians via email update.</li> <li>■ Responses direct to every feedback form (if GDPR allowed) received during the public consultations.</li> <li>■ Dialogue with individuals with specific queries, posed before or during the consultation process, with responses to queries followed up.</li> <li>■ Provided a Frequently Asked Questions one page document of the key questions asked during each consultation period. Provided Consultation Reports for Community Councils and the public (published on website) following feedback from each exhibition and consultation period.</li> <li>■ Consultation Reports sent to stakeholders are also published on the project specific website.</li> </ul>
10	Monitoring and Evaluation: Monitor and evaluate whether engagement achieves its purpose and meets the national standards for community engagement.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Followed best practice as set out in PAC Report.</li> </ul>

## Chapter 3

# Engagement at Scoping

**3.1** A Scoping Report (ECU00003254) was submitted to the Scottish Ministers on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2021 and went live on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

**3.2** A Scoping Opinion was requested as per Regulation 12 of the Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017, as amended ('the EIA regulations').

**3.3** When the Scoping Report went live on the Energy Consents Unit (ECU) website on (11<sup>th</sup> May 2021) Statutory and Non-Statutory consultees were then consulted as part of the formal scoping process. A summary of the responses to the Scoping Report, and a note of how the comments received have been addressed, is set out in Appendix 2.1 of the EIA Report.

**3.4** The Applicant's approach has been to provide information and consult with local residents and community representatives at an early stage of the process and provide a line of communication throughout the consultation process. This PAC report outlines the engagement with community councils and wider community.

### Community Councils

**3.5** The Applicant wrote to community councils on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021 when the Scoping Report was published on the ECU portal. The Applicant wrote to:

- Inveraray (host community council);
- Glenorchy and Innishail (host community council);
- Avich and Kilchrenan;
- Dunadd;
- Furnace; and
- Strachur.

**3.6** The purpose of the letter was to directly introduce the Applicant and the Proposed Development to the community councils and offer a virtual meeting with the Development Team, or to attend a future virtual community council meeting.

**3.7** A short presentation with maps of the site and the redline boundary were included with the introduction letter. The letter and presentation can be found in **Appendix C**.

**3.8** Dunadd Community Council requested a presentation and the Applicant provided an online presentation and answered questions on the Proposed Development on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

### Elected Representatives

**3.9** The local MSP's and Ward Councillors for Oban North and Lorn, the host Ward and neighbouring Ward members of Mid-Argyll, were written to on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021 to inform them of the plans. The Applicant also provided a short presentation with the introduction letter with maps of the Proposed Development and the redline boundary and offered a virtual meeting to introduce the plans – **Appendix C**.

### Website

**3.10** The Proposed Development website ([www.ancarrdubh.co.uk](http://www.ancarrdubh.co.uk)) was set up and went live at the same time as the Scoping Request was published on the ECU website and sent to consultees, this was earlier than usual in the project development process, due to the Project Team being unable to meet local residents and community representatives in person.

**3.11** The website provided easy access to all information relating to the Proposed Development and provided a way for the project team to be contacted while it was not possible for them to be physically present in the community due to Covid-19 (see **Appendix D** for example of website content). The platform used for the Applicant's websites changed in September 2022 and offered a new look for the project material, an example of the new website is also contained within **Appendix D**.

**3.12** The Proposed Development website included an FAQ section, project maps, a timeline of the Proposed Development, short video introductions of some of the team members and their contact details.

**3.13** Further information about community engagement at Public Exhibitions is presented below.

# Chapter 4

## First Public Exhibition and Consultation Period

### Background

**4.1** The Public Exhibitions for the Proposed Development were held in line with the prevailing Covid-19 advice and restrictions present within the wider community.

**4.2** This meant the first public exhibition for the Proposed Development was an Online Exhibition held between 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021 and 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021.

**4.3** A dedicated consultation website set up for this purpose and could be accessed at [www.carduibh.co.uk](http://www.carduibh.co.uk) (the project name was updated on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021 to An Càrr Dubh and website domain [www.ancarrdubh.co.uk](http://www.ancarrdubh.co.uk) following feedback from the community. All existing project website domain names directed interested parties to the project website).

**4.4** This chapter sets out the pre exhibition activity, details of the exhibition, post exhibition community engagement activity and the key responses.

### Pre-Exhibition Activity

**4.5** To maximise the number of local residents that knew about the development and were therefore able to engage in the planning process, should they choose to do so, the event was publicised in the following ways outlined below.

#### Community Council Invite and Notification Letter to Online Public Exhibition

**4.6** An email was issued to host and neighbouring community councils to highlight the consultation and invite them to take part. The event advert was attached to provide them an opportunity to publicise the event on social media (see **Appendix E** for a copy of the email and advert).

**4.7** Several community councils also publicised the consultation via their Facebook page, helping to inform local residents about the Proposed Development (see **Appendix F**).

#### Elected Representatives

**4.8** The local MSP and Ward Councillors for Oban North and Lorn, the host Ward and neighbouring Ward members of Mid-Argyll were written to with details of the event and, if they wished, invited to promote them on their social media channels (see **Appendix G**).

#### Newspaper Adverts

**4.9** The public notice (see **Appendix H**) was published in the Oban Times newspaper on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2021 and in the Argyllshire Advertiser on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021, at the start of the live consultation. This notice provided the website address, the freephone project hotline number and a freepost address so that readers could find out more or contact the Applicant if they had any comments relating to the Proposed Development.

#### Online Exhibition Invitation to Households and Businesses

**4.10** In advance of the Online Exhibition, invitations (see **Appendix I**) were distributed to 1,480 homes and businesses surrounding the Proposed Development (see **Appendix B** for the invitation distribution area). The invitation provided information about the project and detailed how to take part in the online consultation including the online chat sessions.

### Online and Offline Feedback Forms

**4.11** The invitation to the online exhibition provided residents of the 1,480 homes and businesses the opportunity to provide feedback on the Proposed Development (see **Appendix J**). The 'hard copy' of the feedback card was accompanied by a freepost envelope. For respondents who preferred to provide their thoughts via the consultation website, an online form was available on the consultation website. Feedback regarding the first exhibition was accepted until 30<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

### Verbal Communication

**4.12** A project hotline continues to be available for residents to speak to a member of the Project Team. During the exhibition period, the option to request a call back was also provided.

### Details of the Exhibition: Digital First Approach

**4.13** A separate website was set up to host the first Online Exhibition (see **Appendix K**), which could be accessed at any time over the three-week exhibition period via a link from the Proposed Development website. The Online Exhibition sought to replicate the type of information and materials available at a physical exhibition, see **Appendix L** for the brochure that was available online. The Online Exhibition included:

- An exhibition Brochure including information usually found at an in-person village hall exhibition, covering:
  - Information on the Developer;
  - An overview of the Proposed Development, including layout;
  - An overview of the EIA process; and
  - Community Benefit, construction opportunities and Shared Ownership Information.
- A Pre-recorded video introducing the Proposed Development and some of the Project Team as well as an extended video presenting the development.
- An extensive FAQ section on the Proposed Development.
- Live Q&A sessions – giving residents the opportunity to have live interactive chat with the Project Team – these took place at the following times, ensuring time slots in the afternoon and evening to provide members of the public with the best opportunity to attend:
  - 23<sup>rd</sup> June: 11am-1 pm and 5pm-7pm;
  - 28<sup>th</sup> June: 11am-1 pm and 5pm-7pm; and
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> July: 11am-1pm.
- A 'ring back' service to allow members of the public to have a dedicated chat with the Project Team at a date/time suitable to them.
- An opportunity to leave comments through online feedback forms.

**4.14** The aim of the Public Exhibition was to provide an opportunity for the community to view the Proposed Development and provide valuable feedback.

### Engagement After First Public Exhibition and Consultation Period

#### Letters/Emails to Feedback Card Respondents

**4.15** All individuals who left comments and asked questions via the feedback forms (online or offline) have been responded to directly (where GDPR has allowed) (see **Appendix L** for specific examples of responses to feedback forms).

**4.16** Included with each letter was a response to the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) that were raised during the response within the feedback cards. A copy of the FAQs can be found in **Appendix M**.



**4.17** For individuals who ticked the box not to be contacted in their feedback form, the Applicant has included general responses on their website.

### Community Councils

**4.18** Community councils were kept updated on the Proposed Development and a summary of the consultation feedback was provided. A copy of the consultation feedback report can be found in **Appendix N**.

### Consultation Feedback Report

**4.19** The Applicant received 122 website visits on the separate and dedicated website set up to host the Online Exhibition and five online forms were completed between 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021 and 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021. The Applicant also received 54 feedback forms. In total, there were 65 interactions, including call backs, online forms, feedback forms and emails.

**4.20** The online and postal feedback form contained several questions and a summary of the answers can be found below:

- Of those who provided a response to the question, 93% agreed that the country needs to generate more electricity from renewable sources. 59% of respondents believe that onshore wind is a good way to achieve this.
- Of respondents who answered the question, 'Do you think this is a good location for a wind farm?', over half agreed (53%), 37% thought no and 10% were unsure.

**4.21** Topics and questions raised through the first exhibition were considered ahead of the second exhibition event and have also been addressed in the EIA Report for the Proposed Development.

**4.22** A copy of the Feedback Report of the first exhibition event was sent to the Community Councils and elected representatives in October 2021. A copy of the full report can be found in **Appendix O**.

## Response to First Public Exhibition and Consultation Comments

### Key Issues Raised During the First Public Exhibition and Consultation

**4.23** Members of the local community were provided with several opportunities to engage with the project and to provide feedback, online or offline.

**4.24** A summary of comments can be found below, negative comments focused on the potential cumulative impact of the Proposed Development and potential landscape and visual impacts. Other respondents had questions about the environmental impact of the wind farm, wildlife and peat. Supportive comments focused on the project being a renewable energy proposal.

- Examples of negative comments include:
  - “This is one of three wind farms proposals for this small area of Scotland... I think this community is doing more than its fair share of contribution to Scotland’s renewable energy production.”
  - “My only concern is the impact on wildlife, especially birds.”
  - “... Any disruption to wetlands and/or peat deposits is strictly against Scottish Government policy...”
- Examples of supportive comments include:
  - “Everyone should be thinking about the environment so happy to see what develops here.”
  - “I am very much in favour of green energy and I think it is the only way forward. Scotland is ideally suited for renewables and the Gulf Stream is a bonus.”
  - “Hope you are successful.”

**4.25** **Table 4.1** below outlines the comments received and the Applicant’s response to the main queries and issues raised during the First Consultation period.

Table 4.1: Comments and responses issued after the first exhibition

Topic	Comment Received	Applicant's Response
Cumulative/Landscape and Visual	Several respondents raised concerns about the potential cumulative impact of the Proposed Development in the area.	<p>Argyll and Bute's Supplementary Guidance for Spatial Framework for Onshore Wind Energy (2016) indicates that the location of the proposed Car Duibh Wind Farm is in a Group 2 Area as defined by Scottish Planning Policy (SPP) (2014). This means that wind farms may be appropriate in these areas in some circumstances and which would be acceptable so long as any significant effects could be overcome by siting, design or other mitigation. As part of our work towards the Section 36 application, we have undertaken substantial analysis into the landscape and visual considerations of the development. We continue to within this policy, aim to find the right balance between maximising electricity output while carefully siting and designing the proposal to relate to the existing landscape, including other wind developments. N.B. SPP and Group 2 areas contained within have now been superseded following the introduction of National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4) and the Local Development Plan (LDP2) expected to be adopted in Spring 2023, the former supports renewable development within the area and the later considers the area appropriate for renewable developments.</p> <p>The Scottish Government has a target to achieve net zero by 2045. Onshore wind is expected to play a role in achieving this aim. Analysis shows that the area suitable for onshore wind development in Scotland is limited due to a range of factors. To find out more about what makes a site suitable for onshore wind, you are invited to watch this webinar 'Location, Location – the challenges to siting onshore wind farms in Scotland' where Statkraft's Head of Development explores the challenges faced in finding the best sites to maximise Scotland's excellent natural wind resources. Please visit this link to view.</p>
Wind turbines are bad for the environment [construction, peat disturbance, wildlife, use more carbon than they save]	Residents highlighted concerns of wind turbines being bad for the environment, peat disturbance, wildlife and use more carbon than they save.	<p>All wind farm applications are required to report their "carbon payback period" in the EIA Report. This uses a Scottish Government calculator which includes all emissions from the manufacture of the turbines, including any peat disturbance, as well as construction and decommissioning. This is usually in the range of 1-2 years, and part of the work undertaken during the development phase is to get that number as low as possible. It is worth noting that following completion of the EIA Report the payback period for the Proposed Development has been calculated as 0.7 years (approximately 8 months).</p> <p>We commission experienced technical consultants to undertake detailed environmental surveys of the peatland habitat, ecology and ornithology, amongst many others. This information is used to inform the proposed layout of the project and the Applicant works closely with these consultants to minimise impacts. The Applicant is committed to implementing management plans prior to, and throughout, the construction phase to minimise any damage or disturbance. In addition, a detailed habitat management plan (now referred to as an Outline Restoration and Enhancement Plan (OREP) for peat, biodiversity, landscape and forestry) will be implemented for the lifetime of the Proposed Development which will aim to bring long term benefits to local wildlife. Statkraft is committed to improving habitat across its projects and was a finalist in two prestigious industry awards for work in Moray where a commitment was made to maximising habitat improvements of an area of bog habitat, which was devastated by a wild fire, to deliver a biodiversity gain.</p>

Topic	Comment Received	Applicant's Response
<p>Wind turbines should be offshore or other renewable technologies should be considered.</p> <p>I don't like the look of onshore wind farms.</p>	<p>Several respondents mentioned other renewable technologies i.e. offshore turbines or that they didn't like the look of onshore wind farms.</p>	<p>Scotland needs a mix of all types of renewable energy generation. New-build onshore wind is presently the most cost-effective way to generate new electricity, out of all forms of electricity.</p> <p>Whilst it is appreciated that not all people like the look of wind turbines, they are very much part of the answer to increasing carbon-free electricity generation and decreasing the need for fossil fuels. The UK Government has surveyed attitudes towards different types of electricity generation since 2012 and the results consistently show around 75% support for onshore wind (BEIS Attitudes Tracker).</p> <p>Viewpoints have been selected within the area to provide suitable illustrations of how the proposed Wind Farm will look should it be consented and built. The viewpoints agreed with Argyll and Bute Council and NatureScot will be available to view at our next consultation event later this year and when we submit our application in 2022.</p>
<p>Local Benefits/ Community Benefit</p>	<p>Comments regarding benefits to the local area and concerns that developments do not bring local jobs.</p>	<p>There are several ways that Statkraft Projects can bring local benefits to the area, and Statkraft is open to discussing how this can be tailored to each areas local needs and priorities. Statkraft is committed to delivering a community benefit fund with all new wind farms at £5,000 per MW installed per year, as per Scottish Government best practice guidance. Statkraft is also happy to explore the opportunity of shared ownership of the Proposed Development with the community, should there be interest from the local community.</p> <p>A broadband feasibility study will also be undertaken in the local area. Statkraft require a reliable broadband service to operate the wind turbines and with this in mind commissioned a feasibility study to explore the potential for improving local infrastructure as the Proposed Development is connected. Where the study indicates that there is the opportunity to improve internet connection the community could decide to explore this further.</p> <p>Community benefit is not a material part of the planning process and this is made clear in all discussions with community or other representatives held to date.</p>

**4.26** As outlined in the Applicant's Consultation Summary Report, which was shared with the Community Councils and uploaded to the project website, these issues were considered and, where possible, addressed ahead of the second exhibition event.

### Period Between the First and Second Exhibition – Name Change

**4.27** In the period between the first and second exhibition the name for the Proposed Development was changed from Car Duibh Wind Farm to An Càrr Dubh Wind Farm.

**4.28** The change in name was in response to local feedback and further advice so that the name would both be grammatically correct in Gaelic and more accurately reflect the wind farm location.

**4.29** To ensure that access to the website was still available, all existing spellings of the wind farm web addresses have been retained and direct web users to the current project website.

## Chapter 5

# Second Public Exhibition and Consultation Period

### Introduction

**5.1** Topics and questions raised through the first exhibition were considered ahead of the second exhibition event.

**5.2** A number of changes were made to the design of the wind farm between the first and second exhibition which included:

- Reducing the tip heights of all turbines from up to 200m to up to 180m to reduce their prominence within the landscape;
- The number of turbines on the scheme reduced from 26 to 21 turbines;
- Some turbines removed due to ornithological constraints;
- Turbines relocated to avoid priority peatland where possible; and
- Site infrastructure designed to minimise construction footprint and use of onsite resources such as borrow pits to minimise impacts on local roads during construction.

**5.3** The details of these changes were addressed through the exhibition materials and have also been addressed in the EIA Report for the Proposed Development.

**5.4** As the Covid-19 restrictions eased the second Public Exhibition was held virtually and in-person.

**5.5** The second exhibition was held from 1<sup>st</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> November 2021. The online element of the event was available over the full exhibition period and could be accessed via [www.ancarrdubh.co.uk](http://www.ancarrdubh.co.uk). The in-person events took place on 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021 in Ford, Dalavich and Inveraray respectively. Further detail is provided below.

**5.6** This enabled the Applicant to meet the community in person and hosting in-person exhibitions give residents different opportunities to engage on the proposals.

**5.7** To ensure the physical exhibition could be held safely, the Applicant carried out risk assessments in advance of the exhibition events. The measures taken at the physical exhibitions included:

- An appointment-based system to ensure the number of attendees in the hall/venue stayed within capacity;
- Track and Trace in operation, with contact details of all attendees registered by the Applicant;
- Members of the Applicant team taking Lateral Flow Tests in advance of the exhibitions;
- Face mask covering in operation and hand sanitiser available to attendees;
- A one-way system in place in venues where possible; and
- Spacing out of information material.

**5.8** The online element of the second exhibition was held via a dedicated consultation website set up for this purpose and could be accessed at [www.ancarrdubh.co.uk](http://www.ancarrdubh.co.uk) (the project name and website domain was updated on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2021 following feedback from the community. All existing project website domain names directed interested parties to the project website).

**5.9** The physical and online events were publicised in various ways as detailed below. The aim was to maximise the number of local residents that knew about the development and to give them ample opportunity to engage in the consultation process.

## Pre-Exhibition Activity

### Community Council Invite and Notification Letter to Online Public Exhibition

**5.10** An email was issued to the host and neighbouring community councils prior to the consultation to highlight the consultation and invite them to take part. Several follow up emails were also issued which included the consultation invite (see **Appendix P**).

**5.11** Some community councils also publicised the consultation via their Facebook page, helping to inform local residents about the Proposed Development (see **Appendix Q**).

### Elected Representatives

**5.12** The local MP, MSP and Ward Councillors for Oban North and Lorn, the host Ward and neighbouring Ward members of Mid-Argyll were written to with details of the event and, if they wished, to promote them on their social media channels (see **Appendix R**).

### Newspaper Adverts

**5.13** The public notice (see **Appendix S**) was published in the Oban Times newspaper on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2021 and in the Oban Times on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021, at the start of the live consultation and details of the events. This notice also provided details of the online exhibition and how to book an appointment at the physical exhibition events.

### Online Exhibition Invitation to Households and Businesses

**5.14** In advance of the Exhibition, invitations (see **Appendix T**) were distributed to 1,395 homes and businesses surrounding the Proposed Development (see **Appendix B** for the invitation distribution area). Following feedback from a local community member the mailing list increased by several households, as not all of the previously Forestry Commission Homes are captured on the Royal Mail list, the Scottish Assessors Valuation role was used to cross reference. The invitation provided details of how to take part in the online consultation.

### Online and Offline Feedback Forms

**5.15** The offline invitation included a feedback card and was accompanied by a freepost envelope. For respondents who preferred to provide their thoughts via the consultation website, the online form was also provided during the consultation period.

**5.16** Copies of the feedback form were also made available at the drop in sessions over the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021 (see **Appendix U**).

**5.17** Feedback from the second exhibition was accepted until 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

### Verbal Communication

**5.18** A project hotline continues to be available for residents to speak to a member of the Project Team. During the exhibition period, the option to request a call back was also provided.

## Details of the Physical Exhibition

**5.19** Full details of the location and timings of the Physical Exhibitions are:

- Ford Village Hill, Ford – 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021, 2pm-7pm;
- Dalavich Community Centre, Dalavich – 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021, 2pm-7pm; and
- Loch Fyne Hotel, Inveraray – 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021, 2pm-7pm.

**5.20** The aim of the public exhibitions was to provide an opportunity for members of the community and stakeholders to view the latest plans for the Proposed Development. The timings and venues of the public exhibitions were also intended to provide members of the public with the best opportunity to attend.

**5.21** On display were a number of information boards (see **Appendix V**) covering:

- Information about the developer;
- An overview of the Proposed Development, including layout, transport route and how the Proposed Development has taken on board comments from the first exhibition event;
- Zone of Theoretical Visibility (ZTV) of the Proposed Development;
- Community Benefit, Construction opportunities and Shared Ownership Information;
- Printed information booklets for members of the public to take away; and
- A screen was also set up to run a presentation of several agreed viewpoints for the project.

**5.22** The Applicant provided a fly-through visualisation of the site at the exhibition which enabled attendees to view a more immersive representation of the Proposed Development.

**5.23** Feedback forms were available at the event for members of the public to fill out or take away with a freepost envelope.

**5.24** Ford had 5 visitors, Dalavich 10 visitors and Inveraray had 17 visitors attending the exhibition, a total of 32 visitors over the 3 days. The majority of attendees had booked an appointment in advance. Several members of the public attended on the day without an appointment – they provided track and trace details and the venues were not at capacity so they were able to attend the exhibition (see **Appendix V** for photos of the physical exhibitions).

**5.25** Representatives of Avich & Kilchrenan Community Council, Glenorchy and Innishail Community Council and Inveraray Community Council attended the exhibition events.

### Online Exhibition: 1<sup>st</sup> November – 21<sup>st</sup> November 2021

**5.26** A separate consultation website was set up to host the second Online Exhibition (see **Appendix W**), which could be accessed anytime over the three week period, via a link from the Proposed Development website.

**5.27** The Online Exhibition sought to replicate the type of information and materials available at a physical exhibition. A copy of the second exhibition booklet can be found in **Appendix X**.

**5.28** The Online Exhibition included:

- An exhibition Brochure including information you would usually find at an in-person village hall exhibition, covering:
  - Information on the developer;
  - An overview of the EIA process;
  - An overview of the Proposed Development, including layout and further details about the transport route;
  - Specific information about how the Proposed Development had been progressed since the first exhibition; and
  - Community Benefit, construction opportunities and Shared Ownership information.
- A separate predicted views brochure (see **Appendix Y**) was available on the website which provided visualisations of the Proposed Development from several viewpoints. At the time of the second exhibition the locations of viewpoints had still to be formally agreed.
- An extensive FAQ section on the Proposed Development.
- Live Q&A session – giving residents the opportunity to have live interactive chat with the Project Team – this took place on:
  - 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021 – 12pm-2pm.
- A ‘ring back’ service to allow members of the public to have a dedicated chat with our team at a date/time suitable to them.
- An opportunity to leave comments through online feedback forms.
- The aim of the public exhibition was to provide an opportunity for the community to view the Proposed Development and provide valuable feedback on the project.

## Engagement After Second Public Exhibition and Consultation Period

### Letters/Emails to Feedback Card Respondents

**5.29** All individuals who left comments and asked questions via the feedback forms (online or offline) have been responded to directly (where GDPR has allowed). For individuals who ticked the box not to be contacted in their feedback form, the Applicant has included general responses on the project website (**Appendix Z** provides examples of responses to these communications).

**5.30** Included with each letter was a response to the FAQs that were raised during the response within the feedback cards. A copy of the FAQs can be found in **Appendix AA**.

### Community Councils

**5.31** Community councils were kept updated on the Proposed Development and a summary of the consultation feedback was provided.

### Feedback Report

**5.32** The Applicant received 273 website visits on the separate and dedicated website set up to host the Online Exhibition between 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021 and 21<sup>st</sup> November 2021. The Applicant received 64 feedback forms. In total, there were 125 interactions, including 32 attendees to the events, call backs, online forms, feedback forms and emails (not including correspondence regarding confirmation of attending the exhibition events).

**5.33** The results of the returned freepost feedback forms are provided below:

- Of those who provided a response to the question, 86% agreed that the country needs to generate more electricity from renewable sources. 61% agreed that onshore wind power is a good way to help achieve this, with 25% not agreeing and 13% unsure (2% did not provide a response).
- Of respondents who answered the question, 'Do you think this is a good location for a wind farm?', over half agreed – 53%, 34% thought no and 13% were unsure.

**5.34** A copy of the Consultation Report of the second exhibition event was sent to the Community Councils and elected representatives in February 2022. A copy of the full report can be found in **Appendix BB**.

## Response to Second Public Exhibition and Consultation Comments

### Key Issues Raised During the Second Public Exhibition and Consultation

**5.35** A summary of comments can be found below and, similar to feedback from the first exhibition, negative comments focused on the potential cumulative impact and the landscape and visual impact of the Proposed Development whilst supportive comments focused on the project being a renewable energy proposal.

**5.36 Table 5.1** below outlines the comments received and the Applicant's response to the main queries and issues raised during the second consultation period.

- Examples of negative comments include:
  - “Too many wind power sites in this area already, why not elsewhere. I prefer offshore windfarm projects”.
  - “I am not against wind farms but in some cases they are causing problems to local people and wildlife, also views and noise they bring”.
- Examples of supportive comments include:
  - “This country needs more wind farms it does not matter where they are located”.
  - “Good luck! Would be interested to know more about Statkraft Company. Are you investing more in wave and other renewable energy projects?”

Table 5.1: Comments and responses to stakeholders following the second exhibition

Topic	Comment Received	Applicant's Response
Cumulative/ Landscape/ and Visual	Several respondents raised concerns about too many wind farms in the area and the number, height and potential cumulative impact of the Proposed Development in the area, particularly the 5 turbines to the north west of the site, the most prominent turbines to Dalavich and consider removing turbine 19 which is fully visible from Strachur.	<p>Since the project was introduced (May 2021) both the proposed number and maximum height of the turbines has reduced; from 26 to 21 turbines (as presented at this exhibition) and the maximum height from 200m to 180m to tip height. The changes were made following further studies and taking into account stakeholder and community feedback.</p> <p>A layout comprising of 21 turbines with tip heights to 180m was presented during this exhibition. Several attendees fed back whether the 5 turbines to the north-west of the site (the most prominent turbines to Dalavich) could be removed. It was also suggested that turbine 19 also be removed as this would be fully visible from Strachur. It is expected that the proposal submitted to planning will have fewer turbines. Following feedback at the exhibition, we are considering further design iterations for the site and will review which turbines may be removed while still achieving a design that reflects the topography, how the Proposed Development fits with surrounding wind farm projects (approved or in planning), seeks to minimise visual impact while also maximising the output of zero carbon energy.</p> <p>As part of our work towards the S36 application, we are continuing to undertake substantial analysis of the landscape and visual considerations of the Proposed Development. Viewpoints and Wirelines will be produced for the proposal submitted to provide the local community the opportunity to understand what the Proposed Development may look like should it be consented and constructed.</p> <p>November 2022</p> <p>Post Exhibition Update to Communities and Stakeholders</p> <p>The Applicant has worked hard to take into account comments from the exhibitions, and findings of onsite studies and now have a final layout, which will be for up to 13 turbines up to 180m to tip height. We intended to submit this proposal to the Energy Consents unit in late 2022/early 2023.</p> <p>In particular, the final layout has taken into account comments regarding turbines visual impacts, particularly from Dalavich on the west side of Loch Awe and from the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park, as well as a prominent turbine within views from Strachur.</p> <p>A revised layout of the site and wirelines from the view locations provided at the public exhibition were provided to Community Councils and Elected Representatives in November 2022.</p> <p>Summary</p> <p>Turbine 19 removed, a further 7 turbines removed. In addition, the five turbines to the north-west of the site have been repositioned as above, to minimise visual impact and to take account of site conditions.</p>
Wind farms are bad for the environment i.e. Wildlife	Some residents mentioned that wind farms are bad for the environment.	<p>The Applicant consults with NatureScot on the scope of the surveys and have commissioned experienced technical consultants to undertake detailed environmental surveys of the habitat, ecology and ornithology, amongst others across the site. This information is used to inform the proposed layout of the Proposed Development and extensive work has been undertaken to minimise impacts as work towards finalising the design which will be submitted as part of the Section 36 application. The Applicant is committed to implementing construction and environmental management plans prior to, and throughout, the construction phase to minimise any damage or disturbance. In addition, a detailed HMP Plan (now referred to as an OREP for peat, biodiversity, landscape and forestry) will be implemented for the lifetime of the project which will aim to bring long term benefits to local wildlife and flora.</p>



Topic	Comment Received	Applicant's Response
Wind farms are bad for the environment	Several comments raised re wildlife and peat.	<p>The proposed wind farm design iterations have been fully informed by a range of on-site studies including, ornithological, hydrological and peat studies. The design sought to maximise the use of any existing infrastructure within the site boundary and minimise the footprint of any new infrastructure required, and has used a section of existing track for access.</p> <p>The Applicant is committed to implementing construction and environmental management plans prior to, and throughout, the construction phase to minimise any damage or disturbance. In addition, a detailed habitat management plan (now referred to as an OREP) will be implemented for the lifetime of the Proposed Development as noted above which will aim to bring long term benefits to local wildlife and flora.</p> <p>All wind farm applications are required to report their 'carbon payback period' in the EIA. This uses a Scottish Government calculator, the payback period is usually in the range of 1-2 years, as part of the work we do during the development phase is to get that number as low as possible. N.B. This is usually in the range of 1-2 years, however the payback period for the Proposed Development has been calculated as 0.7 years (approximately 8 months).</p> <p>November 22 update</p> <p>The Proposed Development aims to provide a meaningful contribution to meeting Scottish Government installed capacity for onshore wind of a further 8-12GW by 2030, and to help meet Scottish Government net zero targets by 2045 whilst taking account environmental and technical constraints, particularly in relation to ornithological interests, habitats, hydrology and ground conditions including peat.</p>
Local Benefits/ Community Benefit	Comments regarding benefits to the local area.	<p>There are several ways the Applicants Proposed Development can bring benefits to the local area. Statkraft follows Scottish Government best practice guidance for community benefit funds. This means that all new wind farms will benefit from a Community Benefit Fund of £5,000 per MW of installed capacity per year and in the first instance engagement is undertaken with the host and surrounding Community Councils* when discussions regarding the fund commence. Other than confirming the value of the fund available, £5,000 per MW of installed capacity, no decisions have been made regarding the community benefit fund. The Applicant is not prescriptive about how the funds are set up or administered, and is open to discussing how the fund can be tailored to meet the local areas needs and priorities within the local community. It is important to note the provision, or otherwise, of a community benefit fund is not material to a wind farm planning decision i.e. whether a project gains consent.</p> <p>Separate to the Community Benefit Fund, the Applicant is happy to explore the opportunity of shared ownership with the community for the proposed development. 30% of respondents were interested and 28% unsure about shared ownership. The Applicant will set up a meeting with Community Councils and Local Energy Scotland to provide more information on what shared ownership could look like. The project website will be kept up to date in relation to this element.</p> <p>A broadband feasibility study has been carried out and is being finalised. Statkraft require a reliable broadband service to operate the wind turbines and with this in mind commissioned a feasibility study to explore the potential for improving local infrastructure as the Proposed Development is connected. Where the study indicates that there is the opportunity to improve internet connection the community could decide to explore this further.</p> <p>*Community Councils of: Inveraray, Avich and Kilchrenan, Dunadd, Furnace, Glenorchy and Innishall and Strachur</p>

**5.37** As outlined in the Applicant's Consultation Summary Report, which was shared with the Community Councils and uploaded to the project website, these issues were considered and, where possible, addressed ahead of the submission of the final application into planning.

## Community Engagement Post February 2022

**5.38** Following the second Exhibition period the following engagement was undertaken with key stakeholders.

### July 2022: Attendance, at the Inveraray Highland Games

**5.39** Attendance at the Games was an opportunity for Community Council Members and other key stakeholders to meet with us more informally regarding the project.

**5.40** The Proposed Development was a sponsor of the games which provided the opportunity to place two banners within the Games field. The aim of the banners was to raise awareness of the project and included the website address to find out more details (see **Appendix CC** for communication and banner).

### November 2022: Project Update – Proposed Development to be Submitted to Energy Consents Unit

**5.41** In November 2022 an email update outlining details of the Proposed Development to be submitted to the Energy Consents Unit in late 2022/early 2023 was provided to Community Councils and Elected Representatives. The email included a Plan of the Proposed Development and wirelines of the Proposed Development from the viewpoints provided at the Public Exhibitions (see **Appendix DD**).

**5.42** The key update on the design set out that the Proposed Development would consist of up to 13 turbines up to 180m to tip height reduced from 21 turbines from the November 21 exhibition. Other amendments to the design and the reasons for these such as, community feedback, further studies and maximise wind resource were also provided. Further details have been provided in **Table 5.1** above under November 22 update.

**5.43** An offer to meet with the Community Councils and Elected Representatives to discuss the proposed design was provided, as well as informing them that the Applicant is proposing to host information sessions following submission of the Proposed Development in late 2022 and early 2023.

### March 2023: Community Engagement

**5.44** The Applicant began correspondence with Members of Inveraray British Legion to outline how the design of the proposed section of the access that passes the Memorial to Wren Gertrude Canning had been amended to be set back from the Memorial. The Applicant met with Members at the location, providing an outline of the project and answered any questions raised. The Applicant will keep the Members updated on the Proposed Developments progress.

**5.45** The Applicant presented a project update at the Inveraray Community Council Meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023. Providing more detail on the project being submitted to planning as set out in the November 2022 email.

# Chapter 6

## Conclusions

### Key Outcomes

**6.1** Feedback from consultations at the scoping stage and during the exhibitions have helped inform the iterative design process of the Proposed Development, as outlined in EIA Report Volume 1, Chapter 3.

**6.2** The feedback, in tandem with the COVID-19 restrictions easing, also informed the engagement approaches, and the Applicant hosted in-person drop-in sessions within the local community during November 2021.

**6.3** The Applicant provided an update to Community Councils in November 2022 and will host information days with the community following submission of the application to answer any questions and inform residents how they can make their representations.

### Summary

**6.4** The design of the Proposed Development has progressed during the pre-planning process, including in response to the PAC process. The changes arising from this process include:

- Reducing the tip height of all the proposed developments turbines from 200m to 180m to tip height. The reduction in tip heights to reduce prominence in landscape and in keeping with neighbouring Blairghour Wind Farm Proposals.
- Reducing the number of turbines from 26 to 13 over the development period as knowledge of the site increased, to avoid priority peatland, ornithological constraints, oversailing issues and to improve the composition of the site from key viewpoints i.e. removing the prominent turbine from Struchar.
- Amending the location of the five north-westerly turbines following feedback and further on-site studies including peat, hydrology and ornithology.

### Community Engagement Following S36 Application Submission

**6.5** The Applicant is committed to continuing engagement with the surrounding communities and residents throughout the S36 process.

**6.6** Copies of this EIA Report and further information may be obtained by contacting An Càrr Dubh Wind Farm Ltd on 0800 772 0668 or by emailing [uk-post@statkraft.com](mailto:uk-post@statkraft.com). A hard copy of the EIA Report is available at cost of printing and postage, USB's of the EIA Report are also available free of charge from The Applicant. Hard copies of the Non-Technical Summary (NTS) are available free of charge.

**6.7** The EIA Report will be available for viewing online on the Scottish Government ECU portal, Argyll and Bute Council planning portal and on the application website: <http://www.ancarrdubh.co.uk/>.

**6.8** A printed copy of the EIA Report and supporting documents is available for public inspection at Argyll and Bute's Lochgilphead Customer Service Point, which is located at 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, PA31 8RD, and on the project website.

**6.9** The Applicant would like to put on record their thanks to the community councils, community groups and residents for their input and time in the planning process to date.

# Appendix A

## Consultation Timeline

**Table A.1: Consultation timeline**

Date	Activity
11/05/2021	Scoping report for Car Duibh Wind Farm (later renamed An Càrr Dubh) published on Energy Consents Unit website.
11/05/2021	Wrote to Community Councils of Avich and Kilchrenan (c/o Argyll and Bute Council), Dunadd, Inveraray, Glenorchy and Innishall, Furnace and Strachur following publication of the Scoping Report on the Energy Consents Unit (ECU) website, including an overview presentation and offering an opportunity to discuss the project (in-line with Covid-19 restrictions).
11/05/2021	Wrote to Elected Representatives including Local Councillors, and MSP's following publication of the Scoping Report on the ECU Website, including an overview presentation and offering an opportunity to meet (in-line with Covid-19 restrictions).
11-12/05/2021	Several emails from those contacted above to say received email, good to see community being engaged and welcomes in person face to face meetings if possible, email been forwarded to Avich and Kilchrenan Community.
20/05/2021	Telephone call to Freephone Number from Secretary of Dunadd Community Council. Project Manager called back providing update on project, offer to present at the next Community Council Meeting (July). Contact details provided to get in touch at any time.
24-25/05/2021	Meetings held with several Landowners of the project to present the proposed Community Engagement activity. To understand if should contact anyone else etc. any local publications etc. we can use to ensure details of project reach as many local people.
10/06/2021	Email to Community Councils providing information about the first exhibition for Car Dubh Wind Farm, to be held online exhibition 14 <sup>th</sup> June – 2 <sup>nd</sup> July, details of mailing, and online chat times. Requested to put on social media channels. Confirmation that email sent on to Avich and Kilchrenan Community.
10/06/2021	Email to Elected Representatives include Local Councillors, MSP's and MP's providing information about the first exhibition for Car Dubh Wind Farm.
10/06/2021	Public Notice for the Exhibition published in The Oban Times.
11/06/2021	Public Notice for the Exhibition published in The Argyllshire Advertiser.
11/06/2021	Invite Mailing sent to 1,480 homes and businesses surrounding the site to land ahead of the virtual exhibition going live. Map of mailing area please see <b>Appendix B</b> .
14/06/2021	Online virtual exhibition goes live online and can be accessed via <a href="http://www.carrdubh.co.uk">www.carrdubh.co.uk</a> .
23/06/2021	Online exhibition – Live chat session 1 – 11am-1pm.
23/06/2021	Online exhibition – Live chat session 2 – 5pm-7pm.
28/06/2021	Online exhibition – Live chat session 3 – 11am-1pm.

Date	Activity
28/06/2021	Online exhibition – Live chat session 4 – 5pm-7pm.
28/06/2021	Call with local resident regarding development, several questions including clarifying any potential impact hydro scheme within their property. Follow up call with Project Manager and email addressing points on 05/07/2021.
28/06/2021	Email from Local resident not able to attend virtual exhibition chat but would like kept up to date on project. Responded advising keep up to date and offer a different call time if more convenient.
01/07/2021	Email from ACT Trust re: interested in more details on the community benefit and shared ownership elements of the project.
02/07/2021	Online virtual exhibition closes.
07/07/2021 – 28/07/2021	Email to Dunadd Community Council to advise we can attend next Community Council meeting on 27 <sup>th</sup> July. Followed several emails re meeting details to be held via zoom, sending presentation ahead of attending meeting. Met with CC on 27 <sup>th</sup> July, follow up on Minutes and a thank you for giving Statkraft and opportunity to present at the Dunadd Community Council Meeting.
28/07/2021 – 12/10/2021	New Contact at Strachur Community Council got in touch to advise of new contact details. Raised a query about the name of Car Duibh Wind Farm. Not grammatically correct in Gaelic. A number of emails followed and practicalities of changing the name of the proposed development was investigated. Following these investigations the proposed development was renamed to be grammatically correct and more in keeping with the location of the Wind Farm. An Càrr Dubh Wind Farm.
30/07/2021	Last day feedback forms, online and offline, to be submitted. Feedback forms received after this period will also be responded too.
13/09/2021	Email from local resident who did not receive the first mailing and best to use the Electoral Role to ensure everyone is included. Followed up with mailing house and cross reference of the electoral role added a handful of properties to the list and included in next mailing.
14-15/09/2021	Email's or letters to respondents to offline response card or online survey. 45 emails/Letters in total.
15/10/2021	Update email to Community Councils and Elected Representatives regarding Project; details around name change, consultation report from 1 <sup>st</sup> exhibition and details of second exhibition.
28/10/2021	Email to Community Councils, elected representatives regarding Second exhibition including a copy of the press advert to place on social media if they are able.
05/11/2021	Email to ACT to arrange a time to meet at Drop in Sessions.
05/11/2021	Email to community councils to advise don't need to have an appointment to drop in to public exhibitions (manage covid restrictions).
08/12/2021 – 06/01/2022	Initial emails to a number of attendees at exhibition regarding their feedback.
03/02/2022	Emails and Letters sent to respondents from freepost reply cards by email or post.
09/02/2022	Emails sent to Community Councils and Elected representatives with the Consultation Report from 2 <sup>nd</sup> exhibition attached and offered call.
12/07/2022	Note to community councils, elected representatives with an update about the project and that we will be sponsoring and attending the Inveraray Highland Games should they wish to meet up.
19/07/2022	Attended the Inveraray Highland Games. Not able to meet with Community Councils or Councillors who attended during the day. Opportunity to arrange zoom call in future.

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Consultation Timeline

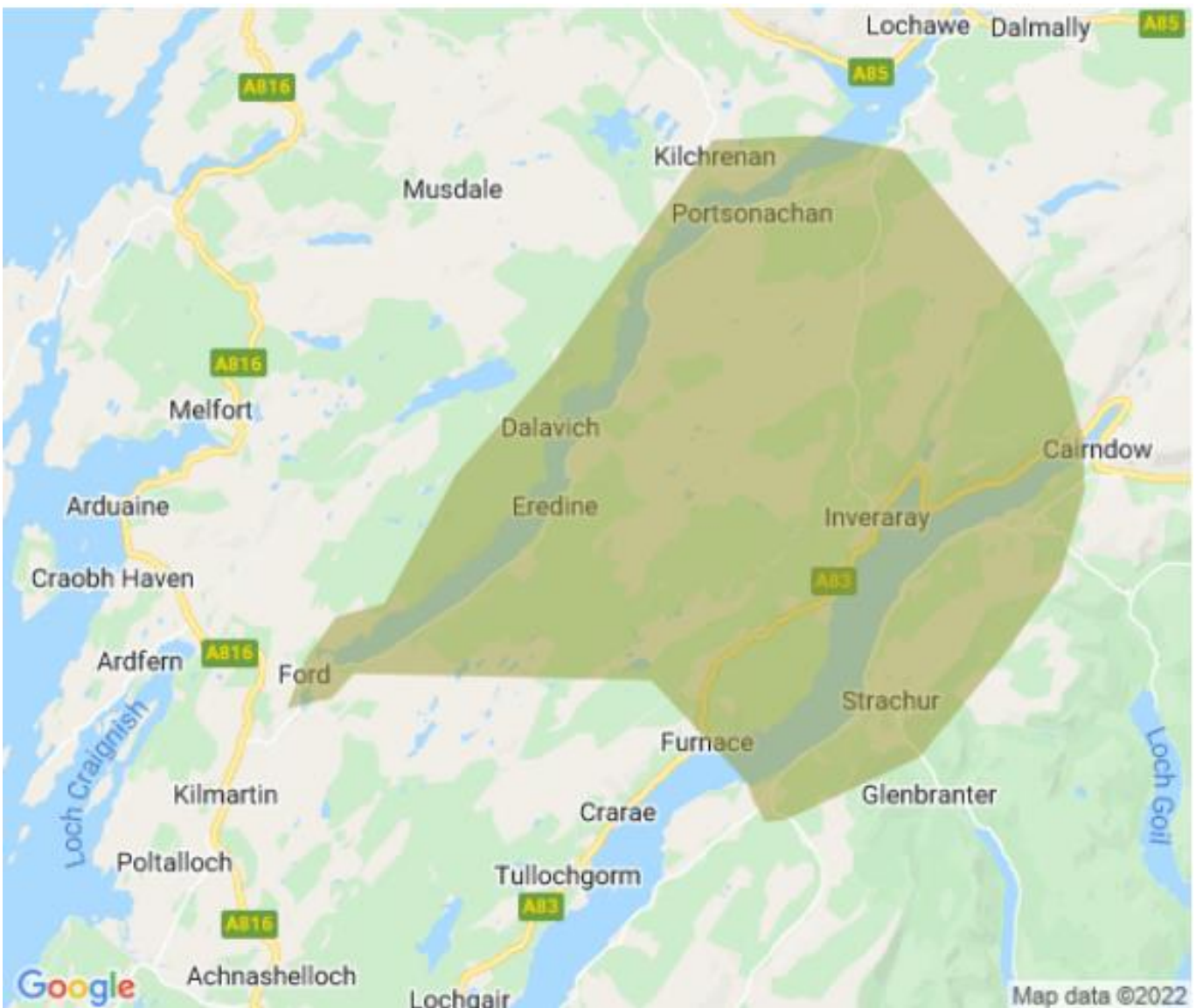
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Date	Activity
08/11/2022	Email to community Councils and elected representatives regarding an update on the project and plans to submit late 2022 early 2023. Host informal drop in sessions once project submitted to answer any queries.
09/11/2022	Email from Strachur CC with queries, recommending location for drop in sessions and thank you for information. Response sent 14/11/2022.
11/11/2022	Email from Inveraray Community Council to attend next available meeting. Arranged for February 2023.
17/01/2023	Email to Inveraray Community Council to request to reschedule attendance at Community Council Meeting to March 2023.
01/03/2023	Following an email to the Inveraray British Legion a meeting was arranged at the location of the Memorial Stone to Wren Gertrude Canning to discuss how the design of the access route had been amended, moved further back from the stone.
01/02/2023	Meeting with Inveraray Community Council to discuss the project being submitted to planning as outlined in the November 2022 email.

## Appendix B

### Map of Consultation Area

**B.1** All properties and business in the shaded area surrounding the Proposed Development were mailed at the start of the first and second public exhibition periods. Proximity to the proposal and the Zone of Theoretical Visibility (ZTV) for the project was used to help determine the mailing area for this proposal.





Source: [www.geolist.co.uk](http://www.geolist.co.uk)

# Appendix C

## Letters and Presentations at Scoping

### Letter sent to Community Councils when the Scoping Report was published – sent to Inveraray, Glenorchy and Innishall, Avich and Kilchrenan (c/o Argyll and Bute Council), Dunadd, Furnace and Strachur Community Councils

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YOUR REF. DATE	OUR REF.	PLACEDATE
Scoping	Car Duibh	11 May 2021

**Car Duibh Wind Farm Proposal**

Dear Members of Furnace Community Council,

I am writing to introduce Statkraft UK Ltd and our proposals for a wind farm called Car Duibh Wind Farm with the nearest proposed turbine located approximately 6km to the north-west of Inveraray and 4.5km to the east of Dalavich.

**About Us**

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**About Car Duibh**

The proposal for Car Duibh Wind Farm is at an early stage of the design process. We think there is potential for up to 26 turbines, up to 200m high to tip with a capacity exceeding 50MW. The proposal may reduce in scale as feedback is received from statutory consultees, the local community and as our environmental consultants progress their studies.

The Car Duibh proposal is located on the site of the previously proposed Ardchnonn Wind Farm, developed by RWE. RWE has no involvement in this entirely new scheme being developed by Statkraft. Where relevant, the findings of the previous application have been, and will continue to be, taken into account as the Proposed Development is progressed.

**Consulting Early**

Our next step is to seek feedback on our initial plans. We have recently submitted a Scoping Request to the Scottish Government to help shape our continued investigations and assessment of this proposal, including receiving early feedback from community representatives. We wanted to make sure you heard from us directly at this early stage and to provide you with our contact details. Please feel free to contact us directly or view our project website to find out more about us, the project and provide any feedback on the proposal. We expect the Scottish Government will contact you for feedback on our Scoping Request too.

We have a history of engaging early with local communities and have confidence that we can still do this despite face-to-face meetings not being possible at this time due to Covid-19. We have set up a dedicated website at [www.carduibh.co.uk](http://www.carduibh.co.uk) and have launched it earlier than usual in the project design in order to provide information to the local community and consultees.

If possible, we would welcome the opportunity to speak with you and your Community Council by phone or video call at a time convenient for you. The purpose of the call would be to outline our proposal in more detail, introduce some of the team and receive any early feedback. We would also greatly appreciate hearing your ideas around how we can best engage with residents of the local community throughout the development and planning stages of the project.

We plan to hold a virtual exhibition to share our plans in mid-June and we will write to you again in advance with further details. To make sure as many local people are aware of, and have the opportunity to provide feedback on, our plans we will also advertise the virtual exhibition in the local press and send out information by post to local residents and businesses. Dependent on Covid-19 restrictions and advice, we hope to hold a physical event later in the year if there is interest from local residents and community representatives. Notwithstanding we will hold a further exhibition later in the year either physical or online to provide the opportunity for further community engagement.

**Community Benefits/Shared Ownership**

Statkraft is committed to offering £5,000 per MW per year of installed capacity in community benefit funding for this project in line with the Scottish Governments Good Practice Principles. Furthermore, if there is interest shown from within the community, we are keen to bring forward opportunities for community investment in the project as well – this is separate and in addition to community benefit.

We also look for other ways our projects can bring meaningful benefits to the community. We believe we are the only wind farm developer that has pledged to commission feasibility studies to assess the potential for bringing improved access to broadband to the local area of each project. A broadband feasibility study will be undertaken for the local area surrounding the proposal.

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**Next Steps**

In the first instance, we would welcome the opportunity to chat by phone or video call. In the meantime, we have attached a short summary of the early plans.


Finally, we understand that there are more important matters due to the current health emergency. However, we wanted to provide this information on our proposals and assure you we are following Scottish Government advice throughout all of our work in relation to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Thank you for the opportunity to introduce Statkraft and outline our proposals.

Yours sincerely,



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Ciaran Black  
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## Letter sent to elected representatives when the Scoping Report was published – sent to local councillors



### Car Duibh Wind Farm Proposal

Dear Cllr

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## Letter sent to MSPs when the Scoping Report was published



**MSP**

By email: @parliament.scot

YOUR REF/GATE: Scoping	OUR REF.: Car Duibh Wind Farm	PLACEDATE: 11 May 2021
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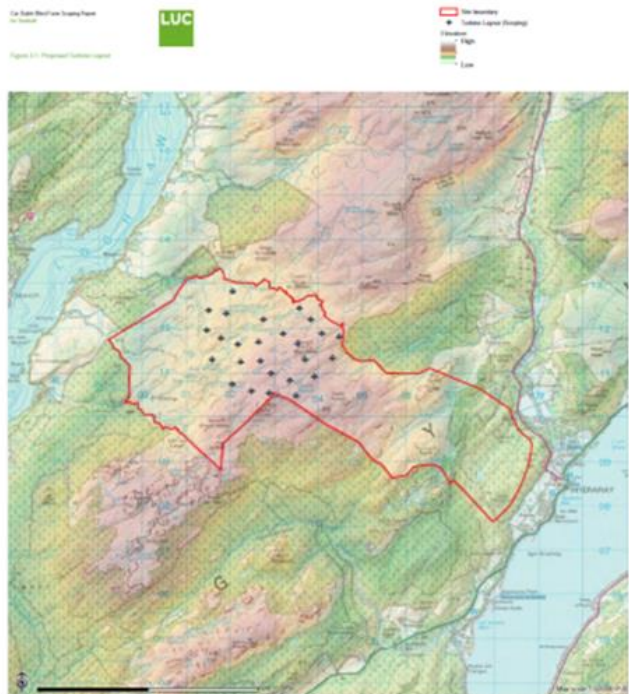
### Site Location & Potential

- Project at Scoping stage. Scoping live 11 May 21.
- Proposing a maximum of up to 26 wind turbines.
- Considering turbines up to 200 metres tip height.
- Project size to be determined as studies are completed, consultation feedback received, and future design milestones reached.
- The site was previously part of the proposed Ardchnonnell Wind Farm proposed by RWE Innogy. This is a new and separate application with no involvement from RWE Innogy.
- Where relevant, findings of the previous application have been, and will continue to be, taken into account.



## About the Site Site Location & Potential

- The project team are continuing to refine the design of the windfarm based on the findings of ongoing baseline studies.
- The proposed scoping layout for 26 turbines is shown on the right.
- Turbine numbers, tip heights and locations are still to be fixed.
- The layout will be finalised following completion of studies and community consultation feedback.



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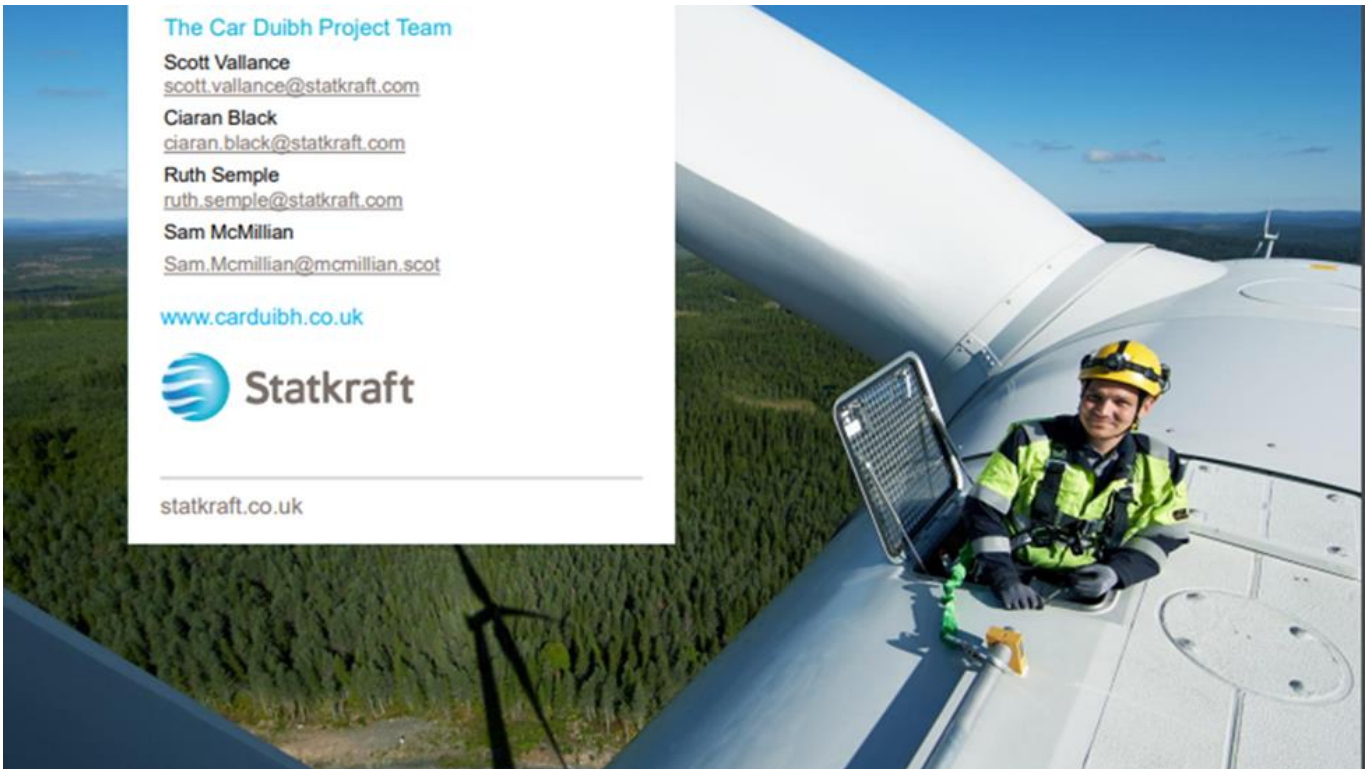
## Next Steps

- Ongoing studies to learn more about the site
- Project website launched in May 2021
- First online exhibition & interactive consultation will take place in Q2 2021
- Second exhibition & consultation Q3/4 2021
- If consented, a community benefit fund will be available for this project.
- If consented, and interest within the community, we can explore a community investment opportunity.
- Continue to follow Scottish Government advice in relation to Covid-19



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## Appendix D

### Example of Main Website Content

**D.1** When the proposal for An Carr Dubh Wind Farm was submitted into scoping the main project website went live and has been kept updated throughout the development phase. Interested parties could access more information about the project here, search for answers to frequently asked questions, request a call back or provide feedback via an online form. The website was moved to a new platform in late 2021 and an example of this new platform is included below for completeness.

## Example of the old website

### An Càrr Dubh Wind Farm



**Carraig Ghàidh Wind Farm**

**Proposed An Càrr Dubh Wind Farm**

**INVERARAY**

**DALAVICH**

**An Sàbhalaidh Wind Farm**

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#### Introducing the Team - Ciaran Black



Hi, my name is Ciaran Black and I'm

#### Introducing the Team - Scott Vallance



Hello, my name is Scott Vallance

#### Project Timeline

- Stage 2: Pre-Planning (6 - 12 months)**

We request the view of the Scottish Government, Argyll and Bute Council and other statutory and non-statutory bodies on the level of study required (known as "Scoping"). Scoping is sent to local and neighbouring Community Councils and consultees such as NatureScot, SEPA and Historic Environment Scotland.

During this stage, environmental baseline studies are undertaken by competent experts which form the Environmental Impact Assessment.

At this stage, it is expected that our initial proposals will evolve, taking information from studies and engagement with the public and statutory consultees. We will continue to follow all Scottish Government advice in relation to Covid-19 and focus our engagement online.

#### Welcome to our dedicated website for An Càrr Dubh Wind Farm\*

We have created this website earlier than usual in our engagement process, to provide a way for the public to easily access information and contact us when we have been unable to be present in the community.

We held our first online exhibition for the project over June and July 2021. We presented information about how our proposals had changed since submitting scoping and gave you the opportunity to provide your views on the project in a number of ways, including through online and offline feedback forms.

The second exhibition for the proposal was held from 1 November to 21 November to update you on the current proposals ahead of submitting an application to the Scottish Government in 2022.

28 turbines were initially proposed for the site and with a turbine tip height of 200m, following site studies and community feedback the proposal has reduced in scale. The current proposal is for 21 turbines with turbine tip heights of up to 180m. We wish to thank the members of the local community who took the time to provide feedback since we first introduced our proposals.

We are following all Scottish Government advice in relation to Covid-19 as we progress our plans. With restrictions easing we were pleased to have been able to hold local drop in sessions over the 9,10 and 11 November in Ford, Dalavich and Inveraray, during the second public exhibition period.

You are still able to provide your views, as we have set up this website to continue a conversation with the local community as the project progresses - please fill in the [feedback form](#), [ask us a question](#) or [request a call back](#). You can also take the opportunity to find out more about [our development team](#) and [Statkraft in the UK](#).

\* The project was originally called Car Duibh Wind Farm. We have renamed the wind farm, following local feedback and further advice, to both accurately reflect local Gaelic and the wind farm location. Find out more [here](#).

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## Statkraft releases latest annual Low Emissions Scenario report

24 Nov 2021



For the sixth consecutive year, Statkraft have released its Low Emissions Scenario - an analysis of the energy world towards 2050.

The Scenario covers the energy transition necessary to move towards a low emissions world.

It finds that renewable energy and electrification are the main solutions to decarbonisation, with green hydrogen playing a key role in industry and heavy transport.

Currently, the Earth's temperature is  $\pm 1.1$  degrees warmer than it was during pre-industrial times, and we are already *exceeding the 1.5°C target of the Paris Agreement*.

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## Onshore Wind in Scotland will play pivotal role in meeting net-zero targets

28 Oct 2021



A report has been published on how to maximise the economic benefits of clean power for consumers while ensuring that the UK reaches net zero emissions at the lowest cost.

RenewableUK has published their Onshore Wind Industry Prospectus which shows that in order to meet the challenge of net-zero more is required across the UK. It is positive that renewable energy production has overtaken fossil fuels as the biggest source of UK power generation, with a quarter of that

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### Project Documents



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### Request a call back



### Related Websites



### Local Suppliers Register





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## Drop-in Sessions – A Thank You

22 Nov 2021



The An Càrr Dubh Wind Farm project team wishes to thank everyone who took the time to attend the drop-in sessions on the 9, 10 and 11 of November in Ford, Dalavich and Inveraray.

During the drop-in sessions the team met with local residents to discuss the project and answer their queries. Attendees were also able to view an animation of the proposal which gave an indication of how the current project may look within the area. Over 30 people attended across the 3 days and it was great to be able to hear local views about the proposal in-

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## Public Exhibition Goes Live

01 Nov 2021



The second Public Exhibition for An Càrr Dubh Wind Farm opened on 1 November 2021.

The second public exhibition for An Càrr Dubh will run from 1 to 21 November 2021. There are a number of ways to attend or take part. Members of the Project Team are looking forward to meeting the local community to hear your views on the current proposal.

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## Invitation To Public Exhibitions - November 2021

28 Oct 2021



We are looking forward to holding a second public exhibition for An Càrr Dubh Wind Farm in November 2021.

The exhibition will run from 1 November - 21 November and there are a number of ways to attend or take part.

With Covid-19 restrictions easing we are pleased to be hosting three local in person drop in session events.

The drop in session events will be held on:

Tuesday, 9 November 2021 – Ford Village Hall, Ford, 2pm – 7pm.

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## Name Changing To An Càrr Dubh Wind Farm

27 Oct 2021

### Your Feedback

The Gaelic spelling of the project name (Car Duibh) was raised with us during the first consultation. It is important to us that the name reflects the regional dialect in relation to Gaelic and the wind farm location. The wind farm will now be called An Càrr Dubh.

The original Gaelic 'càrr' meaning bog or moss has been rendered as 'Loch nan Car' by the Ordnance Survey, which is where we originally selected 'Car' from for the name of the project. We have been further advised that if combining 'car' (bog or moss) and 'dubh' (black), the correct Gaelic would be '(An) Càrr Dubh' (the double r differentiates from càr meaning automobile).

The name change will go live on 28 October 2021. We will update the website web address [www.ancarrdubh.co.uk](http://www.ancarrdubh.co.uk) but all other contact details remain the same and anyone that visits the old website address will be redirected to

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## Listening To Your Feedback

15 Oct 2021



In June and July 2021 we held an online exhibition to share our plans for Car Duibh Wind Farm.

We received valuable feedback from local residents and community groups and wish to thank everyone who contributed either through the feedback forms, the website, phone calls or via the online chat sessions. The feedback is being considered as the design for the wind farm develops. We have responded to all enquires and comments made where GDPR allows.

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## Public Consultation - Thank you for your feedback

04 Aug 2021




Thank you to residents and interested groups who provided feedback during the consultation period for our Car Duibh Wind Farm proposal. We will be considering all the feedback as we continue to shape and develop the project.

We will be writing to all those who provided comments and those that requested to receive project updates over the

An Càrr Dubh Wind Farm  
March 2023

### Public Consultation - Thank you

21 Jul 2021




Thank you to all residents and interested groups who took the time to visit our Car Duibh Wind Farm virtual exhibition between 14 June and 2 July 2021. The [consultation brochure can be found here](#). Although the exhibition is now complete, we are still keen to hear from residents and groups views about our plans. Please provide your feedback from this first public exhibition by the 30 July 2021 and welcome the opportunity to hear from you. **Your comments can help us shape our plans**

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### You're Invited: Find out more about 'Why here?' Webinar 29 June 2021 at 10am

24 Jun 2021




One of the most common questions we are asked when developing our projects is "Why here?". Statkraft's Head of Business and Project Development will help answer this question at a webinar on Tuesday, 29 June at 10am.

During the webinar Richard Mardon will take us behind the scenes of the development process, with a step by step guide on the challenges faced in finding the best sites to maximise Scotland's excellent natural wind resource. There will also be the opportunity to ask questions.

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### Virtual Exhibition Launched for Car Duibh Wind Farm

14 Jun 2021



Today, Monday 14 June 2021, marks the start of the [Car Duibh Wind Farm online exhibition](#).

The online exhibition will run until the 2 July 2021 and includes:


- An information brochure with details on the proposal (similar to information boards at a traditional village hall exhibition)
- A video presentation from the project team
- Frequently Asked Questions
- An opportunity to join live Q&A online chat sessions with the

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### Car Duibh Wind Farm Scoping Requested Submitted

11 May 2021



We are pleased to have submitted a Scoping Request to the Scottish Government to progress our plans for Car Duibh Wind Farm, with the nearest proposed turbine located approximately 6km North West of Inveraray and 4.5km to the east of Dalavich in Argyll and Bute. The proposals are at an early stage and the Scoping Request to the Scottish Government seeks to continue our investigations and receive early feedback from the local community and consultees.

Recent discussions have taken place with the Energy

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### Site Map Online - Draft

08 Mar 2021

[Click here for an interactive site plan](#)



### Request a call back



### Related Websites



### Local Suppliers Register



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Senior Project Manager



## Targets Set To Reduce Emissions In Scotland By 75% In Just 10 Years - Draft

13 Dec 2020

The power sector continues to lead efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in Scotland, according to the [latest report from the Committee on Climate Change \(CCC\)](#).

In its 2019 report to Parliament, the committee, an independent body set up to advise the UK and devolved governments on emissions targets, said reductions must be made economy-wide to avoid missing those targets. Emissions fell by 3% in 2017, compared to a 10% drop the previous year.


Scotland is committed to becoming a net-zero society by 2045 - five years ahead of the rest of the UK. It has set targets to reduce emissions by 56% by this year and by 75% by 2030. The CCC has warned the targets will be extremely challenging to meet and much more needs to be done to drive reductions.

Statkraft aims to play its part in helping to achieve the aims with plans to invest £600 million on wind and solar projects in Scotland within the next five years.

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Example of the new website

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- An Càrr Dubh Wind Farm
- Project updates
- Planning application documents
- Project documents
- Local suppliers
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Get in touch

**An Càrr Dubh Wind Farm**

\* The project was originally called Car Dubh Wind Farm. We renamed the wind farm, following local feedback and further advice, to accurately reflect local Gaelic and the wind farm location. More information is available under project updates from 27 October 2021.

The final layout for An Càrr Dubh Wind Farm will be for up to 13 turbines up to 180m to tip. It reflects, comments received during our exhibition events held over June/July 2021 and November 2021 and further onsite studies.

The original proposal was for 26 turbines up to 200m to tip height. The final proposal represents a 50% reduction in the number of turbines and a 20 metre reduction in turbine tip height across the site.

Since our last exhibition in November 2021, where we presented a layout of up to 21 turbines to 180m, we have been working hard to develop a proposal which, provides a substantial renewable energy contribution, addresses the landscape and visual impact feedback received about the 21 turbine proposal and incorporates the findings of the completed environmental and technical on site studies. We believe our final proposal of up to 13 turbines up to 180m to tip achieves this aim.

We are currently working on completing the Environmental Impact Assessment Report for the project which we intend to submit along with our application to the Energy Consents Unit in late 2022/early 2023. We are intending to organise information sessions around the time of submission of the application to provide further details on the finalised project. Our full application will be available here and on the Energy Consents Unit website at the time of submission including details or how to make a representation on the proposal.

We will be keeping this web page up to date with project news. In the meantime you can view a plan of the final layout, full details of our 2021 exhibitions and more on this page.

If you have a question about the project please ask us a question or request a call back on the [Get in touch](#) page .

**Project updates**

Get the latest updates and developments for An Càrr Dubh Wind Farm, and feel free to contact us using the contact form.

[GO TO THE PROJECT UPDATES](#)

**Find your frequently asked questions here**

If you cant find your question here, please leave us your question in the form on the bottom of the page and we will give you an answer as soon as we can.

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- Stage 2: Pre-Planning (6 - 12 months)**  
We request the view of the Scottish Government, Argyll and Bute Council and other statutory and non-statutory bodies on the level of study required (known as "Scoping").  
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- Stage 3: Submit Planning Application, and Decision (12 months)**  
An application is submitted to the Scottish Government, accompanied by a comprehensive Environmental Impact Assessment Report showing the results of all studies undertaken.  
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# Appendix E

## First Exhibition – Example of Email to Community Councils with Advert Attached

Car Duibh Wind Farm - First Public Exhibition - Avich and Kilchrenan Community Council c/o Melissa Stewart



Semple Ruth  
To: Stewart, Melissa

Reply Reply All Forward ...  
Thu 10/06/2021 09:13

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I'd be grateful if you would forward the following email to the Avich and Kilchrenan Community Council on our behalf.

Thank you for your assistance.

Kind regards,  
Ruth

Dear Members of Avich and Kilchrenan Community Council,

I am writing to let you know, following submission of our Scoping request at the beginning of May, that we will be holding our first Public Exhibition for the proposed Car Duibh Wind Farm online from Monday 14 June 2021 to Friday 2 July 2021. The online exhibition will be hosted on our website at [www.carduibh.co.uk](http://www.carduibh.co.uk) and will go live on the 14 June 2021.

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Please find attached a copy of the Notice going into the Newspaper, if possible, we would be grateful if you would consider posting on the Community Councils' social media to help advertise the consultation.

If you would like us to present our plans to the Community Council or have any questions in the meantime please do get in touch.

Yours faithfully,

Ruth

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**Write to: Freepost Statkraft (no stamp required)**

## Appendix F

### First Exhibition – Examples of Exhibition Information Published on Community Council Website or Social Media

#### Excerpt from Inveraray Community Council Facebook page

 Inveraray Community Council  
16 June 2021 · 🌐

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## Excerpt from Everything Furnace Facebook page



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## Excerpt from Dunadd Community Council Website

28TH JULY 2021

### Car Duibh Wind Farm

We had two employees from Statkraft join our July Community Council meeting to give a presentation on the Car Duibh Wind Farm proposal.

The presentation can be found below and any responses to the proposal should be submitted before close of play, Friday 30th July 2021.

The screenshot shows a presentation slide with the following content:

- Statkraft** logo and title: **Car Duibh Wind Farm**, **Dunadd Community Council Meeting**, **27 JULY 2021**. The background features a wind turbine on a hillside.
- Introductions**
  - Scott Wallace**, Senior Project Manager, UK Wind and Solar (with photo)
  - Ruth Semple**, Community Liaison Manager, UK Wind and Solar (with photo)
- About Statkraft**
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  - 4,500 employees in 19 countries, all working towards our low carbon future
  - Operating in the UK since 2008
  - Scottish Head Office in Glasgow
  - Distributed over £2 million to communities near operating wind farms
  - Over 700MW in development
- A map of the UK and Ireland with various regions highlighted and labeled with Statkraft project names.

[Car-Duibh-Wind-Farm](#)

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## Appendix G

### First Exhibition – Example of Email to Elected Representatives, Councillors, MP and MSP's with Advert Attached

#### Car Duibh Wind Farm - First Public Exhibition Information



Semple Ruth

To: kieron.green@argyll-bute.gov.uk

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# Appendix H

## First Exhibition – Copy of Notices for Exhibition in Local Newspapers

Copy of notice for exhibition in Oban Times on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2021

The Oban Times  
Thursday 10 June 2021

NEWS 17

# MSP ferry talks with new transport minister 'positive'

By Iain Sutherland  
@iainsutherland

Community representatives on a ferry board have reported a 'positive' first meeting with new transport minister Graeme Dey.

The CalMac Community Board held talks with the MSP amid the 'critical situation' facing services to the islands including Harris, Skye, Coll, Tiree, Lismore and Barra.

Vessel unavailability, a lack of resilience in poor weather and a pressing need for costly new infrastructure have all combined to reduce transport reliability for residents, businesses and visitors.

The board features representatives from 12 areas of the west coast and acts as the independent voice of communities regarding ferry services.

After the meeting, commu-



Graeme Dey, the new transport minister, met with the CalMac Community Board over the 'critical situation' facing islands.

nity board chairman Angus Campbell said the new minister understood the 'frustration and anger' that exists across the network.

He also recognised the need to address the 'lack of resilience' in the CalMac fleet, said

Mr Campbell, who added that the minister, who represents Angus South for the SNP, was committed to doing 'all he can' to improve the immediate situation and work with stakeholders to plan a more 'resilient and sustainable service'.

Mr Campbell, based on Lewis, added: 'It was confirmed that proposals to hire in additional tonnage is at an advanced stage and other proposals for short to medium-term improvements would be considered.'

'The minister also recognised the important part the community's voice can play in future planning and the benefits an inclusive approach can bring to future development.'

'The minister also wishes to have a good working relationship with the ferries community board and the island community they serve. Our

board looks forward to working effectively with the minister and other stakeholders to ensure that the unacceptable level of damage to the social and economic fabric of our islands across the network will not be repeated.'

The community board also held separate sessions with senior Transport Scotland officials, CMAI's chief executive and the managing director of CalMac.

Mr Campbell said: 'Our board will follow up on the main points raised with the appropriate bodies and look forward to further meetings with the minister.'

Opposition Highlands and Islands MSP Donald Cameron remains unconvinced.

He has written to Mr Dey demanding an action plan to tackle the 'ferry fiasco'.

The Scottish Conservative

MSP said: 'Despite all the recent reports of constructive talks between SNP politicians and ministers about the ferry fiasco, we still have no firm plan or commitments.'

'This simply is not good enough.'

'The SNP have run Scotland's ferry network for the last 14 years and it has been an absolute disaster zone.'

'That's why I have written directly to the minister demanding an action plan and an answer to the simple question: will the Scottish Government commit to building new ferries during the course of this parliament?'

'I fear that with the election out of the way, the SNP will just muddle on in their time-honoured fashion, leaving our island communities dependent on an increasingly threadbare lifeline service.'

## Ballachulish ferries film set to hit Fort big screen next month

The documentary *The Last Ferries of Ballachulish* will be screened at Fort William's Highland Cinema next month, following the easing of Covid lockdown restrictions.

It will be shown at the Highland Cinema on Saturday July 10 at 2pm and at Oban Phoenix Cinema on Sunday July 11 at 4.15pm.

The film's maker, Graham Kitchener from Edinburgh, said it should have been released last year but the coronavirus pandemic put paid to that happening. Mr Kitchener intends going to both screenings for questions and answer sessions with cinema patrons.

Turntable ferries were unique to Scotland and were the precursor for roll-on roll-off ferries around the world.

In the film, Mr Kitchener goes in search of the last three, last seen together in 1975 when he was just nine years old, at Ballachulish in the Highlands of Scotland. It's a detective story 45 years in the making. Mr Kitchener told the *Lochaber Times*: 'At the time, few mourned their loss, relieved at the easier access to Fort William and the eco-



The Ballachulish ferry in August 1959. (through freemove)

nomic benefits the new road bridge provided. But ferries like those at Ballachulish were a uniquely Scottish invention. Their entire car deck rotated and delivered six vehicles at a time to any simply made pier or slipway.'

Friendly with the ferryman, the young Graham Kitchener used to play on those last three ferry boats at Ballachulish and says he misses them like they were old friends. Whatever because of these quirky small ferries after they left the

Loch Leven narrow in 1975? Following the chain, we join him on a road trip through the Highlands and Islands of Scotland. Sweeping aerial shots take in the splendour of the landscape as he pieces together the final fate of the last ferries of Ballachulish.

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The Argyllshire Advertiser  
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Geoffrey gets a sailing lesson from Murray MacDonald, founder of the charity.

# Life-changing experience with charity on the water

By Colin Cameron  
 colin@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk

Autism on the Water returned for another memorable weekend on the Crinan Canal.

The trip, in late May, was organised by Oban man Murray MacDonald who founded the charity Autism on the Water (AOTW) to give young people with autism the chance to enjoy the freedom of sailing. Many of the 17 young people who took part in the trip had never seen the canal or never opened a lock gate. Some had never been on a boat. It was a life-changing experience for them.

AOTW worked alongside Scottish Canals to arrange the voyage in line with Covid guidelines.

Sadly the charity's new boat, appropriately named Confidence, broke down before



the event. But thanks to the generosity of Alan and Maggie Moore, who kindly supplied their yacht Delinquent, the young people were able to experience the canal. An enthusiastic team of volunteers helped AOTW make this event happen.

Murray said: 'On behalf of the entire charity, we cannot thank them enough for their contribution to this event. Their help changed the lives of a lot of special young people, whose memories they helped

'We worked hard over the last few months to finally bring this event to life, especially around all the Covid restrictions that are still in place,' added Murray.

'We would like to thank Alan and Maggie Moore for supplying their yacht Delinquent and to Scottish Canals for all their assistance and co-operation.'

After being repaired, Confidence returned to the canal last weekend, welcoming Geoffrey Fife as the first young person with autism to have a trip on the boat.

Murray said: 'Geoffrey has been involved with AOTW on our Crinan Canal events since we started them and his family are local to the canal, so we invited Geoffrey and his Mum Lucy to join us for the trip through to Ardriahap.

'We cannot wait to welcome even more young people.'

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# Appendix I

## First Exhibition – Copy of Invitation



**We're innovative and community focused**

Statkraft is dedicated to engaging with communities and bringing meaningful benefits.

We would like to speak with you about how our project can bring new investment to your community. We are open to your ideas.

**Community Benefit Fund**  
We are committed to a Community Benefit Fund that delivers, £5,000 per MW installed, per year, in accordance with Scottish Government Guidance.

**Shared Ownership**  
We are open to offering Shared Ownership on our projects, if there is local interest. We would like to hear your views on enabling the community to have a financial share in the project.





**Improved Broadband**  
Join our virtual exhibition to tell us more about the Broadband service in your area and to find out more about our approach to facilitate improved broadband access near our projects.

**Local Supply Chain**  
We want to work with local businesses to deliver our projects. Visit our project website for information on how local businesses can register their interest.

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### Invitation to Virtual Exhibition: 14 June – 2 July 2021

#### Car Duibh Wind Farm Proposal

We would like to tell you more about ourselves and our proposal for a sustainable energy project, including community investment and improved broadband potential in your area.



We are bringing forward a proposal for Car Duibh Wind Farm, with the nearest turbine of the current layout located approximately 6km to the north west of Inveraray and 4.5km to the east of Dalavich. This is the first time we have brought forward a proposal within the Argyll and Bute Council area and we look forward to engaging with you and your local community.

We continue to follow Scottish Government advice in relation to Covid-19 and are holding a series of online consultation events, where you can find out more about our plans and help shape the project.

#### About Us

Statkraft is Europe's largest generator of renewable energy, with origins going back 125 years in Norwegian hydro power. Our Scottish headquarters are in Glasgow and we have 4,500 employees across 17 countries.

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## Car Duibh Wind Farm Proposal

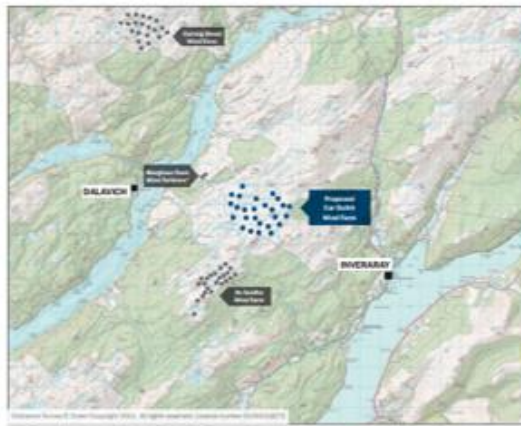


#### Project Summary

-  **26** Up to 26 wind turbines proposed
- £5,000** Per MW installed per year for a Community Fund. As recommended by Scottish Government.
-  A maximum height to blade tip: **200m**
-  Exciting new opportunity to talk about shared ownership and local suppliers
-  Potential for improved broadband provision

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

We would like to invite you to our virtual exhibition. We are committed to listening to communities to help shape and inform our proposal.



We would like to hear your suggestions on how our project can bring benefits to the area – from community funding to improved access to broadband. Please visit our virtual exhibition to find out more.

#### Virtual Exhibition:

[www.carduibh.co.uk](http://www.carduibh.co.uk)

**Our virtual exhibition is being held online due to Covid-19 restrictions.**

**Visit our online exhibition between 14 June and 2 July.**

Ask questions, chat online or book a phone call.

Visit our live chat sessions with the Project Team on:

- 23 June: 11am – 1pm  
5pm – 7pm
- 28 June: 11am – 1pm  
5pm – 7pm
- 2 July: 11am – 1pm

**Visit the exhibition and live chat sessions at:**  
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# Appendix K

## First Exhibition – Example of First Public Exhibition Website Content – Online Exhibition

K.1 Our first public exhibition was held online due to the prevailing Covid-19 restrictions.

Home » Welcome to the Car Duibh Wind Farm Virtual Exhibition

### Welcome to the Car Duibh Wind Farm Virtual Exhibition

We are exploring the potential to develop a wind farm of up to 26 wind turbines and other ancillary development approximately 6km to the north west of Inveraray and 4.5km to the east of Dalavich, to the nearest turbine, in Argyll and Bute.

Due to ongoing Covid-19 restrictions, you will appreciate that we are unable to carry out face to face public exhibitions.

We have therefore created this Online Exhibition that contains information on our proposal and a comment form so that you can provide [feedback](#) directly to us or you can ask us question [ask us a question](#) or [request a phone call](#).

The exhibition is running from Monday 14 June until Friday 2 July 2021.

Please take some time to view the brochure and watch our video presentation below.

**REGISTER** for project updates

Chat to us here about Car Duibh online

19 June 12am - 1pm & 4pm - 5pm  
20 June 12am - 1pm & 4pm - 5pm  
2 July 12am - 1pm

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#### Your Feedback on Car Duibh

Thank you for your interest in the proposal and visiting the online consultation. We hope you found what you were looking for. Please take a few minutes to provide some feedback. This will enable us to gather views which can help shape our plans.

**Provide Feedback**

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Scott Vallance, Ciaran Black, Ruth Semple & Sam McMillan introduce Car Duibh Wind Farm (9 mins 26 Secs)

Car Duibh wind farm online public exhibition

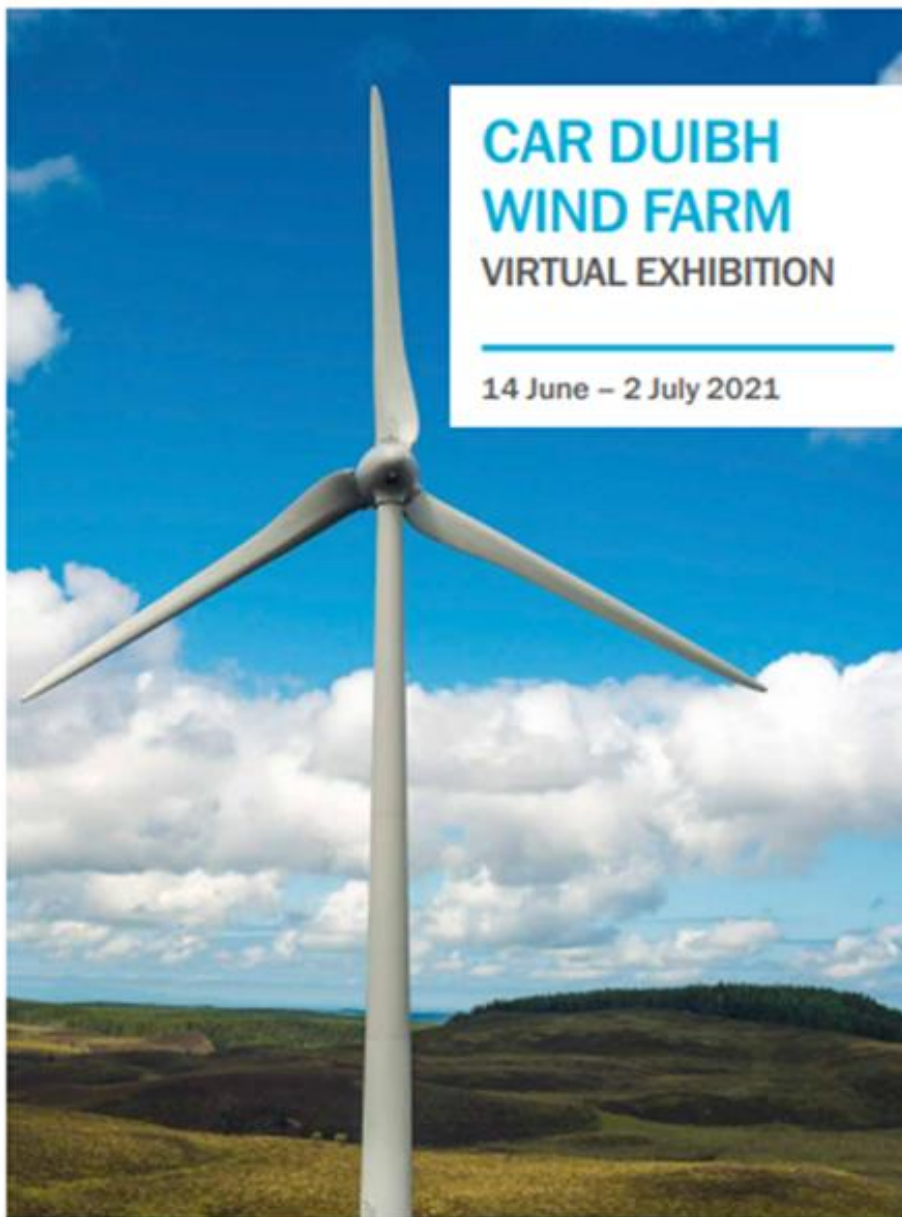
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## Appendix L

### First Exhibition – Online Brochure

Figure L.1: Online brochure for the first public exhibition





Armadale Wind Farm, Comarthen, South Wales, 220m tip height

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## Welcome



This consultation is designed to share our early stage plans for Car Duibh Wind Farm. We are keen to hear your views as we continue to shape the project during this phase.

### About Statkraft

- The largest generator of renewable energy in Europe
- A state owned utility, with origins in Norwegian hydropower 125 years ago
- 4,500 employees in 17 countries, all working towards our low carbon future
- Operating in the UK since 2006
- Distributed over £2 million to communities near operating wind farms



Berry Burn Wind Farm, Moray, 200m tip height

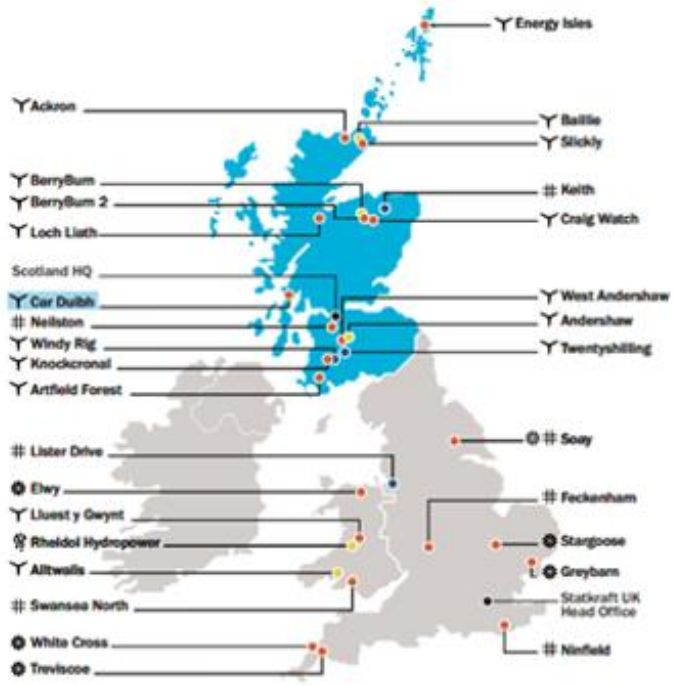
# Welcome



## Statkraft in the UK

- Scottish Head Office in Glasgow
- Operational portfolio includes four wind farms, one hydro plant
- Two wind farms in Dumfries & Galloway in construction
- Recent expansion into solar development and electric vehicle charging points
- Over 700MW in development
- Delivering grid stability services for National Grid in Moray and Liverpool

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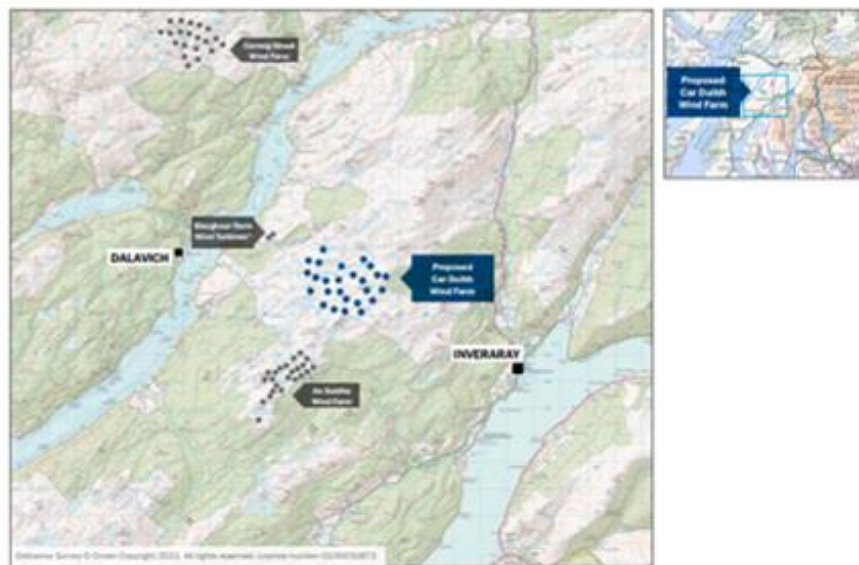
## About Car Duibh Wind Farm



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

### Key Facts:

- 26** Up to 26 wind turbines proposed
- £5,000** Per MW installed per year for a Community Fund (as recommended by Scottish Government)
- A maximum height to blade tip **200m**
- Exciting new opportunity to talk about shared ownership and local suppliers
- Potential for improved broadband provision



\* Note: There are 16 non-operational turbines (17m to 22m) at Dalavich. They are not shown on the map as they have been added to the map for information.

## About Car Duibh Wind Farm



### Why this site?

→ Development would contribute towards Scotland's commitment of net zero emissions by 2045

→ Studies show that the site benefits from excellent wind speeds

→ No nationally or internationally designated sites within proposed turbine development area

→ Designed to reflect the topography, existing operational and any known wind farms in development

→ Approximately 4.5km to the east of Dalavich and 6km to north west of Inveraray



The below is based on our current knowledge of the site, and will go through further design changes as more information is gathered. The scheme will reduce before an application is submitted for planning consent. We will present this to the community later this year. *Your feedback will help us design a better overall project.*

	No. of Turbines	Max Blade Tip Heights	Expected Installed Capacity (MW)	Estimated Generation (homes equivalent)	Community Fund (per year)
<b>Car Duibh</b>	Up to 26	Up to 200m	Over 50 <small>(subject to planning requirements)</small>	Over 5,000 <small>homes per turbine<sup>(1)</sup></small>	£5,000 <small>per MW installed per year<sup>(2)</sup></small>

(1) Based on SSW turbines, wind resource assessment and average Scottish domestic consumption of 3,393kWh pa. Candidate turbine still to be determined.  
 (2) As recommended by Scottish Government.

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## The Story So Far



Car Duibh Wind Farm is a new proposal managed entirely by Statkraft.

The area was previously developed as Ardchnell Wind Farm by RWE Innogy who have no involvement with this proposal.

In May 2021 we requested the view of the Scottish Government, Argyll and Bute Council, other statutory consultees and community councils on the level of study required (known as 'Scoping') to assess our up to 26 turbine Car Duibh Wind Farm proposal.

We expect to receive the views and comments from these groups (within a document known as a 'Scoping Opinion') this Summer.

The purpose of this exhibition is to gather the views of the wider community to help shape and inform the Car Duibh proposal.

We will design a proposal that strikes a good balance, maximising the electricity output of the site within the constraints and context of the site.

We are in the process of undertaking extensive surveys to gather data on the following:

- Wind resource
- Landscape and Visual Impact
- Traffic and transport
- Ornithology
- Carbon rich soils and priority peatland habitats
- Cultural Heritage and Archaeology
- Protected Species

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## Project Timeline



Throughout the process Statkraft continuously engages with the local community and stakeholders about the emerging project.

1. SITE SELECTION	2. PRE-PLANNING	3. SUBMIT APPLICATION & AWAIT DECISION	4. CONSTRUCTION	5. OPERATION	6. DECOMMISSION
<p>(12 months)</p> <p>Extensive research to identify suitable sites; positive indicators include good wind speed and minimal environmental and technical constraints.</p> <p>No public engagement is carried out during this time because the site may not pass the criteria required for being suitable for development.</p> 	<p>(6 to 12 months)</p> <p>We request the view of the Scottish Government and Argyll and Bute Council on the level of study required (known as "Scoping").</p> <p>Scoping is sent to local and neighbouring Community Councils and consultees such as NatureScot, SEPA and Historic Environment Scotland.</p> <p>There are likely to be further changes to the layout as studies continue and feedback from communities and residents is received. Before the final layout is submitted into planning, we will host another consultation in line with Covid-19 advice.</p> 	<p>(12 months)</p> <p>An application is submitted to the Scottish Government, accompanied by a comprehensive Environmental Impact Assessment Report showing the results of all studies undertaken. This is publicly available information and will be available on the project website.</p> <p>Interested parties and statutory consultees such as Argyll and Bute Council can formally comment on the application.</p> 	<p>(12 to 24 months)</p> <p>If Car Dubh is approved, construction begins at least one year after consent.</p> <p>Construction typically takes 12–24 months and planning conditions are used to manage elements of construction.</p> 	<p>(35 to 40 years)</p> <p>The turbines are managed from a regionally based maintenance team, and operations are controlled by detailed planning conditions.</p> <p>We are committed to community benefit and shared ownership opportunities. A community fund is active throughout the lifetime of the project for worthwhile community initiatives.</p> 	<p>(12 months)</p> <p>At the end of the planning period, turbines are removed. A financial bond or guarantee is put in place before construction starts to cover this cost.</p> 

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## Environmental Impact Assessment



The process of gathering robust environmental data is vital to designing a wind farm which balances technical, environmental and commercial considerations.

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is the process of identifying, assessing and presenting the likely significant environmental effects of a development proposal to inform sound decision making. Having an understanding of the potential for significant effects as information emerges through the EIA process also allows for early action to be taken to avoid these effects as part of the design of the project.



Surveys and assessments are undertaken by a team of specialist consultants. The results and findings will be detailed in an EIA Report which will be publicly available following submission of our application.

An important first step in the EIA has been the preparation of the EIA Scoping Report. A number of statutory and non-statutory organisations are being consulted on this, including, but not limited to:

- [Argyll and Bute Council](#)
- [NatureScot](#)
- [Scottish Environment Protection Agency](#)
- [Historic Environment Scotland](#)
- [Transport Scotland](#)

[Documents related to the Scoping Report can be downloaded by clicking here.](#)

The EIA will consider the following topics:

- Landscape and Visual Amenity
- Ecology and Ornithology
- Hydrology and Peat
- Cultural Heritage
- Noise
- Traffic and Transport
- Socio-economics
- Climate Change

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## Environmental Impact Assessment



### Landscape and Visual Assessment



The landscape and visual impact assessment will include a detailed assessment of the potential effects of the proposed wind farm across a 45km study area. This will assess the effects of the wind farm on its own, and in combination with other nearby wind farm developments.

Particular consideration will be given to:

- The landscape character of the site and wider area.
- Special qualities of designated landscapes including Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park, and North Argyll and East Loch Fyne Coast Areas of Panoramic Quality.
- Cumulative landscape and visual effects with other wind farms in the study area (operational, consented and proposed).
- Views experienced by local residents, road users, people using walking routes and cycle routes (including National Cycle Network Route 78 which follows the western shore of Loch Awe), and people at recreational locations including nearby popular hill summits.
- Potential turbine aviation lighting.

We are working with Argyll and Bute Council and NatureScot to finalise the most suitable locations for viewpoints to illustrate the potential visual effects of the wind farm. Images showing predicted views will be produced when these locations are agreed, and shared during another consultation event later this year.



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## Environmental Impact Assessment



The following topics are key considerations in the evolution of the Site's design:

### Ecology



Extensive ecological surveys are being undertaken across the site for habitats and protected species. The habitats on the site are complex as a result of climatic conditions and the undulating upland topography. Blanket bog is widespread however grazing across the site has resulted in the presence of grassland in some areas. There is also an extensive network of lochans and watercourses across the site. Protected species surveys are underway, and will include detailed surveys for otter, water vole, badger, and bats, as well as habitat suitability surveys for red squirrel, pine marten, fisheries and freshwater pearl mussel.



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### Ornithology



In accordance with NatureScot guidance, two years of ornithological surveys have been completed at the site. The surveys identified the presence of golden eagle, white tailed eagle, hen harrier, red throated diver, common snipe, curlew, common sandpiper, lapwing, teal and mallard.

The Site is located 6.5km from the Glen Etive and Glen Fyne Special Protection Area (SPA) which is designated for the presence of breeding golden eagle and the potential for impacts on the SPA will be considered are part of the EIA.

The EIA will consider the potential effects during construction and operation of the wind farm.

The project will be carefully designed, in accordance with best practice and consulting with the relevant statutory bodies, to minimise any potential effects on ornithological species.

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## Environmental Impact Assessment



### Hydrology and Peat



A full suite of surveys to assess potential effects of the proposed wind farm on hydrology, hydrogeology, geology and peat are underway. This data will be used to inform the design of the proposed wind farm.

Extensive peat depth surveys are currently ongoing which indicate that the depth and quality of peat varies considerably across the site; the presence of peat will form a key consideration in designing the final layout of the wind farm, including the tracks and other infrastructure, to minimise the effects on peat during the construction process. A peat management plan will be prepared, and a detailed peat slide risk assessment will be undertaken as part of the EIA.

There are a number of water bodies and watercourses located across the site. Where possible, a 50m buffer will be applied to all watercourses (excluding where watercourse crossings are required) to minimise the risk of potential impacts due to changes in runoff, sedimentation, or water quality.

Consultation will be undertaken to identify any Private Water Supplies in use. The catchments for any confirmed abstractions will be identified so that they can be protected during construction and operation of the wind farm.

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### Socio-economics



The EIA will include an assessment of potential socio-economic effects during construction and operation of the proposed wind farm. During construction, there is potential for benefits to arise associated with job creation, use of local services and income spent locally resulting in positive effects for surrounding local communities. The assessment will also consider the potential for effects on tourism and recreation. This will draw on the findings of the landscape and visual assessment in relation to effects on key viewpoints that are known to be used recreationally, as well as effects on users of nearby recreational routes including National Cycle Route 78 which follows the western shore of Loch Awe.



Car Duibh, Big Point view

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## Environmental Impact Assessment



### Cultural Heritage



An archaeological and cultural heritage assessment will be undertaken in line with Historic Environment Scotland (HES) guidance. This will include the assessment of the potential for direct effects on any archaeological remains located within the site which will be confirmed through field survey. Setting effects on cultural heritage assets in the wider landscape will also be assessed through the provision of representative visualisations in the EIA Report.



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### Noise



A noise assessment will be undertaken which will consider the potential effects of construction and operation of the wind farm on nearby residential properties. Noise and vibration associated with the construction activities and associated traffic (including cumulative effects with other nearby wind farms) will be considered.

### Traffic & Transport



It is anticipated that turbine components will be delivered to the port of Campbeltown and then transported to site via the A83. From the A83 there are several access options to the site and a detailed access review is being undertaken to identify the most suitable access junction option.

The main transport effects will be associated with the movement of general HGV traffic moving to and from the site during construction and this will be assessed as part of the EIA.

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## Environmental Impact Assessment



### Climate Change



The Scottish Government has set a legally-binding target to achieve net-zero emissions by 2045. Developments such as Car Duibh Wind Farm are key to meeting this target. Whilst Scotland has continued to make good progress in reducing its greenhouse gas emissions, the need for low carbon energy supplies is paramount if Scotland is to achieve this net zero target.

By 2030, The Scottish Energy Strategy calls for 50% of 'all energy' to come from renewables. It emphasises that onshore wind is now one of the cheapest forms of electricity and will therefore continue to play an important role in this.

To quantify the emissions savings of Car Duibh Wind Farm, a 'carbon balance' assessment will be undertaken for the wind farm using Scottish Government guidance.

#### What is "Net Zero"?

Credit: [www.nationalgrid.com/stories/energyexplained](https://www.nationalgrid.com/stories/energyexplained)

**Net zero means achieving a balance between the greenhouse gases put into the atmosphere and those taken out.**

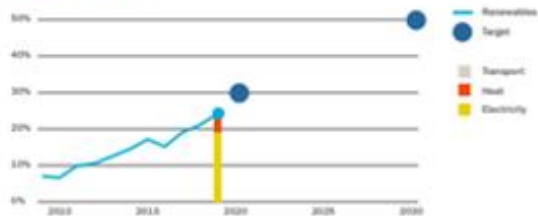
"Think about it like a bath – turn on the taps and you add more water, pull out the plug and water flows out. The amount of water in the bath depends on both the input from the taps and the output via the plughole. To keep the amount of water in the bath at the same level, you need to make sure that the input and output are balanced."

Reaching net zero applies the same principal, requiring us to balance the amount of greenhouse gases we emit with the amount we remove. When what we add is no more than what we take away we reach net zero. This state is also referred to as carbon neutral, although zero emissions and zero carbon are slightly different, as they usually mean that no emissions were produced in the first place."

#### HOW IS SCOTLAND DOING?

##### Scotland's share of renewable energy (gross final consumption)

Scotland, 2009 - 2019



Source: [Scottish Energy Statistics Hub](https://www.sesh.gov.scot/)

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## Local Benefits & Investment



We would like our wind farms to be considered a local asset and want to talk with you about how we can bring new investment to your community.



"Windy Rig is another valuable contract for GTR. We are just one of several local businesses who are directly benefiting from the many wind farm developments within this area. This can only be a good thing for both local businesses and the local economy especially during the current pandemic."

Tanya Russell, Director, GTR Contracts Ltd

#### Community Benefit Fund

We are committed to setting up a Community Benefit Fund in each of our project locations. Over £2 million has been generated from our UK projects to local causes and innovative schemes.

#### Community Ownership

Progress the opportunity for local groups to have a financial interest in our project, with the support of organisations such as [Local Energy Scotland](https://www.localenergyscotland.org/).

#### Local Investment

Work with local business groups such as the Chamber of Commerce to increase awareness of the opportunities in construction and operations.

#### Education & Enterprise

We welcome ideas on how our project can support local education and employment opportunities, and boost local businesses.

#### Wireless Broadband

We invest in feasibility studies to identify potential for improved connection, and support communities developing their own broadband initiatives.

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## Broadband



We are always exploring ways in which we can provide positive benefits to local communities near our projects.

We are often asked by people if we can help deliver faster broadband, or even get them connected in the first place.

With this in mind, we plan to commission a feasibility study to investigate the potential at Car Duibh.



The Broadband Feasibility Study explores the potential for using the infrastructure of our project to deliver super fast broadband.

### Our study will find out:

#### FEASIBILITY



We require a reliable broadband service to operate our wind turbines, and the study explores the potential for improving local infrastructure as the wind farm is connected.

#### FIBRE & FIXED WIRELESS



Fibre is the optimal connection, but fixed wireless broadband also offers opportunities to connect some locations that can be difficult or costly to reach.

#### A BENEFIT



Potential to provide improved internet connection for commercial and residential properties. This could be partially or fully funded by the community benefit fund.

#### NEXT STEPS



We would like to hear your views on the Broadband Feasibility Study. If you would like to be kept up to date on the Broadband Feasibility Study please contact us and register on the website for updates.

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## Your Views are Important to Us



We hope to submit an application early in 2022. Before then we will hold another public exhibition to share details of the final proposal.

We welcome your comments and feedback as our proposal develops. Please register your comments by completing a feedback form by 30 July 2021.

As the project progresses, we will continue to engage with local stakeholders and communities.

Comments made to Statkraft are not representations to the consenting authority. If an application is submitted there will be an opportunity for you to submit a formal response to the Scottish Government at that time.

Thank you for attending the Car Duibh Wind Farm Exhibition.

We would like to keep you updated as our plans progress:



[Click here to complete the online feedback](#)



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*Andershaw Wind Farm, South Lanarkshire, 11 turbines, 140m tip height*

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# Appendix M

## First Exhibition – Examples of Letters in Response to the Feedback Forms



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There were some common themes to the feedback received, and our responses to these are attached for your information.

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Also, just a note to advise that when an application for consent is submitted to the Scottish Government, there is an opportunity to make your views known directly to them as part of the statutory consultation process.

Thank you again for taking the time to reply.

Yours sincerely,

**Scott Vallance**  
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There were some common themes to the feedback received, and our responses to these are attached for your information.

In response to your query on noise. A noise assessment for the proposed development will be submitted as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment to make sure the wind farm can operate within strict National Guidelines. The submission will be assessed to ensure the noise limits which shall be agreed in advance with the Environmental Health Officer can be achieved in practice which will be stipulated by condition, if the project is to be awarded consent.

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The project specific questions and feedback which we received have been provided to the technical teams, and these will be taken into consideration through the project design process.

There were some common themes to the feedback received, and our responses to these are attached for your information.

In response to your feedback on broadband, we look for ways our projects can bring benefits to our neighbours and local community - this is how we have come to investigate the opportunity for our projects to bring improved broadband infrastructure. This potential benefit, and others that will be available to the community through the community benefit fund, are not considered material in planning, meaning they are not taken into account when a planning decision is made on the project.

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## Appendix N

### First Exhibition – Responses to Frequently Asked Questions

#### Appendix: Car Duibh Wind Farm FAQ's included in response to 1<sup>st</sup> Exhibition

During the June/July 2021 consultation, some questions and comments were frequently raised. Below is our response to these. (September 2021)

##### *There are too many wind farms in this area/the turbines are too tall*

Argyll and Bute's Supplementary Guidance for [Spatial Framework for Onshore Wind Energy](#) (2016) indicates that the location of the proposed Car Duibh Wind Farm is in a Group 2 Area as defined by Scottish Planning Policy (2014). This means that wind farms may be appropriate in these areas in some circumstances and which would be acceptable so long as any significant effects could be overcome by siting, design or other mitigation. As part of our work towards the Section 36 application, we have undertaken substantial analysis into the landscape and visual considerations of the development. We continue to develop the project within this policy, aiming to finding the right balance between maximising electricity output while carefully siting and designing the proposal to relate to the existing landscape, including other wind developments.

The Scottish Government has a target to achieve net zero by 2045. Onshore wind is expected to play a role in achieving this aim. Our analysis shows that the area suitable for onshore wind development in Scotland is limited due to a range of factors. To find out more about what makes a site suitable for onshore wind, you are invited to watch this webinar 'Location, Location – the challenges to siting onshore wind farms in Scotland' where our Head of Development explores the challenges faced in finding the best sites to maximise Scotland's excellent natural wind resources. Please visit [this link](#) to view.

##### *Wind turbines should be offshore or other renewable technologies should be considered*

We need a mix of all types of renewable energy generation. New-build onshore wind is presently the most cost-effective way to generate new electricity, out of all forms of electricity.

##### *I don't like the look of onshore wind farms*

We appreciate not all people like the look of wind turbines, but they are very much part of the answer to increasing our carbon-free electricity generation and decreasing the need for fossil fuels. The UK Government has surveyed attitudes towards different types of electricity generation since 2012 and the results consistently show around 75% support for onshore wind ([BEIS Attitudes Tracker](#)).

View points have been selected within the area to provide suitable illustrations of how the proposed Wind Farm will look should it be consented and built. The view points agreed with Argyll and Bute Council and NatureScot will be available to view at our next consultation event later this year and when we submit our application in 2022.

##### *Wind turbines are bad for the environment [construction, peat disturbance, wildlife, use more carbon than they save]*

All wind farm applications are required to report their "carbon payback period" in the Environmental Impact Assessment. This uses a Scottish Government calculator which includes all emissions from the manufacture of the turbines, including any peat disturbance, as well as construction and decommissioning. This is usually in the range of 1-2 years, and part of the work we do during the development phase is to get that number as low as possible.

We commission experienced technical consultants to undertake detailed environmental surveys of the peatland habitat, ecology and ornithology, amongst many others. This information is used to inform the proposed layout of the project and we work closely with these consultants to minimise impacts. We will commit to implementing management plans prior to, and throughout, the construction phase to minimise any damage or disturbance. In addition, a detailed habitat management plan will be implemented for the lifetime of the project which will aim to bring long term benefits to local wildlife. Statkraft is committed to improving habitat across our projects. We were finalists in two prestigious industry awards for our efforts in Moray where we committed to maximising habitat improvements of an area of bog habitat, which was devastated by a wild fire, to deliver a biodiversity gain.

##### *Queries about Community Benefit, Shared Ownership and the Broadband Feasibility Study*

There are several ways our projects can bring local benefits to the area, and we are always open to discussing how this can be tailored to each area's local needs and priorities. Statkraft is committed to delivering a community benefit fund with all new wind farms at £5,000 per MW installed per year, as per Scottish Government best practice guidance. Should there be local interest, we are also happy to explore the opportunity of shared ownership with the community for the proposed development.

We will also carry out a broadband feasibility study in the local area. We require a reliable broadband service to operate our wind turbines and with this in mind we have commissioned a feasibility study to explore the potential for improving local infrastructure as the wind farm is connected. Where the study indicates that there is the opportunity to improve internet connection the community could decide to explore this further.

For more FAQs go to [www.carduibh.co.uk](http://www.carduibh.co.uk)

# Appendix O

## First Exhibition – Copy of Consultation Report



### Car Duibh Wind Farm Public Consultation Feedback Report October 2021

#### About Car Duibh Wind Farm

Car Duibh Wind Farm is a proposal for up to 26 turbines, each up to 200m to turbine blade tip. The nearest turbine of the layout presented at the first exhibition is located approximately 6km to the north west of Inveraray and 4.5km to the east of Dalavich. The table below highlights some key information about the proposal.

	No. of Turbines	Max Blade Tip Heights	Expected Installed Capacity (MW)	Estimated Generation (homes equivalent)	Community Fund (per year)
<b>Car Duibh</b>	Up to 26	Up to 200m	Over 50 <small>(subject to planning requirements)</small>	Over 5,000 <small>homes per turbine (1)</small>	£5,000 <small>per MW installed per year (2)</small>

(1) Based on 5MW turbine, wind resource assessment and average Scottish domestic consumption of 3,393kWh pa. Candidate turbine still to be defined.  
(2) As recommended by Scottish Government.

A programme of community engagement and online consultation for the proposal began in May 2021 and is ongoing. Our engagement is adhering to Scottish Government advice in relation to Covid-19.

#### Initial Consultation Period: Introducing the project

Community engagement and feedback is very important to us as we develop and shape Car Duibh Wind Farm. In May 2021, when the project was first introduced into the public domain with a request for a Scoping Opinion from the Scottish Government, we launched a dedicated project website, providing the opportunity for interested parties to view and importantly comment on the proposals.

At the same time, we wrote to the host and neighbouring Community Councils\* and local political representatives to raise awareness of the proposal and offer an opportunity to virtually meet to provide feedback on the consultation approach and the proposals.

#### Main Consultation Period

This overview presents the findings of the feedback received during the first round of consultation. This was held between 14 June – 2 July 2021 and included an online consultation website and non-digital sources of feedback such as by phone and postal feedback forms, with feedback accepted until 30 July 2021. Responses received after this date will continue to be evaluated and responded to, if required, and will help to shape and inform the proposals through the development and design stages.

The consultation was publicised in various ways, including:

- Advertisements in the Argyllshire Advertiser and Oban Times at the start of the live consultation;
- Mailing to all households and businesses (over 1400 households in total) surrounding the site with an invitation and details to take part in the online consultation as well as providing feedback cards and freepost envelopes for those who preferred to write back rather than go online;
- Writing to host and neighbouring Community Councils and local ward members at the start of the consultation; and
- Details of the consultation on the Car Duibh project website;

\*Community Councils of: Inveraray, Avich and Kilchrenan, Dunadd, Furnace, Glenorchy and Innishall and Strachur

As part of the online consultation, we provided:

- Exhibition Brochure online - information you would usually find on boards at a village hall exhibition;
- Pre recorded videos introducing the project, some of the project team and key aspects of the project;
- Extensive FAQ section on the project to help inform residents when they arrive on the consultation website;
- Five live Q&A sessions with the project team held over 23 June, 28 June and 2 July - giving residents the opportunity to have live interactive chat with the project team;
- A 'ring back' service to allow members of the public to have a dedicated chat with our team at a date/time suitable to them; and
- An opportunity to leave comments through online feedback forms.

We intend to hold a second exhibition later in the year part of which we hope can be held locally and submit a Section 36 application for the proposed Car Duibh Wind Farm to the Scottish Government before the Summer 2022.

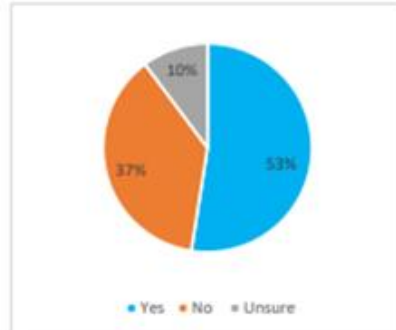
### Summary of Consultation Responses

Of the 1,480 households and businesses surrounding the site contacted with the invitation and freepost feedback form we received 54 (3.65%) back. In addition, we received 122 website visits and 5 online forms completed. In total there were 65 interactions, including call backs, online forms, feedback forms and emails.

From the completed online and offline forms 93% of respondents agreed that the country needs to generate more electricity from renewable sources with 59% of respondents agreeing that onshore wind power is a good way to help achieve this aim.

In response to the question; 'Do you think this site is an acceptable location for a wind farm?'. Over half (53%) of respondents agree it is a good location, 37% don't think so, with 10% unsure.

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



In terms of local benefits, we look forward to exploring the potential of bringing local benefits to the area. With 63% of local respondents interested in exploring broadband we are prioritising the Broadband Feasibility Report and look forward to sharing the report once this is complete.

Furthermore, nearly a third (32%) of respondents responded they were interested in shared ownership with a further fifth unsure (20%). We suggest hosting an information session with Local Energy Scotland to provide the community with more information on shared ownership more generally during the development stage.

Nearly 85% of all respondents wish to be kept up to date on the project and we look forward to engaging with the community over the coming months.

## Key Topics from Consultation

During the consultation period, some questions and comments were frequently raised. When responding to feedback these questions and our responses to those were included. This is appended to this report and included on the project website.

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

### Cumulative Impact

A number of comments and questions about the location and 'too many' wind farms in the area were received as part of the feedback. With less than 10% of the land areas in Scotland suitable for onshore wind<sup>1</sup>, substantial analysis of potential suitable locations is undertaken including landscape and visual sensitivities. We are seeking to develop a proposal that strikes the right balance between maximising electricity output and which relates to the existing landscape including other developments. Our Head of Development recently outlined more information on this topic during a webinar 'Location, Location which is available watch on demand at [www.FutureNetZero.com](http://www.FutureNetZero.com)

### Community Benefit Fund

Statkraft is dedicated to engaging with communities and finding different ways project can bring positive benefits to the local area. If the project is approved, Statkraft are committed to offering a Community Benefit Fund that delivers, £5,000 per MW installed per year as per Scottish Government Guidance. Statkraft aims to offer maximum flexibility regarding how community funds are used, as local communities best understand how funds could be utilised to meet local needs and ambitions.

### Next Steps

We will continue to engage with communities and welcome the opportunity to meet with the Community Council to discuss our wind farm plans as they develop. It is our expectation that we will submit a Section 36 Application to the Energy Consents Unit before the Summer 2022.

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

- Send a copy of this summary report to the host and neighbouring Community Councils and elected representatives and welcome further discussions on the key areas and any other considerations for the project;
- We will hold a further public exhibition event in Autumn 2021 which will include information on how feedback has been incorporated into the design. We hope to hold in person sessions at this time;
- Continue to receive feedback and respond to queries;
- Follow up with community stakeholders regarding the potential for enhanced access to broadband by sharing the findings of the feasibility study once available, expected October/November 2021;
- Progress setting up a shared ownership (virtual) roundtable with Local Energy Scotland to provide more information to those interested in shared ownership opportunities;
- Continue to engage with elected representatives, community councils and local residents to keep them updated on progress;
- Record and store all comments made regarding suggestions for community benefit funding; and
- Continue to update the project website

<sup>1</sup> Based on Statkraft research.

## Appendix P

### Second Exhibition – Example of Community Council Invite and Follow Up Email with Advert

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**Sent:** 28 October 2021 08.56

**To:** xx

**Cc:** Vallance Scott <Scott.Vallance@statkraft.com>; UK Projects <UKProjects@statkraft.com>

**Subject:** RE: xx Community Council - Car Duibh Wind Farm Update

Dear Members of xx Community Council,

As promised in my earlier email, please find attached a copy of the advert that will be in the Argyllshire Advertiser and the Oban Times this week for the up and coming An Càrr Dubh Wind Farm Exhibition.

We would be grateful if you would consider posting on your social media.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

Ruth

On Fri, Oct 15, 2021 at 12:26 PM Semple Ruth <[Ruth.Semple@statkraft.com](mailto:Ruth.Semple@statkraft.com)> wrote:

Dear Members of xx Community Council,

I am writing to provide an update on Statkraft's Car Duibh Wind Farm proposal. This includes details of the project name changing to An Càrr Dubh Wind Farm, feedback from the first public exhibitions and to highlight the second public exhibition events in November 2021.

#### **Name Change to An Càrr Dubh**

We have renamed the wind farm, following local feedback and further expert advice to both accurately reflect local Gaelic and the wind farm location.

The original Gaelic 'càrr' meaning bog or moss has been rendered as 'Loch nan Car' by the Ordnance Survey, which is where we originally selected 'Car' from for the name of the project. We have been advised that if combining 'car' (bog or moss) and 'dubh' (black), the correct Gaelic would be '(An) Càrr Dubh' (the double r differentiates from càr meaning automobile).

#### **When will the name change go live?**

The new name change will go live in line with the second public exhibitions in November. There will be a new website address but all other contact details remain the same and anyone that uses the old website address will be redirected to the project website, so we do not expect any issues with the updated name.

#### **Feedback from First Public Exhibitions**

An Càrr Dubh Wind Farm  
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We held the first online public exhibition in June/July 2021 to introduce the proposals and, since then, we have responded to the individual queries on the project, and we are grateful for the time and feedback from local residents and community representatives.

We have produced a short 'Consultation Report' to provide a summary of the online exhibition and the feedback we received (in line with GDPR) and our next steps. Please find a copy attached. We will upload it to our project website and share it with the local/neighbouring community councils and local elected representatives.

### **Second exhibition events – November 2021**

We are now planning a second public exhibition with our updated plans for the proposal. At the first exhibition our proposal consisted of 26 turbines at 200m to tip height, following site studies and community feedback, the proposal we are presenting at our second exhibition is for up to 21 turbines up to 180m tip height.

The event will be both a virtual exhibition and with Covid-19 restrictions easing we are pleased to be hosting three local in-person events.

The virtual exhibition will run from 1 November – 21 November on the project website.

The in-person exhibitions will be held:

- Tuesday, 9 November 2021 – Ford Village Hall, Ford. 2pm – 7pm.
- Wednesday, 10 November 2021 – Dalavich Community Centre, Dalavich. 2pm – 7pm.
- Thursday, 11 November 2021 – Loch Fyne Hotel, Inveraray. 2pm – 7pm.

To help manage Covid-19 risks we will be asking those wishing to attend to register in advance and this will be possible on the project website from the 1 November 2021.

As with the first exhibition we will advertise the events in the Argyllshire Advertiser, Oban Times and will also send out invitations to all households and businesses surrounding the proposed site.

All exhibition material will go live on our virtual exhibition site on 1 November - 21 November 2021, with an online live consultation event on 19 November, 12pm - 2pm.

We wish to thank the members of the local community who took the time to provide feedback since we first introduced our proposals and look forward to receiving further feedback as we continue to refine the proposal ahead of submitting an application before Summer 2022.

We will be in touch closer to the exhibition dates to provide a copy of the advert for the exhibitions which we would be grateful if you would consider posting on your social media.

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

Kind regards,

Ruth

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# AN CÀRR DUBH WIND FARM

## Public Exhibition Invitation

We invite you to attend our public exhibition for the An Càrr Dubh (previously called Car Duibh) Wind Farm proposal, with the nearest turbine located over 5km to the north-west of Inveraray and over 4km to the east of Dalavich.

### PHYSICAL EXHIBITION

**Ford Village Hall** - Tuesday 9 November, 2pm - 7pm

**Dalavich Community Centre** - Wednesday 10 November, 2pm - 7pm

**Loch Fyne Hotel**, Inveraray - Thursday 11 November, 2pm - 7pm

To help manage Covid-19 risks we are operating an appointment system, please book a space to attend at [www.ancarrdubh.co.uk](http://www.ancarrdubh.co.uk) or call us on **0800 772 0668**. The booking system will be available from 1 November 2021.

### VIRTUAL EXHIBITION

Our exhibition website will be live from **1 November 2021 to 21 November 2021** with all exhibition material available and opportunities to discuss the project with the team. Please visit [www.ancarrdubh.co.uk](http://www.ancarrdubh.co.uk) for more information, where a link to the online exhibition and details of the live Q&A sessions will be available.

Comments should be made to Statkraft UK and do not constitute a formal representation. An opportunity to make a formal representation will exist when a subsequent application is made. Thank you and we hope you can take part in the events.

## Appendix Q

### Second Exhibition – Examples of Exhibition Published on Community Council Website or Social Media

#### Inveraray Community Council Facebook page

**Inveraray Community Council**  
28 October 2021 · 🌐

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## Avich and Kilchrenan Community Council post via Dalavich Village Facebook page regarding the exhibitoin in Community Council minutes

**Dalavich Village**  
12 October 2021 · 🌐

Hi All

Minutes of recently held Community Council meeting below:

Avich & Kilchrenan Community Council  
AGM and Meeting  
Held in Kilchrenan Village Hall  
Monday 4th October 2021– 7.00p.m.  
Minutes of 226th Meeting:

AOB:

1. Kilchrenan Boat Club – set up for people in the community to launch small boats who don't have a water front location.  
The club is in search of access to Loch Aive as a result of SSE withdrawing access at the Tail Race. The key for the club is to find a community loch access point for launching small boats that is not dependent just on the goodwill of owners of private loch frontage. If anyone has information on potential access to use, lease or buy, please contact [chriscowley2015@gmail.com](mailto:chriscowley2015@gmail.com).
2. Quarry trucks – Concern has been raised about the trucks travelling in convoy to and from the quarry. A code of practice concerning movement of the vehicles was discussed (as at Bonawe quarry) and it was agreed that the quarry should be approached about this.
3. Meeting with DRAX and SSE at Dalmally- Afternoon of the 4th October a meeting was held to discuss proposals for future power projects and their implications; chaired by Jenny Minto MSP. Local community councils and ABC sent representatives. Further bulletins will be sent out in the near future.
4. Car Duibh Wind Farm - Dalavich Community Centre will hold a public exhibition for Car Duibh Wind Farm on the 10th and 11th November. An introductory consultation event was held earlier in the summer and the project website with details, including location map, can be found here: <https://www.carduibh.co.uk/>
5. Carraig Ghael Community Wind Farm Fund – John Fleming is happy to stay on the steering group and feed back to the AKCC.
6. Black bales and logs: A resident has asked, why there are black bales and logs on the side of the road near Ballimore. Is it a public passing place? Will investigate.
7. Thanks: Elaine Robertson would like to pass on her thanks to the community for all the updates by email that have kept her in touch with events in the absence of public meetings.  
A huge thank you to Gela Rose for her many years' service as a community councillor and treasurer for the AKCC.

Meeting closed 9.06 p.m

AKCC - Next meeting Monday 10th January 2022  
7.00pm Dalavich Social Club

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**Dalavich Village**  
16 November 2021 · 🌐

Underrated from Community Council.

Hi All,

An Carr Dubh Exhibition  
Dalavich 10th Nov 21.

Myself and Finlay McFee visited the exhibition in Dalavich and were very surprised (as were the Statkraft team) to find how quiet it was; with very little apparent local interest in a development that is set to dominate your view across the loch!

The team were very helpful and have provided me with a number of exhibition booklets for residents to see (send me an email) and it can be accessed virtually on:  
[www.ancarrdubh.co.uk](http://www.ancarrdubh.co.uk)

In summary:

1. The windfarm will fill the gap between the An Suidhe wind farm and the, now consented, Blarghour wind farm.
2. This will give a continuous wall of turbines some 12km long across the loch. The 'Predicted view' projections are from beach level rather than the height at which you live and don't include the other windfarms.
3. The turbines will be much taller at 180m, some 50m taller than other turbines in the area.
4. The closest turbines are "just less than 5km" from Dalavich and "just over" that to Inverinan.
5. That is likely to be within the 'significant noise' envelope, particularly over water.
6. Construction traffic is planned to be from the Loch Fyne side of the hill, with heavy plant coming into Campbeltown.
7. England and Wales have significant protection from this kind of on-shore development – Scotland does not. No doubt Westminster is very happy for Scotland to become the 'Wild West' for huge energy projects like this and 'just take the power- thank you very much'!

This is 'early days' and there are likely to be significant changes in the plans finally submitted, particularly with regard to turbine layout and, I would hope, size. It is your opportunity to influence and question – don't expect A&B Planning to be your ultimate shield. Blarghour has shown that they can be side-lined.

Chris.

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**An Càrr Dubh Wind Farm**  
This website provides more information on the Statkraft proposal for the  
Craig Watch Wind Farm

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## Dunadd Community Council website post

29TH OCTOBER 2021

# An Carr Dubh Wind Farm

Please find below information and dates for public exhibitions for the An Carr Dubh (previously Car Dubh) Windfarm proposal.



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## Appendix R

### Second Exhibition – Example of Emails to Elected Representatives Regarding Second Exhibition with Advert Attached

**From:** Semple Ruth <Ruth.Semple@statkraft.com>  
**Sent:** 28 October 2021 09.00  
**To:**  
**Cc:** UK Projects <UKProjects@statkraft.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Car Duibh Wind Farm Update

Dear Councillor x,

As promised in my earlier email, please find attached a copy of the advert that will be in the Argyllshire Advertiser and the Oban Times this week for the up and coming An Càrr Dubh Wind Farm exhibition.

We would be grateful if you would consider posting on your social media.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

Ruth



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**From:** Semple Ruth  
**Sent:** 15 October 2021 12.28  
**To:**  
**Cc:** Vallance Scott <[Scott.Vallance@statkraft.com](mailto:Scott.Vallance@statkraft.com)>  
**Subject:** Car Duibh Wind Farm Update

Dear Councillor xx,

I am writing to provide an update on [Statkraft's](#) Car Duibh Wind Farm proposal. This includes details of the project name changing to An Càrr Dubh Wind Farm, feedback from the first public exhibitions and to highlight the second public exhibition events in November 2021.

### **Name Change to An Càrr Dubh**

We have renamed the wind farm, following local feedback and further expert advice to both accurately reflect local Gaelic and the wind farm location.

The original Gaelic '[càrr](#)' meaning bog or moss has been rendered as 'Loch nan Car' by the Ordnance Survey, which is where we originally selected 'Car' from for the name of the project. We have been advised that if combining 'car' (bog or moss) and '[dubh](#)' (black), the correct Gaelic would be '(An) Càrr Dubh' (the double r differentiates from [càr](#) meaning automobile).

### **When will the name change go live?**

The new name change will go live in line with the second public exhibitions in November. There will be a new website [address](#) but all other contact details remain the same and anyone that uses the old website address will be redirected to the project website, so we do not expect any issues with the updated name.

### **Feedback from First Public Exhibitions**

We held the first online public exhibition in June/July 2021 to introduce the proposals and, since then, we have responded to the individual queries on the project, and we are grateful for the time and feedback from [local residents](#) and community representatives.

We have produced a short 'Consultation Report' to provide a summary of the online exhibition and the feedback we received (in line with GDPR) and our next steps. Please find a copy attached. We will upload it to our project website and share it with the local/neighbouring community councils and local elected representatives.



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### Second exhibition events – November 2021

We are now planning a second public exhibition with our updated plans for the proposal. At the first exhibition our proposal consisted of 26 turbines at 200m to tip height, following site studies and community feedback, the proposal we are presenting at our second exhibition is for up to 21 turbines up to 180m tip height.

The event will be both a virtual exhibition and with Covid-19 restrictions easing we are pleased to be hosting three local in-person events.

The virtual exhibition will run from 1 November – 21 November on the project website.

The in-person exhibitions will be held:

- Tuesday, 9 November 2021 – Ford Village Hall, Ford. 2pm – 7pm.
- Wednesday, 10 November 2021 – [Dalavich](#) Community Centre, [Dalavich](#). 2pm – 7pm.
- Thursday, 11 November 2021 – Loch Fyne Hotel, Inveraray. 2pm – 7pm.

To help manage Covid-19 risks we will be asking those wishing to attend to register in advance and this will be possible on the project website from the 1 November 2021.

As with the first exhibition we will advertise the events in the Argyllshire Advertiser, Oban Times and will also send out invitations to all households and businesses surrounding the proposed site.

All exhibition material will go live on our virtual exhibition site on 1 November - 21 November 2021, with an online live consultation event on 19 November, 12pm - 2pm.

We wish to thank the members of the local community who took the time to provide feedback since we first introduced our proposals and look forward to receiving further feedback as we continue to refine the proposal ahead of [submitting an application](#) before Summer 2022.

We will be in touch closer to the exhibition dates to provide a copy of the advert for the exhibitions which we would be grateful if you would consider posting on your social media.

If you have any questions about the proposal in the [meantime](#) please get in touch.

Kind regards,

An Càrr Dubh Wind Farm  
March 2023

Ruth

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# Appendix S

## Second Exhibition – Public Exhibition Notices

Public exhibition notice in the Argyllshire Advertiser on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021



Above: Headline act Rory O'B weaving magic into the mundane; below: Che Martin from Campbelltown on the right with Dave Raggaley on keyboard.



# MOJO has the Ardfern rafters ringing

As the dust settles on the fourth MOJO festival of original music, organiser Dan Griffiths gives the Advertiser the lowdown on an evening of musical magic from some of Argyll's best musicians

MOJO 2021 simply blew the roof off Craignish Village Hall yet again with superb original musicians from across Argyll. With Covid requirements in place and everybody adhering to them very well, the audience was treated to original music from some of the best our region has to offer.

There may have been just 50 per cent attendance due to Covid restrictions - but we still achieved 100 per cent of the atmosphere which is what our showcase is all about.

Our format had changed this year, with more acoustic acts playing due to bigger bands being unable to get together over the last year. But the

acoustic sets gave an even more personal touch to the night, which really got everyone hooked from the start. Sound man Matt delivered excellent sound as ever, our volunteers ran everything so smoothly, the musicians excelled in their performances and everybody there just loved it.

First up was Catherine Fischer from Lochgilblhead, our youngest ever singer who, after a bit of last minute tuning, set up the night so well with her spellbinding voice and style.

Catherine included real vulnerability in some tracks, particularly her lockdown blues



Opening act Catherine Fischer, with her spellbinding voice, set up the night in style.

but cleverly always remained upbeat and the audience really took to her brilliant set.

Act number two was Che (Charles) Martin from Campbelltown who gave us a great, boisterous performance with support from keyboardist Dave Raggaley.

In his indie folk set, Che delivered his really popular alternative national anthem. This is Scotland to a cheering audience and gave us some really moving tunes. From Aodhain, Hannah

Boaden, with support from partner Paul Standing, was next, giving us a lesson in varied instrument techniques, with Hannah's vocals and key-boasting really shining out to all her catchy indie/young songs, especially her 'Chased a Lie'.

So to act number four - the Lush Puppies. Sheila McGregor and Ali Barrow from Oban created a mesmerising set of delightful songs, such as 'Summer Song', with their beautiful harmonies and fine guitar playing.

The headliner act was Rory O'B from Oban, who began his set with such an unusual acoustic ballad style, weaving magic into sometimes mundane things, leaving everybody in a lovely bubble.

This burst in splendid fashion when he changed his format completely and started his legendary rap, boogie up the vibe with the guest appearance of his fellow vocal hero and friend K9 Kev, Kevin Irvine.

They just took over the place, including the floor, and the audience just loved it so much they couldn't get enough of their West Coast tunes.

There was encore after encore and fans even had some space cleared for a good old dance lockdown.

We didn't have a full house and Covid restrictions meant no big bands this year, but again Argyll's finest original musicians stood tall and delivered - brilliant performances, so many great styles of great music, inspiration and a really special fourth MOJO showcase which will always be remembered fondly for all who were there.

We also made a small profit, too, which will be shared equally between all acts.

We hope to be back next year, but meantime, follow these unique music people on social media, click them a 'like' as it means a lot. Follow our Facebook page for follow ups from all our acts and updates.



Above: The mesmerising Sheila McGregor and Ali Barrow - The Lush Puppies.

Left: Hannah Boaden delighted the audience, supported by Paul Standing.

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# Appendix T

## Second Exhibition – Copy of Invitation

**We're innovative and community focused**

Statkraft is dedicated to engaging with communities and finding different ways to bring positive benefits.

We want to talk to you about how our project can bring new investment to your community. We are open to your ideas.



**Community Benefit Fund**  
We are committed to a Community Benefit Fund that delivers, £5,000 per MW installed per year as per Scottish Government recommendations. If consented, the project will generate £693,000<sup>(\*)</sup> per year for local groups and initiatives.

<sup>(\*)</sup> Based on 21 x 6.6MW. If consented, value of fund determined by actual installed capacity.

**Shared Ownership**  
We are open to offering Shared Ownership on our projects, if there is local interest. We are keen to hear your views on enabling the community to have a financial share in the project.

**Improved Broadband**  
From our first exhibition there is local interest in improved broadband in the area. Join our exhibition to hear about our broadband feasibility study.

**Local supply chain**  
We want to work with local businesses to deliver our projects. Visit our project website to find out how local businesses can register their interest.

**Statkraft's An Càrr Dubh Project Team (L-R):**  
Scott Wallace, Senior Project Manager  
Ruth Sample, Community Liaison Manager  
Claran Black, Project Developer

Please return the freepost reply card provided.

Come and meet us at the Ford, Dalavich or Inveraray drop in sessions.

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Phone the project hotline: 0800 772 0668

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### Invitation to Public Exhibition: 1 – 21 November 2021

#### An Càrr Dubh Wind Farm Proposal

Our first exhibition was held in June and July 2021 to introduce ourselves and the An Càrr Dubh<sup>(1)</sup> Wind Farm proposal. Since then we have progressed our studies and refined the design. We invite you to review our current plans, online or in person, and provide your feedback. We expect to submit our final plans to the Scottish Government in 2022.



#### A VARIETY OF WAYS TO FIND OUT MORE:

- 3 week ONLINE EXHIBITION
- 3 local DROP IN SESSIONS
- 1 online CHAT SESSION

Covid-19 restrictions have eased and we look forward to hosting local in person drop in sessions. To help manage Covid-19 risks, we are operating an appointment system. Find out more inside.

<sup>(1)</sup> We have renamed the wind farm, following local feedback and further advice, to both accurately reflect local Gaelic and the wind farm location.

#### About Us

Statkraft is Europe's largest generator of renewable energy, with origins going back 125 years in Norwegian hydro power. Our Scottish headquarters are in Glasgow and we have 4,600 employees across 18 countries.

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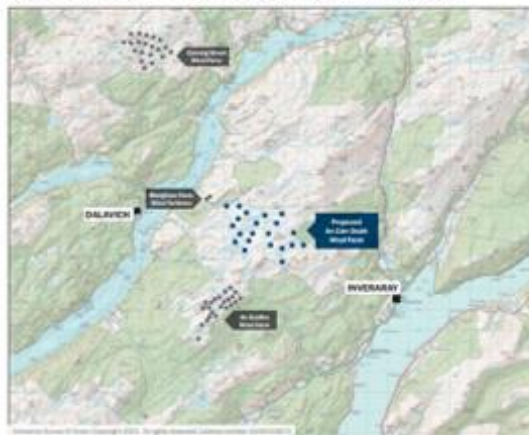
### An Càrr Dubh Wind Farm Proposal

#### Project Summary

- Up to 21 wind turbines proposed (reduced from 26)
- £693k per year for a Community Fund\*
- Maximum blade tip height: 180m (reduced from 200m)
- Exciting opportunity to talk about shared ownership and local suppliers
- Explore the potential for improved broadband provision

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

Since introducing our plans in May 2021 we have listened to feedback to shape the development. The number of turbines has reduced from 26 to 21, and the maximum blade tip height reduced from 200m to 180m. We welcome your feedback as we continue to finalise the design to minimise both the footprint and impacts of the wind farm.



Book an appointment at a drop in session. You will be able to speak with members of the Project Team and to view an animation of the current wind farm design to see how it may look within the local area. We look forward to meeting you.

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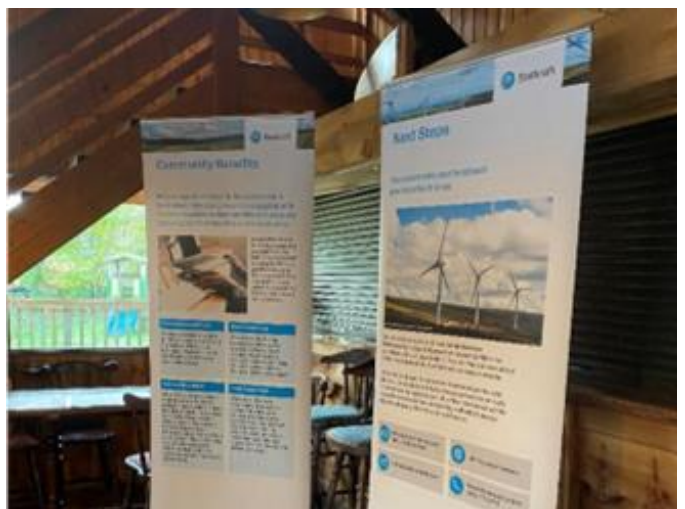
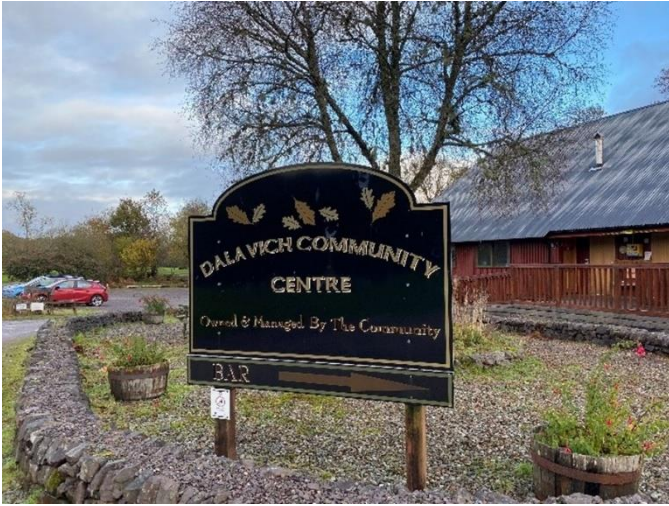
### Second Exhibition – Photos of Exhibition

Ford Village Hall – 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021



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Dalavich Community Centre – 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021



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Loch Fyne Hotel, Inveraray – 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021





# Appendix W

## Second Exhibition – Example of Exhibition Website Content

Home » Welcome to the An Càrr Dubh Wind Farm Virtual Exhibition - Autumn 2021

### Welcome to the An Càrr Dubh Wind Farm Virtual Exhibition - Autumn 2021

We are exploring the potential to develop a wind farm of up to 21 wind turbines and other ancillary development, over 5km to the north west of Inveraray and over 4km to the east of Dalavich to the nearest turbine, in Argyll and Bute.

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**This exhibition is running from Monday 1 November until Sunday 21 November 2021.**

We invite you to review our current plans, online and provide your feedback. You can do this in a number of ways:

- Attend our online chat session on 19 November, 12 noon - 2pm.
- Complete the [online feedback form](#) anytime during the consultation period.

We were pleased to be able to hold Community drop-in sessions during this consultation period. The events were held on 9, 10 and 11 November in Ford, Dalavich and Inveraray.

Please take some time to view the exhibition and the predicted views brochure below.

**REGISTER** for project updates

Project updates from Scott and Ciaran

Chat to us here about An Càrr Dubh online

19 November  
12pm- 2pm

Download Exhibition and Consultation Documents

**AN CÀRR DUBH WIND FARM**  
VIRTUAL EXHIBITION

1 – 21 November 2021

An Càrr Dubh Wind Farm  
March 2023

Predicted View 3: Strachur

CURRENT VIEW

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YOUR FEEDBACK ASK A QUESTION/CALL BACK

### Your Feedback on An Càrr Dubh Wind Farm

Thank you for your interest in the proposal. We hope you found what you were looking for. Please take a few minutes to provide some feedback. This will enable us to gather views which can help shape our plans.

Survey starts Finish

All fields marked with an asterisk (\*) are required.

1. Do you think that the country needs to generate more electricity from renewable sources? \*

Choose an option

Request a call back

Local Suppliers Register

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

3. Do you think that this is an acceptable location for a wind farm? \*

4. We will explore the potential to assist in bringing improved broadband to the area. Is this of interest to you?

5. We are open to offering Shared Ownership on our projects. If this project went ahead, would this be of interest? \*

6. Do you have any questions, comments or feedback on the proposed wind farm? We will respond to any questions but this won't add you to our mailing list.

7. Do you have any comments on the community fund and how the project can bring meaningful benefits to the area? Write your comments or feedback here.

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8. Can we keep you updated with project news? \*

Yes

No

9. What is your postcode? \*

Please add your comment here...

Submit

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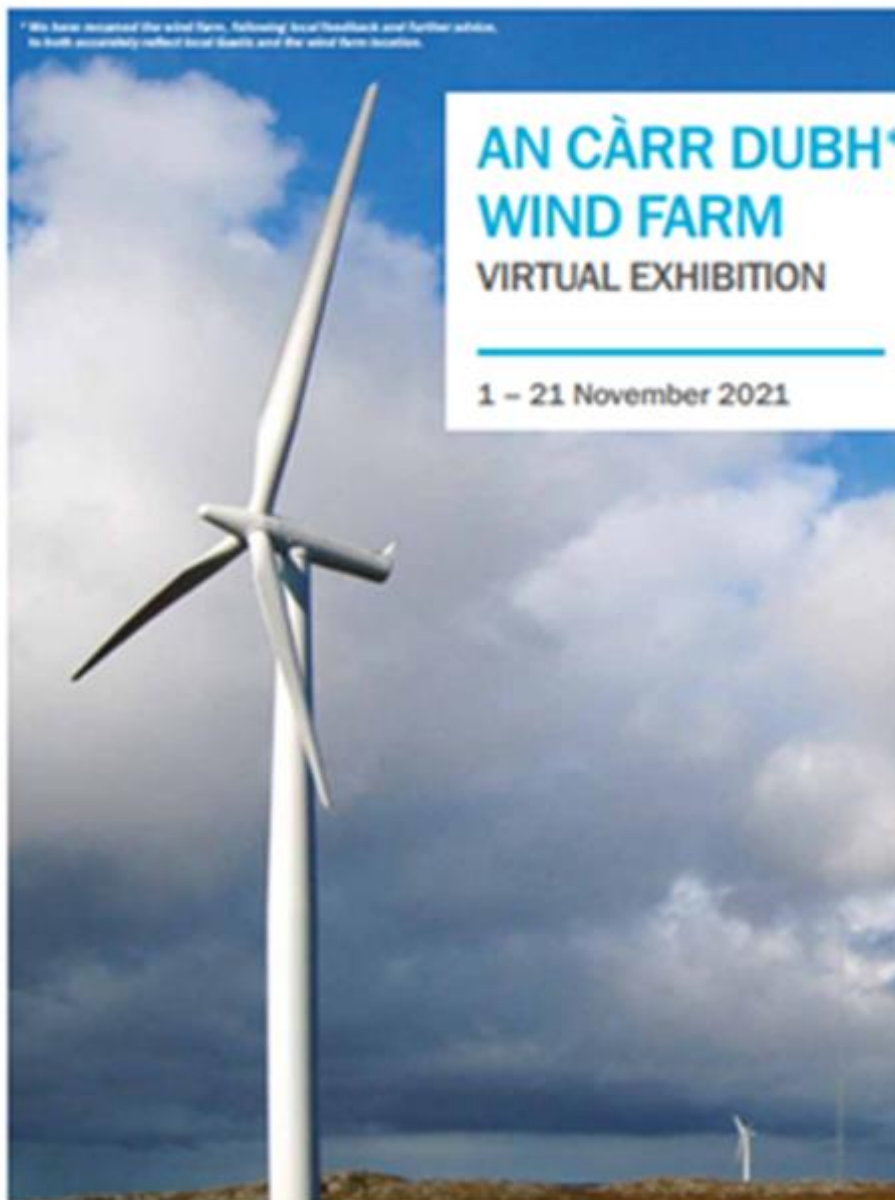
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### Second Exhibition – Copy of the Exhibition Brochure



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Berry Burn Wind Farm, Moray, 29 turbines, 100m tip height

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## Welcome



We want to thank you for sharing your views with us since our first consultation in Summer 2021. We would like to update you on the current proposals ahead of submitting an application to the Scottish Government in 2022.

### About Statkraft

- The largest generator of renewable energy in Europe
- A state owned utility, with origins in Norwegian hydropower 125 years ago
- 4,600 employees in 18 countries, all working towards our low carbon future
- Operating in the UK since 2006
- Distributed over £2 million to communities near operating wind farms



Baille Wind Farm, Thurso, 21 turbines, 110m tip height

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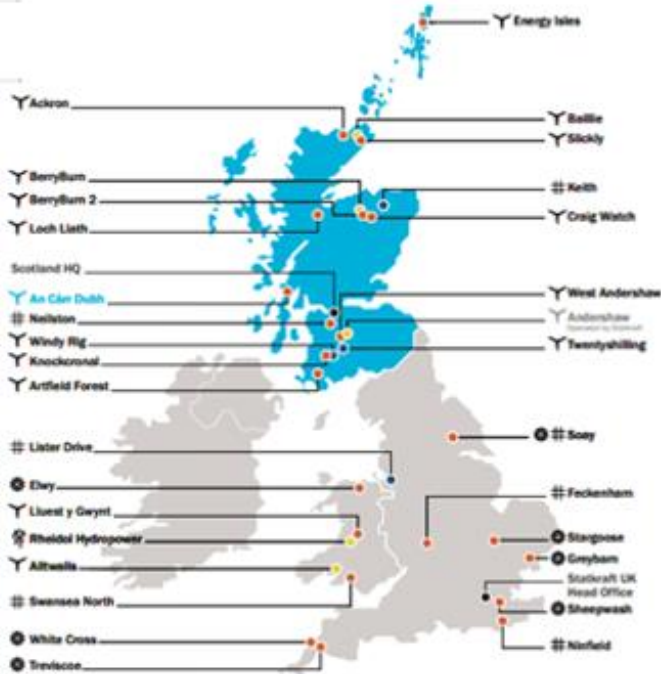
# Welcome



## Statkraft in the UK

- Scottish Head Office in Glasgow
- Operational portfolio includes three wind farms, one hydro plant
- Two wind farms in Dumfries & Galloway in construction
- Recent expansion into solar development and electric vehicle charging points
- Over 700MW in development
- Delivering grid stability services for National Grid in Moray and Liverpool

- Operational
- Construction
- Development
- Offices
- Y Wind
- Greenor Grid Park™
- ⊕ Hydro
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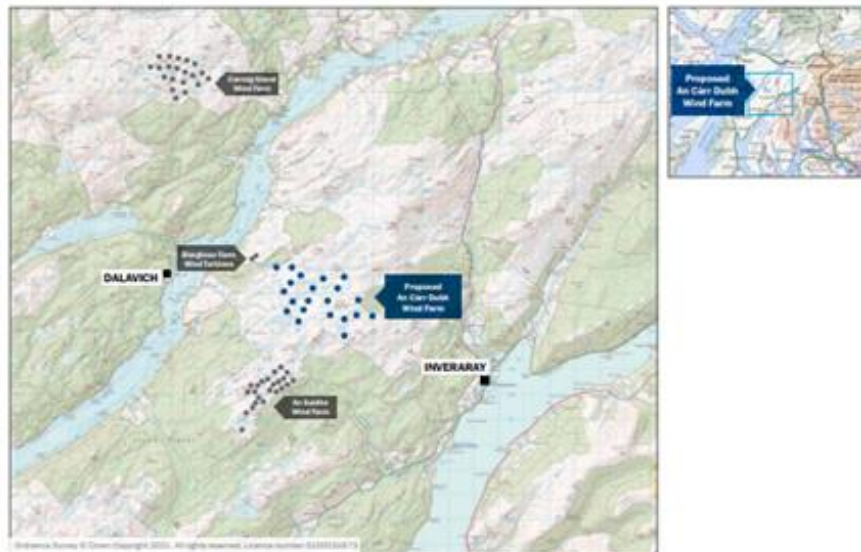


This is an excellent site to contribute to Scotland's ambitions of reaching net zero emissions by 2045

### Key Facts:

- 21** Up to 21 wind turbines proposed (reduced from 26)
- £693k** £693k per year for a Community Fund\*
- 180m** Maximum blade tip height: (reduced from 200m)
- Exciting opportunity to talk about shared ownership and local suppliers
- Explore the potential for improved broadband provision

\* Based on 21 x 6.0MW x £5,000 as per Scottish Government recommendations. If consented, value of fund determined by actual installed capacity.



## About An Càrr Dubh Wind Farm



### Why this site?

- Development would contribute towards Scotland's commitment of net zero emissions by 2045
- Studies show that the site benefits from excellent wind speeds
- No nationally or internationally designated sites within proposed turbine development area
- Designed to reflect the topography, existing operational and any known wind farms in development



The current proposal reduces the number of turbines from 26 to 21 and from 200m to 180m to tip height.

We will continue to engage and update the community before submitting our application in 2022.

	No. of Turbines	Max Blade Tip Heights	Expected Installed Capacity (MW)	Estimated Generation (homes equivalent)	Community Fund (per year)
<b>An Càrr Dubh</b>	Up to 21	Up to 180m	138.6 <small>(Section 36 planning application)</small>	152,000 <sup>(1)</sup>	£697K <sup>(2)</sup> <small>Per annum</small>

<sup>(1)</sup> Based on 21 x 6.8MW turbines, wind resource assessment and average Scottish domestic consumption of 1,000kWh pa.  
<sup>(2)</sup> Fund based on £35 per MW installed per year as recommended by the Scottish Government. If consented, value of fund determined by actual installed capacity.

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## The Story So Far



Feedback and ongoing studies have informed our current proposal.

MAY 2021	MAY 2021 – OCTOBER 2021	NOVEMBER 2021	2022
<p>Requested the view of the Scottish Government and Argyll and Bute Council on the level of study required (known as 'Scoping') to assess the An Càrr Dubh Wind Farm Proposal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ 26 turbines</li> <li>→ Up to 200m tip height</li> </ul>	<p>Consultation with stakeholders and communities receiving their formal views and comments (within a document known as a 'Scoping Opinion') in August 2021.</p> <p>1st Public Exhibition held June – July</p> <p>Following feedback, principally around location, visual impact and wildlife concerns, and additional site work the proposal has been revised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ From 26 to 21 turbines</li> <li>→ Reduced turbine tip heights to 180m</li> <li>→ Site layout carefully considers visual impacts</li> <li>→ Avoid deepest areas of peat where possible</li> </ul>	<p>2nd Public Exhibition</p> <p>Present the current wind farm layout for consultation and feedback.</p> <p>We have renamed the wind farm An Càrr Dubh Wind Farm following local feedback and further advice, to both accurately reflect local Gaelic and the wind farm location.</p>	<p>Section 36 Application expected to be submitted.</p> <p>Further revisions to the wind farm design taking into account consultees, community and other stakeholder feedback, are expected before submission to the Energy Consents Unit.</p> <p>Members of the community and other interested stakeholders will have an opportunity to make formal representations to the Scottish Government on the proposal submitted.</p>

We are designing a proposal that takes into account feedback received and strikes a **good balance** between maximising the electricity output of the site while carefully designing the proposal to **relate to the existing** landscape and other developments.

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## The Story So Far



This is the current wind farm design. Further revisions are expected ahead of being submitted to the Scottish Government in 2022.

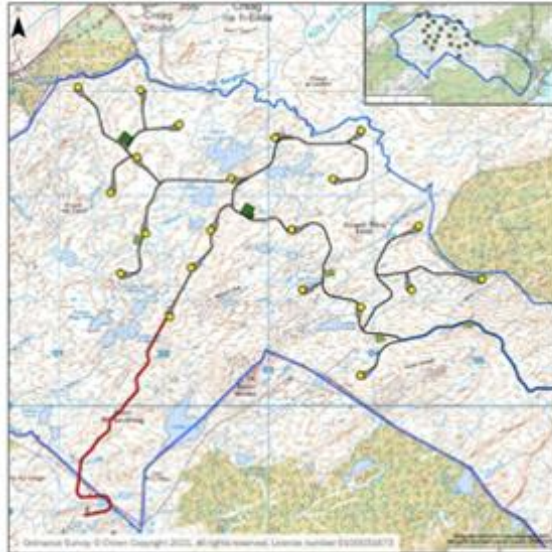
Use on-site resources to minimise impacts on local roads during construction such as borrow pits.

Site infrastructure designed to minimise construction footprint.

**LEGEND**

- Turbine locations
- INFRASTRUCTURE**
- Handstanding
- Substation
- Battery Storage / Construction Compound
- Borrow Pit Search Areas
- South Eastern Access Option
- South Western Access Option
- On-site Tracks
- An Càrr Dubh Site Boundary

- Turbines and infrastructure located to minimise water course crossings and proximity to water courses where possible.
- Reducing tip heights of all turbines to reduce their prominence within the landscape.
- Turbines relocated to avoid priority peatland where possible.
- Turbines removed due to archaeological constraints.
- Turbines positioned to maximise the predicted available wind resource.



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## Project Timeline



Throughout the process Statkraft continuously engages with the local community and stakeholders about the emerging proposal.

1. SITE SELECTION	2. PRE-PLANNING	3. SUBMIT APPLICATION & AWAIT DECISION	4. CONSTRUCTION	5. OPERATION	6. DECOMMISSION
<p>(12 months)</p> <p>Extensive research to identify suitable sites; positive indicators include good wind speed and minimal environmental and technical constraints.</p> <p>No public engagement is carried out during this time because the site may not pass the criteria required for being suitable for development.</p>	<p>(6 to 12 months)</p> <p>We request the view of the Scottish Government and Argyll and Bute Council on the level of study required (known as "Scoping").</p> <p>Scoping Report is sent to local and neighbouring Community Councils and consultees such as NatureScot, SEPA and Historic Environment Scotland.</p> <p>Consultation events held ahead of submitting our planning application which we expect to in 2022.</p>	<p>(12 months)</p> <p>An application is submitted to the Scottish Government, accompanied by a comprehensive Environmental Impact Assessment Report showing the results of all studies undertaken. This is publicly available information and will be available on the project website.</p> <p>Interested parties and statutory consultees such as Argyll and Bute Council can formally comment on the application.</p>	<p>(12 to 24 months)</p> <p>If An Càrr Dubh Wind Farm is approved, construction begins at least one year after consent.</p> <p>Construction typically takes 12–24 months and planning conditions are used to manage elements of construction.</p>	<p>(35 to 40 years)</p> <p>The turbines are managed from a regionally based maintenance team, and operations are controlled by detailed planning conditions.</p> <p>We are committed to delivering community benefit and shared ownership opportunities. A community fund is active throughout the lifetime of the project for worthwhile community initiatives.</p>	<p>(12 months)</p> <p>At the end of the planning period, turbines are removed. A financial bond or guarantee is put in place before construction starts to cover this cost.</p>

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## Environmental Impact Assessment



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



Peat bogging in blanket bog habitat to the east of Beinn Ibhreac

The results and findings are incorporated into an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and will be publicly available following submission of our application.

An important first step in the EIA has been the preparation of the EIA Scoping Report. A number of statutory and non-statutory organisations are being consulted on this, including, but not limited to:

- Argyll and Bute Council
- NatureScot
- Scottish Environment Protection Agency
- Historic Environment Scotland
- Transport Scotland

The EIA will consider the following topics:

- Landscape and Visual Amenity
- Ecology and Ornithology
- Hydrology and Peat
- Cultural Heritage
- Noise
- Traffic and Transport
- Socio-economics
- Climate Change

## Landscape and Visual Assessments



### What will the project look like?

For this exhibition we have created visualisations showing how the wind turbines could look from three local view points.

We are currently in the process of agreeing the view point locations with Argyll and Bute Council and NatureScot to ensure the most suitable locations are selected to illustrate the effects of the wind farm.

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

Visualisations of all the agreed viewpoints, day and night, will be available when an application is submitted to the Scottish Government.

### We pay particular regard to:

- The landscape character of the site and wider area.
- Special qualities of designated landscapes including Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park, and North Argyll and East Loch Fyne Coast Areas of Panoramic Quality.
- Cumulative landscape and visual effects with other wind farms in the study area (operational, consented and proposed).
- Views experienced by local residents, road users, people using walking routes and cycle routes (including National Cycle Network Route 78 which follows the western shore of Loch Awe), and people at recreational locations including nearby popular hill summits.
- Potential turbine aviation lighting.



Predicted View 2 | Dalavich Jetty

Please visit our Predicted Views booklet to see predicted views from several locations.

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The following topics are key considerations in the evolution of the Site's design:

### Ecology



Extensive ecological surveys have been undertaken across the site for habitats and protected species. The habitats on the site are complex as a result of climatic conditions and the undulating upland topography. Blanket bog is widespread however grazing across the site has resulted in the presence of grassland in some areas. There is also an extensive network of lochans and watercourses across the site. Protected species surveys have been undertaken which have identified the presence of otter and water vole. Surveys have been undertaken for habitat suitability for red squirrel, pine marten, fisheries and fresh water pearl mussel, which did not identify any significant constraints to the development.

A Habitat Management Plan (HMP) will be implemented at the site to benefit habitats, particularly through the restoration of hagged areas of peat and management of grazing. Habitat restoration will be beneficial to a number of species which are known to be present on the site and in the wider area.

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### Ornithology



In accordance with NatureScot guidance, two years of ornithological surveys have been completed at the site. The surveys identified the presence of golden eagle, white tailed eagle, hen harrier, red throated diver, common snipe, curlew, common sandpiper, lapwing, teal and mallard.

The Site is located 6.5km from the Glen Etive and Glen Fyne Special Protection Area (SPA) which is designated for the presence of breeding golden eagle and the potential for impacts on the SPA will be considered as part of the EIA.

The EIA will consider the potential effects during construction and operation of the wind farm.

The project will be carefully designed, in accordance with best practice and consulting with the relevant statutory bodies, to address the points raised in their scoping responses and to minimise any potential effects on ornithological species.

The HMP will include habitat restoration and other measures which will be beneficial to bird species which use the site, including golden eagle.

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## Environmental Impact Assessment



### Hydrology and Peat



A full suite of surveys to assess potential effects of the proposed wind farm on hydrology, hydrogeology, geology and peat are underway. This data is being used to inform this design.

Extensive peat depth surveys have been undertaken which indicate that the depth and quality of peat varies considerably across the site; the presence of peat has formed a key consideration in the design of the wind farm, including the tracks and other infrastructure. Where possible the design has sought to avoid peat over 1m deep, however the infrastructure layout presented here is subject to further refinement following more detailed peat surveys that are due to take place before the end of the year. A peat management plan will be prepared, and a detailed peat slide risk assessment will be undertaken as part of the EIA. The EIA will also include a HMP for the site, a key objective of which will be on restoration of hagged areas of peatland.

Consultation will be undertaken to identify any Private Water Supplies in use. The catchments for any confirmed abstractions will be identified so that they can be protected during construction and operation of the wind farm.

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### Socio-economics



The EIA will include an assessment of potential socio-economic effects during construction and operation of the proposed wind farm. During construction, there is potential for benefits to arise associated with job creation, use of local services and income spent locally resulting in positive effects for surrounding local communities. The assessment will also consider the potential for effects on tourism and recreation. This will draw on the findings of the landscape and visual assessment in relation to effects on key viewpoints that are known to be used recreationally, as well as effects on users of nearby recreational routes including National Cycle Route 78 which follows the western shore of Loch Awe.



Unnamed Lochan to south of Bealach Glas with wet heath and acid grassland habitat on hillsides.

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## Environmental Impact Assessment



### Cultural Heritage



Field surveys have been completed which have confirmed that archaeological remains within the site are limited, with those that have been identified having been avoided through the design process. In addition to considering direct effects on features within the site, the assessment will also consider potential setting effects on cultural heritage assets in the wider landscape through field survey and the provision of representative visualisations in the EIA Report. Consultation with Historic Environment Scotland was undertaken as part of the EIA Scoping exercise.



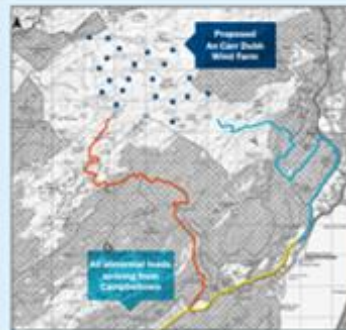
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### Traffic & Transport



It is anticipated that turbine components will be delivered to the port of Campbeltown and then transported to site via the A83. From the A83 there are two access options to the site and a detailed access review has been undertaken to identify the most suitable options.

The main transport effects will be associated with the movement of general HGV traffic moving to and from the site during construction and this will be assessed as part of the EIA.



We are investigating two potential access options to deliver components for the project which will exit the A83.

#### LEGEND

- Turbine locations
- Delivery Route
- South Eastern Access Option
- South Western Access Option

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## Environmental Impact Assessment



### Climate Change



The Scottish Government has set a legally-binding target to achieve net-zero emissions by 2045. Developments such as An Càrr Dubh Wind Farm are key to meeting this target. Whilst Scotland has continued to make good progress in reducing its greenhouse gas emissions, the need for low carbon energy supplies is paramount if Scotland is to achieve this net zero target.

By 2030, The Scottish Energy Strategy calls for 50% of 'all energy' to come from renewables. It emphasises that onshore wind is now one of the cheapest forms of electricity and will therefore continue to play an important role in this.

To quantify the emissions savings of An Càrr Dubh Wind Farm, a 'carbon balance' assessment will be undertaken for the wind farm using Scottish Government guidance.

#### "We need more renewable energy, but why here?"

This is one of the most common questions we are asked when we propose a wind farm. This is a very understandable question, and the answer goes beyond the fact that Scotland has one of the strongest wind speeds in Europe. Earlier this year, we were pleased to be able to answer this question with the detail it deserves during a webinar hosted by the news website Futurist2Zero. You may be surprised to know that our analysis shows less than 10% of land in Scotland is suitable for development of onshore wind.

[You can watch the full webinar here.](#)



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#### HOW IS SCOTLAND DOING?

It's great that Scotland now generates the equivalent of over 90% of its total electricity consumption by renewable energy. Reducing fossil fuel sources from heating and transport is essential to Scotland achieving net zero emissions by 2045, this project could contribute to that goal.

Read more here: [www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-51098069](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-51098069)

#### Scotland's share of renewable energy (gross final consumption)



Source: [Scottish Energy Statistics Hub](#)

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## Local Benefits & Investment



We would like our wind farms to be considered a local asset and want to talk with you about how we can bring new investment to your community.



*Broadleaf planting areas at Andershaw Wind Farm. Photo credit: Jason Mackay at MacArthur Green.*

"Since 2016, MacArthur Green's experienced team of specialists have been carrying out ecological, ornithological and hydrological monitoring works for Andershaw Wind Farm's Forestry and Habitat Management Plan (FHMP). The FHMP aims to reinstate and enhance blanket bog habitat, and provide a diverse woodland mix including broadleaved woodland to enhance floral and faunal species diversity. Through ongoing monitoring, we have found that these habitats are now developing well, and are helping to increase biodiversity of the site."

Nicola Goodship PhD MCEEM, Senior Ornithologist, MacArthur Green

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<p><b>Community Benefit Fund</b></p> <p>We are committed to setting up a Community Benefit Fund in each of our project locations. Over £2 million has been generated from our UK projects to local causes and innovative schemes.</p>	<p><b>Shared Ownership</b></p> <p>Progress the opportunity for local groups to have a financial interest in our project, with the support of organisations such as <a href="#">Local Energy Scotland</a>.</p>
<p><b>Local Investment</b></p> <p>Work with local business groups such as the Chamber of Commerce to increase awareness of the opportunities in construction and operations. If you are a local business please sign up to our <a href="#">Local Suppliers Register</a>.</p>	<p><b>Education &amp; Enterprise</b></p> <p>We welcome ideas on how our project can support local education and employment opportunities, and boost local businesses.</p>
<p><b>Wireless Broadband</b></p> <p>We invest in feasibility studies to identify potential for improved connection, and support communities developing their own broadband initiatives.</p>	

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## Broadband



We are always exploring ways in which we can provide positive benefits to local communities near our projects.

We are often asked by people if we can help deliver faster broadband, or even get them connected in the first place. Feedback from the first exhibition revealed that 63% of respondents were interested in exploring this opportunity further.

With this in mind, we have commissioned a feasibility study to investigate the potential at An Càrr Dubh.



*The Broadband Feasibility Study explores the potential for using the infrastructure of our project to deliver super fast broadband.*

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### Our study will find out:

- FEASIBILITY** ✓

We require a reliable broadband service to operate our wind turbines, and the study explores the [potential for improving local infrastructure](#) as the wind farm is connected.
- FIBRE & FIXED WIRELESS** 📶

Fibre is the optimal connection, but fixed wireless broadband also offers opportunities to connect some locations that can be difficult or costly to reach.
- A BENEFIT** ⭐

Potential to provide [improved internet connection for commercial and residential properties](#). This could be partially or fully funded by the community benefit fund.
- NEXT STEPS** ➔

We expect the broadband feasibility study to be completed in November. [If you would like to be kept up to date on the Study please contact us, and register on the website for updates.](#)

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## Your Views are Important to Us

We hope to submit an application in 2022 when all the application documents will be publicly available.

We welcome your comments and feedback as our proposal develops. Please register your comments by completing a feedback form by 17 December 2021.

As the project progresses, we will continue to engage with local stakeholders and communities.

Comments made to Statkraft are not representations to the consenting authority. If an application is submitted there will be an opportunity for you to submit a formal response to the Scottish Government at that time.

Thank you for attending the An Càrr Dubh Wind Farm Exhibition.



We would like to keep you updated as our plans progress:



[Click here to complete the online feedback](#)



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*Alltwalis Wind Farm, Carmarthen, South Wales. 10 turbines, 110m tip height*

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# Appendix Y

## Second Exhibition – Copy of Predictive Views Brochure



### Predicted Views

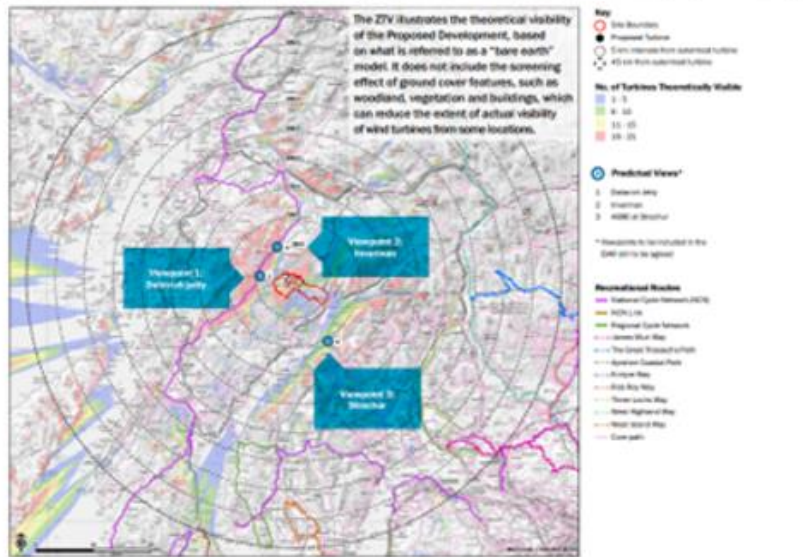
Three visualisations have been provided to demonstrate how the proposed wind farm could look at its maximum size of 21 turbines at 180m to blade tip. These illustrations provide a good representation of the current plans from several local view points.

We are currently in the process of agreeing locations of viewpoints with Argyll and Bute Council and NatureScot to ensure the most suitable locations are selected to illustrate the effects of the wind farm.

When the viewpoints are agreed a full set of visualisations for each, which includes a baseline photo, a wire line and a photomontage of how the wind farm may look, will be provided as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EiAR) submitted with our application. In addition, as the turbines are over 150m, night time viewpoint locations are being agreed with Argyll and Bute Council and Nature Scot, and will also be included in the EiAR.

We expect to submit an application in 2022. Statutory consultees, members of the community and other interested parties, will have the opportunity to provide their feedback on the proposal at this time.

### Zone of Theoretical Visibility (ZTV)





## Predicted View 1: Dalavich Jetty



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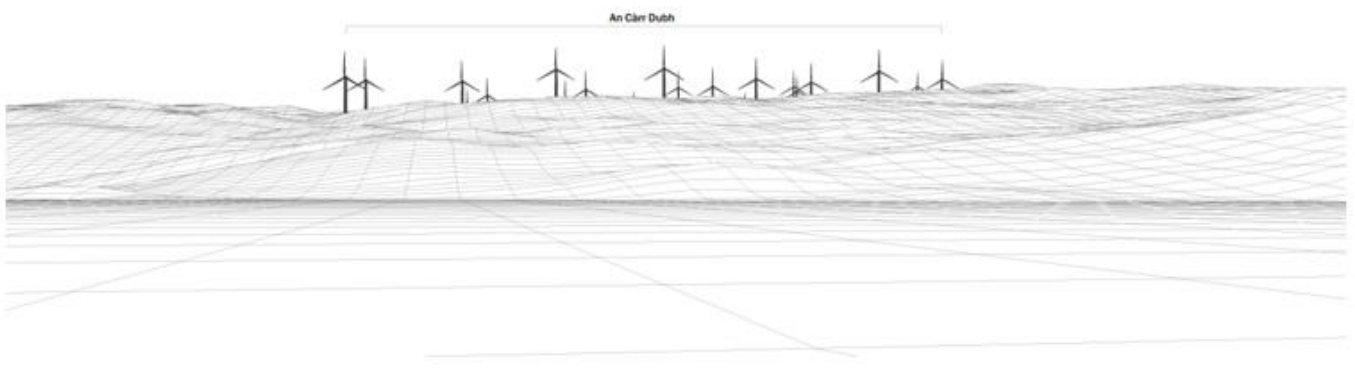


Photomontage showing current view.

## Predicted View 1: Dalavich Jetty



### WIREFRAME



Wireframe showing current proposed layout.  
21 turbines @ 180m to blade tip height.

## Predicted View 1: Dalavich Jetty



### PREDICTED VIEW



Photomontage showing current proposed layout.  
21 turbines @ 150m to blade tip height.

## Predicted View 2: Inverinan



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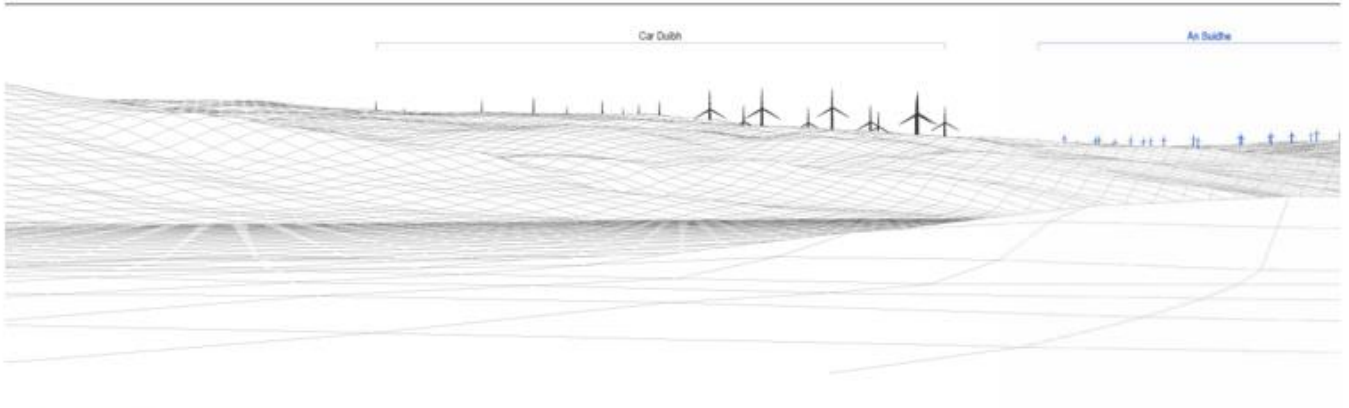


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## Predicted View 2: Inverinan



### PREDICTED VIEW



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### Predicted View 3: Strachur



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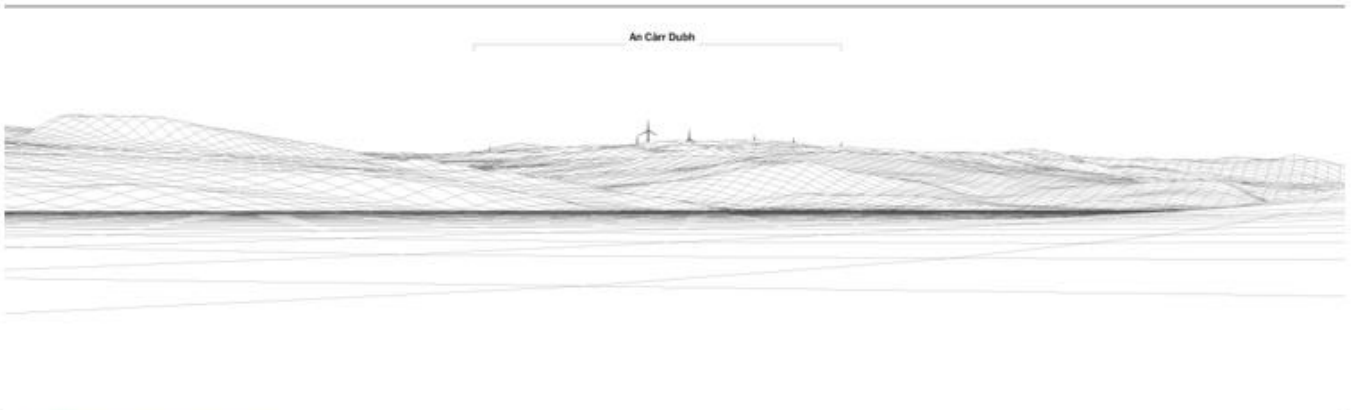


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### Predicted View 3: Strachur



#### WIREFRAME



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### Predicted View 3: Strachur



#### PREDICTED VIEW



Photomontage showing current proposed layout.  
21 turbines @ 180m to blade tip height.

## Appendix Z

### Second Exhibition – Example of Letters in Response to the Feedback



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#### An Càrr Dubh Wind Farm - Second Consultation Period

Thank you for taking the time to complete and return the feedback form during our second consultation for the proposed An Càrr Dubh Wind Farm. Your feedback will be considered as we look to refine our proposals further.

As part of the second consultation, we wrote to over 1,400 households and businesses located within the area of the proposal to inform local residents about the project, including changes, and to invite them to provide feedback via the freepost reply card, the project website or at our community drop-in sessions. We were pleased to be able to host three in person drop-in sessions, on 9, 10 and 11 November, in Ford, Dalavich and Inveraray.

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It is expected that the number of turbines for the proposal will be reduced further during this next stage and more details of this will be available on the website as our plans progress. The final proposal will be included in the Section 36 application, expected to be submitted to the Scottish Government Energy Consents Unit in the Summer 2022. The application will also be available to view on the project website.

You indicated you would like to be kept updated with project news, and we will be pleased to keep you and community groups informed of project progress. You can also [register for updates](#) on the project website, [www.ancarrdubh.co.uk](http://www.ancarrdubh.co.uk) We follow GDPR guidelines in relation to personal data and you can opt out at any time.

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

Thank you again for taking the time to reply.

Yours sincerely,

**Scott Vallance**  
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Thank you for your feedback in relation to the potential removal of one full size turbine on top of the hill opposite Strathur. Your feedback and that received from other respondents during the consultation has been passed to our design team. We are using feedback to refine the project further to develop a scheme most in keeping with the landscape and surrounding developments.

It is expected that the number of turbines for the proposal will be reduced further during this next stage and more details of this will be available on the website as our plans progress. The final proposal will be included in the Section 36 application, expected to be submitted to the Scottish Government Energy Consents Unit in the Summer 2022. The application will also be available to view on the project website.

You indicated you would like to be kept updated with project news, and we will be pleased to keep you and community groups informed of project progress. You can also [register for updates](#) on the project website, [www.ancarrdubh.co.uk](http://www.ancarrdubh.co.uk). We follow GDPR guidelines in relation to personal data and you can opt out at any time.

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

Thank you again for taking the time to reply.

Yours sincerely,

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Senior Project Manager,  
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**Cairan Black**  
Project Developer,  
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**Ruth Semple**  
Community Liaison Manager,  
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# Appendix AA

## Second Exhibition – Frequently Asked Questions Contained in Responses



### Appendix: An Càrr Dubh Wind Farm

*During the November - December 2021 consultation, some questions and comments were frequently raised. Below is our response to these. (February 2022)*

*There are too many wind farms in this area/the turbines are too tall/can you consider removing turbines?*

Since the project was introduced (May 2021) both the proposed number and maximum height of the turbines has reduced; from 26 to 21 turbines and the maximum height from 200m to 180m to tip height. The changes were made following further studies and taking into account stakeholder and community feedback.

A layout comprising of 21 turbines with tip heights to 180 m was presented during this exhibition. Several attendees fed back whether we could consider removing, the 5 turbines to the north west of the site the most prominent turbines to Dalavich and consider removing turbine 19 which is fully visible from Strachur. It is expected the proposal submitted to planning will have fewer turbines. Following feedback at the exhibition, we are considering further design iterations for the site and will review which turbines may be removed while still achieving a design that reflects the topography, fits with surrounding wind farm projects (approved or in planning), seeks to minimise visual impact while also maximising the output of zero carbon energy.

As part of our work towards the Section 36 application, we are continuing to undertake substantial analysis into the landscape and visual considerations of the proposed development. Viewpoints and Wirelines will be produced for the proposal submitted to provide the local community the opportunity to understand what the proposed development may look like should it be consented and constructed.

The Scottish Government has a target to achieve net zero emissions by 2045. Onshore wind is expected to play a role in achieving this aim. Our analysis shows that the area suitable for onshore wind development in Scotland is limited due to a range of factors. To find out more about what makes a site suitable for onshore wind, you are invited to watch this webinar 'Location, Location – the challenges to siting onshore wind farms in Scotland' where our Head of Development explores the challenges faced in finding the best sites to maximise Scotland's excellent natural wind resources. Please visit [this link](#) to view.

*Wind turbines should be offshore or other renewable technologies should be considered.*

We need a mix of all types of renewable energy generation. New-build onshore wind is presently the most cost-effective way to generate new electricity, out of all forms of electricity.

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

We consult with NatureScot on the scope of the surveys and we have commissioned experienced technical consultants to undertake detailed environmental surveys of the habitat, ecology and ornithology, amongst others. This information is used to inform the proposed layout of the project and we work closely with these consultants to minimise impacts as we work towards finalising our design which will be submitted as part of the Section 36 application. We commit to implementing construction and environmental management plans prior to, and throughout, the construction phase to minimise any damage or disturbance. In addition, a detailed habitat management plan will be implemented for the lifetime of the project which will aim to bring long term benefits to local wildlife and flora.

*Queries about Community Benefit, Shared Ownership and the Broadband Feasibility Study*

There are several ways our projects can bring benefits to the local area. Statkraft follows Scottish Government best practice guidance for community benefit funds. This means that all new wind farms will benefit from a Community Benefit Fund of £5,000 per MW of installed capacity per year and in the first instance engagement is undertaken with the host and surrounding Community Councils\* when discussions regarding the fund commence. Other than confirming the value of the fund available, £5,000 per MW of installed capacity, no decisions have been made regarding the community benefit fund.

Statkraft is not prescriptive about how the funds are set up or administered, we are open to discussing how the fund can be tailored to meet the local areas needs and priorities within the local community. It is important to note the provision, or otherwise, of a community benefit fund is not material to a wind farm planning decision i.e. whether a project gains consent.

Separate to the Community Benefit Fund, we are happy to explore the opportunity of shared ownership with the community for the proposed development. 30% of respondents were interested and 28% unsure about shared ownership and we will look to set up a meeting with Community Councils and Local Energy Scotland to provide more information on what shared ownership could look like and we will keep our website up to date in relation to this element too.

Lastly, we are finalising the broadband feasibility study which has been carried out. We require a reliable broadband service to operate our wind turbines and with this in mind we commission a feasibility study for all our projects to explore what the potential may be for improving local infrastructure as the wind farm is connected. Where the study indicates that there is the opportunity to improve internet connection the community could decide to explore this further.

\*Community Councils of: Inveraray, Alich and Kilchrenan, Dunadd, Furnace, Glenorchy and Inishall and Strachur.



# Appendix BB

## Second Exhibition – Copy of Consultation Report



### An Càrr Dubh Wind Farm

Online and In-Person Consultation Feedback Report November - December 2021

#### About An Càrr Dubh Wind Farm

An Càrr Dubh is a proposal for a 21 turbine wind farm. The site is over 5km to the north-west of Inveraray and over 4km to the east of Dalavich.

	No. of Turbines	Max Blade Tip Heights	Expected Installed Capacity (MW)	Estimated Generation (homes equivalent)	Community Fund (per year)
<b>An Càrr Dubh</b>	Up to 21	Up to 180m	138.6 <small>(subject to planning application)</small>	152,000 <sup>(1)</sup>	£697K <sup>(2)</sup> <small>Per annum</small>

<sup>(1)</sup> Based on 21 x 6.6MW turbines, wind resource assessment and average Scottish domestic consumption of 3,393kWh pa.  
<sup>(2)</sup> Fund based on £5k per MW installed per year as recommended by the Scottish Government. If consented, value of fund determined by actual installed capacity.

The project was introduced to community representatives in May 2021 and an online consultation event, adhering to Scottish Government advice in relation to Covid-19, was held across June - July 2021. A Feedback Report for the first consultation event was circulated to Community Councils and uploaded to the project website in [October 2021](#).

A second consultation, both online and in-person, was held in November 2021. This Feedback Report focuses on the feedback received during the second exhibition period.

#### Background

Community engagement is very important to us and we hold a series of consultation events for all our projects to highlight our proposals and receive feedback and input from nearby communities. We committed to holding a physical exhibition event alongside a virtual exhibition if possible in order to give residents different opportunities to engage on the proposals. As the Covid-19 restrictions eased in Summer 2021, it was possible to hold in-person physical events with suitable Covid-19 risk measures in place.

We carried out risk assessments in advance of the physical exhibition events. The measures taken at the physical exhibitions included:

- An appointment-based system to ensure the number of attendees in the hall/venue stayed within the hall capacity;
- Track and Trace in operation, with contact details of all attendees provided to Statkraft;
- Members of the Statkraft team taking lateral flow tests in advance of the exhibitions;
- Mask covering in operation and hand sanitiser available to attendees; and
- Spacing out of information material.

#### Second Exhibition Period

This report presents the findings of the feedback received during and after the second round of consultation held over 1 - 21 November 2021 and included in-person and online consultation opportunities. Feedback could also be provided by phone and postal feedback forms with responses accepted until 17 December 2021.

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



- Advertisements in the Oban Times on Thursday 28 October 2021 and in the Argyllshire Advertiser on the 29 October 2021. This notice provided information on how to book an appointment at the exhibition events and details of the online exhibition.
- Mailing to all households and businesses (almost 1,500) in communities around the site with an invitation to the in person exhibitions, details of how to take part in the online consultation as well as providing feedback cards (which could be returned up to 17 December 2021) and freepost envelopes for those who preferred to write back rather than go online or attend an exhibition.
- Writing to host and neighbouring Community Councils, local ward members, the MSP and MP at the start of the consultation, with copies of adverts should they wish to highlight the events on social media.
- Providing details of the consultation on the An Càrr Dubh project website.

#### *In-Person Exhibition 9 - 11 November 2021*

The In-Person Physical Exhibitions were held:

- Tuesday, 9 November 2021 – Ford Village Hall, Ford. 2pm – 7pm.
- Wednesday, 10 November 2021 – Dalavich Community Centre, Dalavich. 2pm – 7pm.
- Thursday, 11 November 2021 – Loch Fyne Hotel, Inveraray, 2pm – 7pm.

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

- Information about the developer;
- An overview of the proposed development, including layout, key viewpoints, transport route and how the project has taken on board comments from the first exhibition event;
- A zone of theoretical visibility (ZTV) of the proposed development; and
- Community benefit, construction/supplier register opportunities and shared ownership.

We also provided a fly-through visualisation of the site and animated views from local viewpoints enabling visitors to experience a more immersive representation of the proposed development.

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

The Ford exhibition had five visitors, Dalavich had 10 visitors and Inveraray had 17 visitors, a total of 32 visitors over the three days. The majority of attendees had booked an appointment in advance. Several members of the public attended on the day without an appointment - they provided track and trace details.

Representatives of Avich & Kilchrenan Community Council, Glenorchy and Innishail Community Council and Inveraray Community Council attended the exhibition events.

#### *Online Exhibition, 1 - 21 November 2021*

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

- An exhibition brochure – to replace and expand on the information you would normally expect on exhibition boards, this included the layout and further details about the transport route;
- Specific information about how the proposed development had been progressed since the first exhibition;
- Community benefit, construction/supplier register and community ownership information;
- A live Q&A session held on 19 November 2021, 12pm - 2pm, to provide members of the public with a dedicated interactive online event to engage with the project team;
- A 'ring back' service to allow members of the public to have a dedicated chat with our team at a date/ time suitable to them; and
- An opportunity to leave comments throughout the exhibition period using an online feedback form.



## Summary of Consultation Responses

We received 64 (4%) feedback forms during the consultation period. In addition, we received 273 webpage views on the separate and dedicated website set up to host the online public exhibition website and five online forms were completed between 1 - 21 November.

In total, there were 125 interactions, including 32 attendees to the events, call backs, online forms, and feedback forms (not including correspondence regarding confirmation of attending the exhibitions etc.).

The results of the returned freepost forms are provided below:

Of those who provided a response to the question, 86% agreed that the country needs to generate more electricity from renewable sources. 61% agreed that onshore wind power is a good way to help achieve this, with 25% not agreeing and 13% unsure (2% did not provide a response).

In response to: 'Do you think this is an acceptable location for a wind farm?', 53% agreed, 34% said no and 13% are unsure.

52% of respondents responded yes to the question. 'We will explore the potential to assist in bringing improved broadband to the area. Is that of interest to you?' 39% were not interested and 9% were unsure.

We are open to offering shared ownership on our projects. When asked if this this was of interest should the project be consented, 30% of respondents were interested, 28% were unsure and 42% were not interested in shared ownership.

72% of all respondents wish to be kept up to date on the project and we look forward to engaging with the community over the coming months.

Although the exhibition has now closed, the exhibition material is still available on the project website at [www.ancarrdubh.co.uk](http://www.ancarrdubh.co.uk)

## Key Topics from Consultation

Similar to the first exhibition, we received positive, negative and neutral comments and questions regarding the wind farm proposals. We will directly respond to all feedback/letters (in line with GDPR rules).

Below is a summary of the main themes raised with us and we would welcome further discussion with the community on these topics:

- Visual impact
- Consider removing the 5 turbines to the north west of the site the most prominent turbines to Dalavich and consider removing turbine 19 which is fully visible from Strachur
- Offshore or other renewable energy sources should be used
- Wildlife concerns
- Broadband
- Community Benefit/Shared Ownership

## Next Steps

As noted at during exhibition the application is likely to change, as a result of further studies and taking into consideration local community feedback, before it is submitted in Summer/Autumn 2022. The next steps for local engagement over this period are:

## Appendix CC

### Inveraray Highland Games – Community Communications

Emails sent to Community Councils and Elected Representatives

**From:** UK Projects <UKProjects@statkraft.com>  
**Sent:** 12 July 2022 17.27  
**To:** 'Community Council'  
**Cc:** UK Projects <UKProjects@statkraft.com>  
**Subject:** XX Community Council - An Càrr Dubh Wind Farm - Update and Inveraray Highland Games

Dear Members of xx Community Council,

I hope that this email finds you well. I am writing to provide an update on the An Càrr Dubh proposal and to outline Statkraft is a sponsor of the Inveraray Highland Games 2022.

We first introduced the plans for our An Càrr Dubh proposal in 2021 and held public exhibitions in June/July 2021 online and then in-person in November 2021 in Dalrymple, Inveraray and Ford. Since then, we have responded to the individual queries on the project and we are grateful for the time and input from local residents and community representatives on the plans.

We are currently refining the design of the project following feedback from the consultation and from the ongoing studies of the site. We plan to submit an application later in the year and will write again nearer the time to outline the finalised design. We would welcome the opportunity to attend a future Community Council meeting to update on the plans at this time.

Some of the Statkraft team will be at the Inveraray Highlands Games next week (Tuesday 19 July 2022) and we are looking forward to attending the Games. If you are in attendance and wish to have a chat/update on the proposal then please do email or call and we would welcome the chance to meet.

If you have any questions about the proposal or are attending the Inveraray Games and have time for a coffee/hello then please get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

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**From:** UK Projects <UKProjects@statkraft.com>  
**Sent:** 12 July 2022 17.25  
**To:** @argyll-bute.gov.uk' <@argyll-bute.gov.uk>  
**Cc:** UK Projects <UKProjects@statkraft.com>  
**Subject:** [Councillor XX](#) - An Càrr Dubh Wind Farm - Update and Inveraray Highland Games

Dear Councillor XX,

I hope that this email finds you well. May I take this opportunity to congratulate you on your re-election for the Oban North and Lorn ward in May's Local Government elections.

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## Appendix DD

### November 2022 – Project Update – Proposed Development to be Submitted

#### Example of email to community councils and attachment

**From:** Semple Ruth <Ruth.Semple@statkraft.com>  
**Sent:** 08 November 2022 15:04  
**To:** 'Community Council'  
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Dear Members of xx Community Council,

I am writing to provide an update on the An Càrr Dubh Wind Farm proposal and members of the project team would welcome the opportunity to provide more detail by attending a future Community Council meeting.

#### Final Layout

As you will be aware, the project was originally scoped at up to 26 turbines, with a maximum tip height of up to 200m. We presented an up to 21 turbine [layout](#) with maximum tip height of up to 180m at the exhibitions in [Dalavich](#), Ford and Inveraray in November 2021. At the time, these events were advertised in the Argyllshire Advertiser, Oban Times and details sent directly by post to nearly 1500 households and businesses within the local area.

We have been working hard over the last 12 months to take into account comments from the exhibitions, and findings of [on site](#) studies and now have a final layout, which will be for up to 13 turbines up to 180m to tip height (please see updated plan attached). We intend to submit this proposal to the Energy Consents Unit in late 2022/early 2023.

In particular, the final layout has taken into account comments regarding turbines visual impact, particularly from [Dalavich](#) on the west side of Loch Awe and from the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park as well as a prominent turbine within views from [Stachur](#). Please find attached wire lines showing the progression of the development from 26 turbines to the final 13 turbine layout from the viewpoints we have previously shared at the public exhibitions for your information.

We have aimed to develop a layout that provides a meaningful contribution to meeting Scottish Government installed capacity for onshore wind of a further 8 - 12 GW by 2030, and to help meet Scottish Government net zero targets by 2045 whilst taking into account environmental and technical constraints, particularly in relation to ornithological interests, habitats, hydrology and ground conditions, including peat.

We would like to put on record our thanks to the Community Councils, community representatives and residents for their time and input given to the consultation process.

#### Local Benefits

At this stage, the wind farm will have a maximum installed capacity of up to 85.8 MW, which would mean a maximum of £429,000 available for community benefit per annum (£5,000 per MW of Installed Capacity, in line with Scottish Government best practice. The amount of Community Benefit available will be determined by the actual installed capacity of the wind farm, should it be consented and constructed). We are also

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committed to shared ownership and supporting broadband and, if able to meet and of interest to the community, we will provide an update on our broadband study and can explore the community's thoughts on shared ownership and community benefit.

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We would welcome the chance to attend a future Community Council meeting to provide an update on the plans and answer any questions on the project.

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Statkraft are keen to work with local businesses and the information sessions could also provide an opportunity for local companies to register their details with us for future opportunities should the wind farm be consented.

We look forward to hearing from you, and in the mean time you can find out more about our proposals at the project website; [www.ancarrdubh.co.uk](http://www.ancarrdubh.co.uk)

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## Example email sent to elected representatives and attachments

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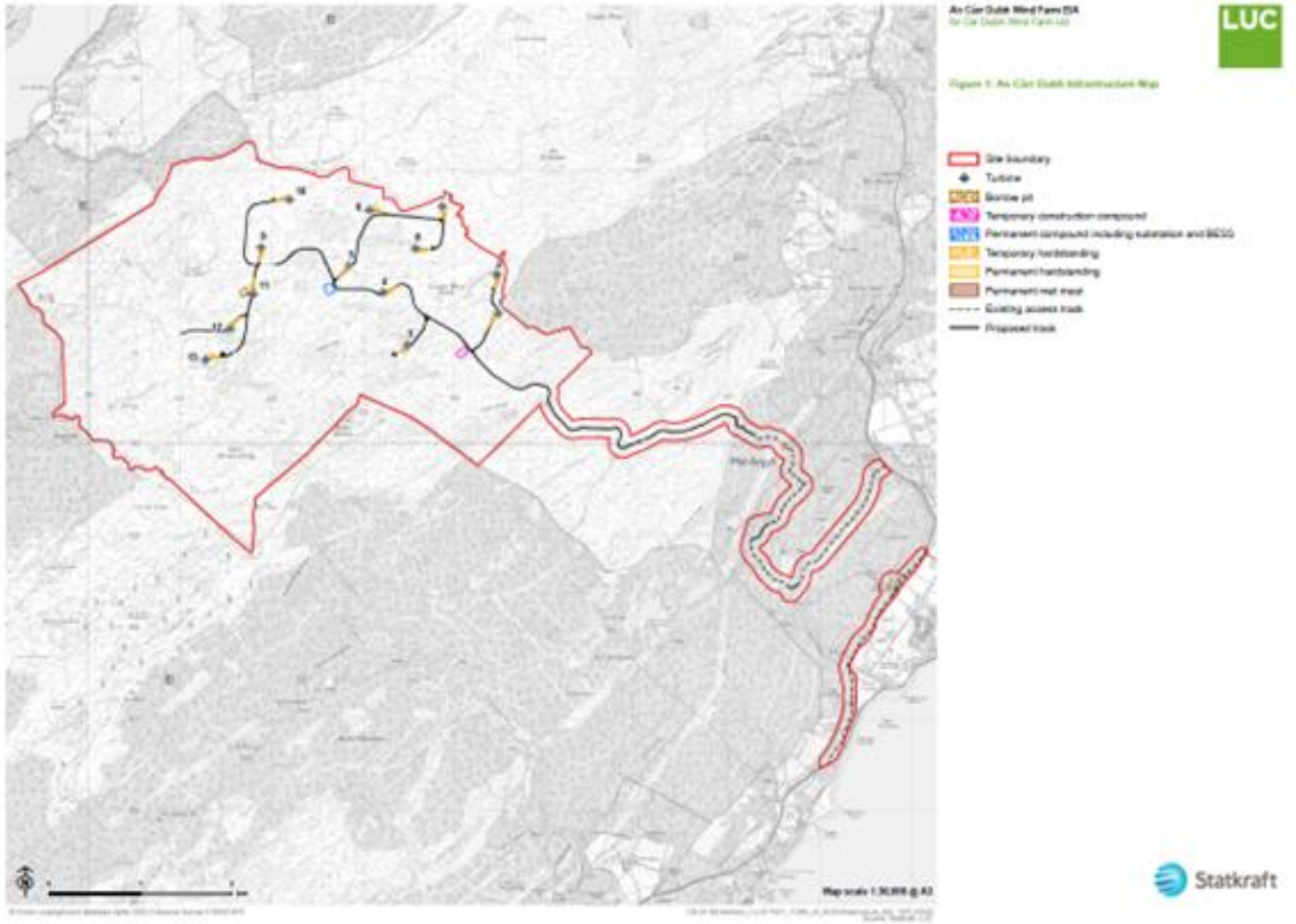
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Email Attachments: Site Layout

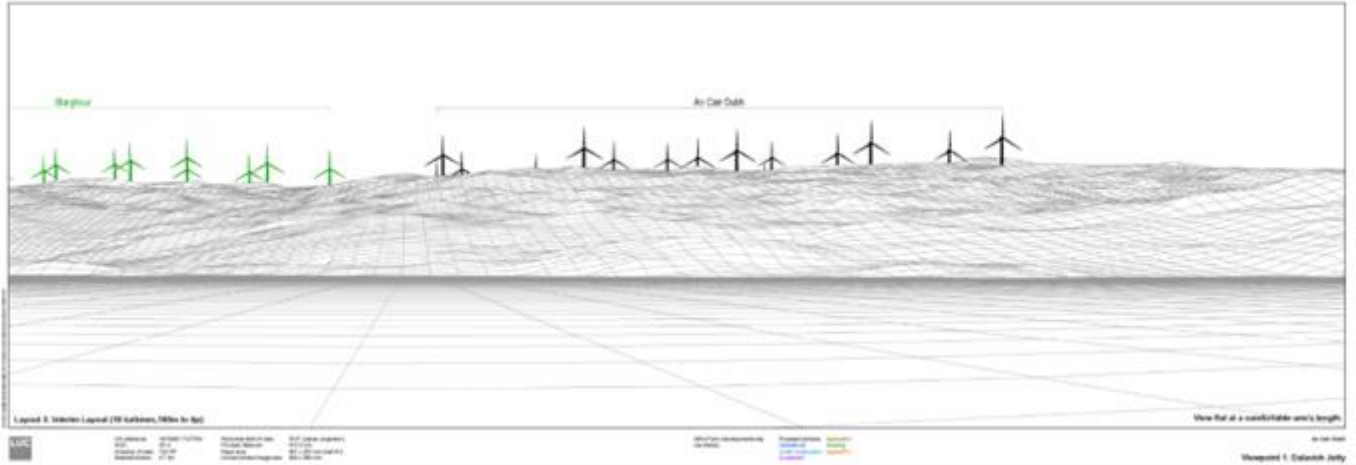
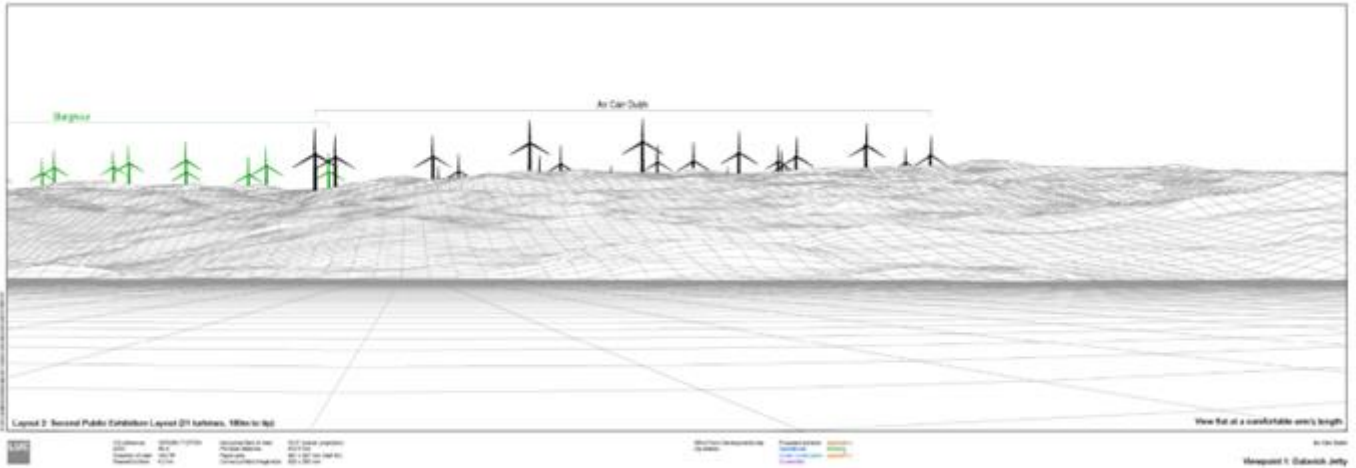
### Attachment – Site layout



### Wireframes of viewpoints provided at exhibition

**DD.1** Three viewpoints shown at the public exhibition where provided showing progress of the Proposed design iterations as the wind farm design changed from 26 to 13 turbines from 200m to 180m to tip height.

**DD.2** Viewpoint 1: Dalavich Jetty is provided as an example here, but five wirelines were also provided for Viewpoint 2: Core Path above Inverinan and Viewpoint 3: A886 at Strachur provided for each viewpoint.



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