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# 1. INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 Overview

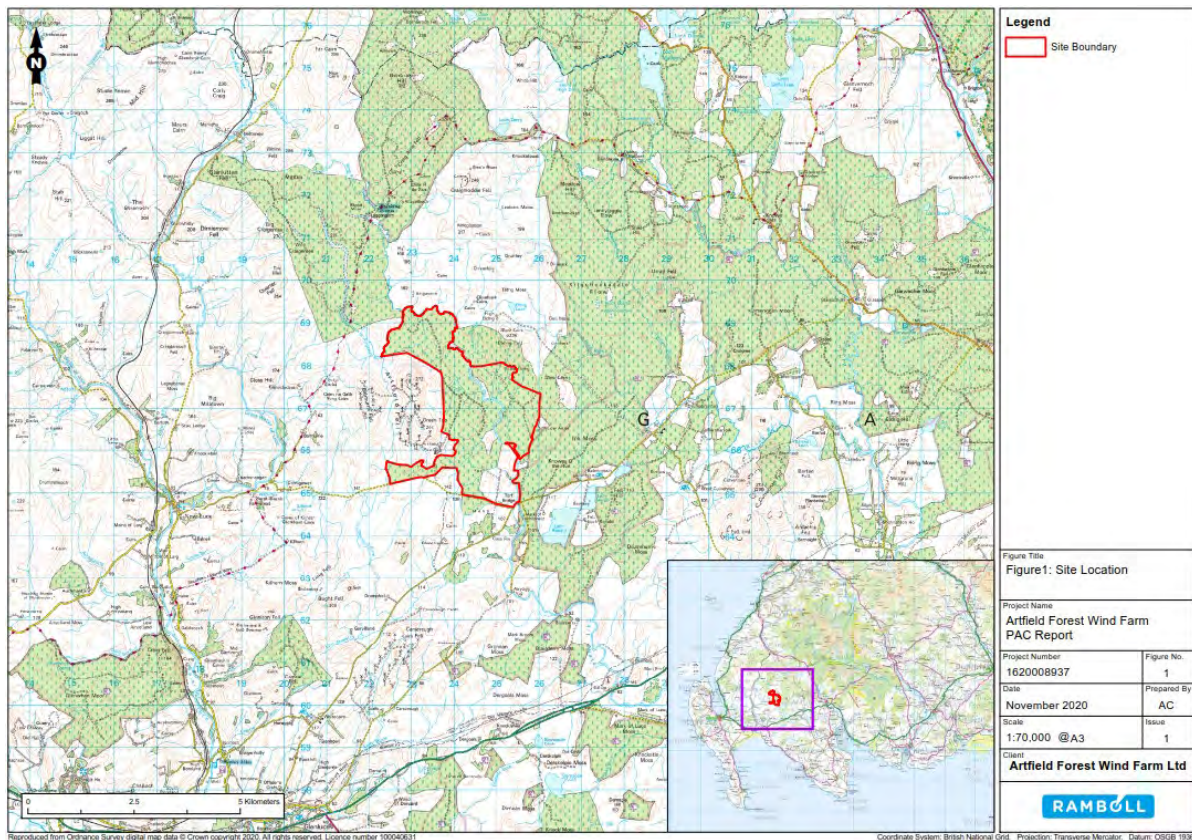
Ramboll and Statkraft UK Ltd have prepared this Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) Report for Artfield Forest Wind Farm Limited ('the Applicant'). The PAC report will accompany a planning application ('the Application') under S36 of the Electricity Act 1989 for the proposed Artfield Forest Wind Farm ('the Proposed Development'). The report details, the consultation measures undertaken by the Applicant, the feedback received and any resultant modifications to the development.

The Applicant recognises that it is very important to ensure that communities close to a development are afforded appropriate and meaningful opportunities to comment on the proposals before they are finalised in accordance with good practice guidance. A timeline of all consultation undertaken is provided in Appendix 1.

## 1.2 The Proposed Development

The Proposed Development is located approximately 8 km northwest of Kirkcowan and 15 km west of Newton Stewart in the Dumfries and Galloway Council area and is centred on National Grid Reference (NGR) NX 24367 66928 as shown in Map 1 below.

**Map 1: Site Location**



The Proposed Development will comprise of up to 12 wind turbines with a maximum tip height of 180 metres (m) and an installed capacity of over 50 MWs.

The main components of the development proposal include:

- Up to 12 three-bladed horizontal axis wind turbines with a maximum tip height of 180 m
- Internal/ external transformers and related switchgear at each turbine;
- Permanent turbine foundations and associated crane hardstanding at each turbine location;
- A permanent anemometer mast or LiDAR compound including associated foundations and hardstanding;
- A network of on-site access tracks with associated water crossings, intervisible passing place and turning heads using both new and upgraded existing tracks;
- Search areas for up to four borrow pits;
- A control building and substation compound (selection one of two options);
- An energy storage facility (selection one of two options);
- A network of underground cable arrays within the Site connecting the turbines to the on-site substation;
- Two temporary construction compounds and laydown area, including concrete batching plant;
- Search areas of up to four borrow pits
- A main site entrance on C3w (existing Gass Farm entrance), for use during construction and operation, designed to accommodate abnormal indivisible loads required for turbine component;
- A secondary site access for use during construction only;
- Engineering operations which includes for example turbine foundations, access tracks, and peat excavation and restoration work; and
- Forestry felling and restocking and associated ancillary work.

Further information is provided in EIAR Volume 2: Chapter 2: Development Description.

### 1.3 The Applicant

The Proposed Development is being proposed by Artfield Forest Wind Farm Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of Statkraft UK Ltd. Statkraft is a global company in energy market operations. Statkraft are Europe's largest generator of renewable energy, with 4,500 employees across 17 countries and its Scottish headquarters are in Glasgow.

In Scotland, Statkraft owns and operates three onshore wind farms and have two wind farms under construction in Dumfries and Galloway (February 2021). The Applicant is committed to setting up a Community Benefit Fund in each of their project locations and over £500,000 is distributed annually to projects and initiatives located near their operating wind farms across the UK. Example initiatives include education, energy efficiency, facilities for community halls, and playground equipment.

This Proposed Development, if consented, will contribute £5,000 per MW installed capacity to a Community Fund. Based on an installed capacity of up to 67.2 MW capacity (12 x 5.6 MW candidate turbine), this could result in an annual value of £336,000 per annum. With a 30 year operational consent, this could provide over £10.08 million in community benefit. More detail on the socioeconomic benefits of the project can be found in Volume 2: Chapter 13: Socioeconomics Section 13.4 (paragraphs 13.4.20 to 13.4.22).

Statkraft 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.

It is estimated that, during the construction phase, the Proposed Development will be worth approximately £50.4 million to £72 million to the UK economy. Of that approximately £27.6 million is expected to be spent within Scotland (national) and approximately £8.7 million<sup>1</sup> is expected to be spent within Dumfries and Galloway (regional). It is anticipated that up to 13% of planning and development costs for the Proposed Development could be spent in Dumfries and Galloway, and 36% of the value in Scotland. (Renewable UK (2015), Onshore Wind: Economic Impacts 2014).

Over the last 10 years, Statkraft has invested over £200 million in renewable energy infrastructure in Scotland. Statkraft is fully committed to the Scottish and UK renewable energy sector and a net-zero economy.

#### **1.4 Public Consultation Guidance and Legislation**

Permission for the Proposed Development is being sought under a Section 36 application which does not carry a statutory requirement for Pre-Application Consultation (PAC). However, the Applicant 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 Planning with People, while not applicable to this development type, has been used as a framework and guide for carrying out the PAC engagement activity for the Proposed Development.

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', which is currently in force until 31 March 2021. The document provides advice on consultation and engagement, whilst there is a ban on public gatherings and there is need for physical distancing. It is stated that stakeholders should be engaged digitally and the consultation engagement should involve information in user friendly format on a free, publicly accessible website. Also, the engagement should be enhanced in non-digital communication too, which may include placing articles in newspapers circulated locally, expanding contact with community councils, or letters to households in areas where there are significant proposals for change. It should be made clear if there are mechanisms for people to obtain copies of the engagement materials offline, as well as the ability for them to submit comments by post. These regulations have been adhered to during the PAC.

For the Proposed Development engagement activities have concentrated on community councils within approximately 10 km area of the site located within Dumfries and Galloway as the host local authority to the Proposed Development. To the north of the Proposed Development beyond the operational Kilgallioch wind farm lies South Ayrshire Council and the Community Council area of Barrhill. Regardless of the Council Administration area, all properties and business within this area of the Proposed Development were mailed to seek residents' views on the Proposed Development (See Appendix 2).

<sup>1</sup> Both £27.6 million nationally and £8.7 million regionally are high estimates calculated based on information from Renewables UK (2015) Onshore Wind: Economic Impacts 2014.

During the pre-application stage of this Proposed Development the aim has been to enable the local community and those with an interest in the proposal a clear opportunity to provide comment and feedback prior to submitting a planning application. The report sets out the background and details of the pre-application public exhibition process carried out by the Applicant in the preparation of the Section 36 application and how the feedback received has resulted in any modifications to the development.

## **1.5 Report Structure**

Following the introductory section, the remainder of this report comprises the following sections:

- Section 1.0 Introduction;
- Section 2.0 Consultation Measures:  
Describes the various types of consultation undertaken for the Proposed Development;
- Section 3.0 Virtual Public Exhibition Dates:  
Describes the consultation process undertaken for the Virtual Exhibition in August/ September 2020;
- Section 4 Engagement After Public Exhibition and Consultation Period;
- Section 5. Response to consultation comments; and
- Section 6 Conclusions:  
Describes how the consultation process has influence the design of the Proposed Development.

## 2. CONSULTATION MEASURES

### 2.1 Consultation Measures Review

The Scottish Government's Planning Advice Note (PAN) 3/2010 – Community Engagement Planning with People which provides guidelines for Pre-Application Consultation have been used as a framework for the engagement activity for this Proposed Development.

PAN 3/2010 stipulates that community engagement should be meaningful and proportionate and take place at an early stage to influence the shape of proposals. PAN 3/2010 uses National Standards for Community Engagement, developed by Communities Scotland, as its structure.

It further states, "Effective engagement with the public can lead to better plans, better decisions and more satisfactory outcomes and can help to avoid delays in the planning process. It also improves confidence in the fairness of the planning system."

This provided a useful framework to help plan, monitor and evaluate community engagement in relation to this development.

**Table 2.2: An overview of Community Engagement Planning with People - consultation stages**

Standard	PAN 3/2010 Standard	Activities Undertaken
1	Involvement: Identify and involve the people and organisations who have an interest in the focus of the engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The community councils, development trusts and local politicians for the Proposed Development were identified and contacted with information about the Proposed Development;</li> <li>Offer made to Community Councils to host virtual meetings or a special meeting on the project;</li> <li>Dedicated website with contact details;</li> <li>Virtual exhibition 24 August – 18 September 2020; and</li> <li>Brochure sent to 900 residents and businesses within approximately 10 km of the Site.</li> </ul>
2	Support: Identify and overcome any barriers to involvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Able to communicate with the project team via interactive website, email, letter and telephone;</li> <li>Accessible virtual Public Exhibition;</li> <li>Direct mail with freepost feedback form;</li> <li>The exhibitions were advertised in the Dumfries &amp; Galloway Standard and online on the Stranraer &amp; Wigtownshire Free Press.</li> </ul>
3	Planning: Gather evidence of need and resources to agree purpose, scope and actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The scope of the statutory and non-statutory consultation was set out in the Scoping Report;</li> <li>Contact with community councils and further stakeholders outlining proposed approach.</li> </ul>
4	Methods: Agree and use methods of engagement that are fit for purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information presented on the Proposed Development website, accessible to interested parties;</li> <li>Methods of engagement outlined in Scoping, issued to Community Councils;</li> <li>A virtual public exhibition providing residents and</li> </ul>



Standard	PAN 3/2010 Standard	Activities Undertaken
		<p>interested groups an opportunity to meet and interact with the project team, allowing discussion and feedback.</p>
5	<p>Working Together: Agree and use clear procedures that enable participants to work together effectively and efficiently</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PAC process enabled Statkraft to listen and take on board comments from interested parties and use responses to influence design;</li> <li>• Encouraged use of virtual meetings, feedback forms and exhibition to receive input;</li> <li>• Project contact information provided on all public documentation, including a dedicated website.</li> </ul>
6	<p>Sharing Information: Ensure necessary information is communicated between the participants</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interaction opportunity at virtual exhibition and follow up with any questions and provided further information;</li> <li>• Follow up with queries after Community Council presentations.</li> <li>• Provided Consultation Report for Community Councils and the public following feedback from community engagement events.</li> </ul>
7	<p>Working with Others: Work effectively with others with an interest</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interaction and comments from residents and community councils followed up recommendations such as reviewing Kirkcowan Community Action Plan and shared ownership roundtables.</li> </ul>
8	<p>Improvement: Develop the skills, knowledge and confidence of the participants</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experienced team - project manager, EIA team members, landscape architect attended the public consultation event to provide information requested by visitors to the exhibition;</li> <li>• Project Manager presentation at online Community Council meetings.</li> </ul>
9	<p>Feedback: Feedback results to the wider community and agencies affected</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A summary of exhibitions provided to stakeholders such as community councils and local politicians via letter update and summary document;</li> <li>• Responses direct to every feedback form (if GDPR allowed)</li> <li>• Dialogue with individuals with specific queries, posed before or during the consultation process, with responses to queries.</li> <li>• Provided Consultation Report for Community Councils and the public (published on website) following feedback from community engagement events.</li> </ul>
10	<p>Monitoring and Evaluation: Monitor and evaluate whether engagement achieves its purpose and meets the national standards for community engagement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compliance with COVID-19 legislation and follow best practice as set out in PAC Report.</li> </ul>

## 2.2 Pre-Application Meetings

In advance of the Scoping Request and contacting the communities, we contacted Dumfries & Galloway Council and the Energy Consents Unit to check that they were prepared and had capacity for the Scoping Request due to COVID-19. Both confirmed capacity for the Scoping Request to be submitted.

In relation to Dumfries & Galloway Council, the Applicant arranged to meet the Major Developments Team Leader on the 22 January 2020 to introduce the Proposed Development. A further virtual meeting was held on 21 August 2020 to provide an update on the design evolution.

In addition, the Applicant held a pre-application meeting with the Scottish Government Energy Consents Unit on the 24 February 2020.

## 2.3 Scoping

A Scoping Report (ECU00002042) was submitted to the Energy Consents Unit on 7 May 2020 for the construction and operation of the Proposed Development. A Scoping Opinion was requested under terms of regulation 12 of the Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulation 2017, as amended ('the EIA regulations').

The Scoping Report went live on the Energy Consents Unit website on the 11 May 2020 with Statutory and Non-Statutory consultees consulted as part of the formal scoping process.

This PAC report outlines the engagement with Community Councils. Summaries of the statutory consultees' responses are provided in EIAR Volume 4: Technical Appendix 1.1: Consultation Register.

## 2.4 Community Councils

Statkraft wrote to Community Councils on the 19 May 2020 around the same time the Scoping Report was published on the Energy Consents Unit portal. The purpose of the letter was to, directly introduce Statkraft and the proposal to the Community Councils, and offer a virtual meeting or to attend a future virtual community council meeting. A short presentation with maps of the Site and the redline boundary was included with the introduction letter. The letter and presentation can be found in Appendix 3.

- Kirkcowan Community Council (host community council);
- New Luce Community Council (host community council); and
- Old Luce Community Council (neighbouring community council).

All three community councils acknowledged our introduction letter by email and we also followed up with phone calls to introduce the plans.

Old Luce Community Council requested a presentation and we provided a full zoom presentation and answered questions on the Proposed Development on 29 June 2020.

On 3 July 2020, following contact from Cree Valley Community Council (neighbouring community council), we sent the presentation and an introduction letter to Cree Valley Community Council and outlined how to provide a Scoping response to the Scottish Government. We attended a virtual Cree Valley Community Council meeting on 14 July 2020 and provided a full zoom presentation and answered questions on the plans. It is possible the access route and the cable route for the Proposed Development will fall within the Cree Valley Community Council area.

We recorded a full presentation of the plans and emailed a link to Kirkcowan Community Council and New Luce Community Council to ensure all community councils had similar information at the start of the process. New Luce provided a response to the Scoping Report on 10 September 2020 please see Appendix 3a for response.

At the start of the virtual consultation, New Luce Community Council highlighted that they had not received a Scoping Request from the Scottish Government (due to an incorrect email address) although they had received Statkraft's email updates from May 2020 onwards. It was confirmed that their Scoping response will be taken into account by the Energy Consents Unit and Statkraft received a copy of the Scoping response, which has provided helpful feedback in relation to the proposals.

## **2.5 Elected Representatives**

Local Ward Councillors for Mid-Galloway and Wigtown West were written to at the time of the Scoping Report (May 2020) to inform them of the plans. We also provided a short presentation with the introduction letter with maps of the Site and the redline boundary and offered a virtual meeting to introduce the plans – Appendix 4.

We wrote to the Mid-Galloway and Wigtown West ward members and the local MSP at the start of the virtual consultation to highlight the exhibition and to invite them to take part.

## **2.6 Website**

Our 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.

The project website ([www.artfield-forest.co.uk](http://www.artfield-forest.co.uk)) was set up earlier than usual in the project development, at the same time as the Scoping Request was submitted, due to the project team being unable to meet local residents and community representatives in person. The website provided easy access to all the Proposed Development information and provided a way for the Project Team to be contacted while it was not possible for them to be present in the community due to COVID-19 (See Appendix 13).

The project website included short video introductions of some of the team members, an FAQ section, project maps, a timeline of the project and contact details. A 10 minute presentation of the project was uploaded too, providing members of the public and community groups with an interactive presentation of the initial plans.

Results of Website activity from 22 May (when the website was first published) to 31 December 2020 include:

- Over 900 visits were recorded to the website
- Approximately 500 people visited the site with nearly 50% viewing multiple pages
- 142 documents downloads
- 69 views of the video by the Project Manager Tom Walker, introducing the project.
- 126 views of the FAQs

## **2.7 Virtual Public Exhibition**

A Virtual Public Exhibition was held for the Proposed Development between 24 August and 18 September 2020.

Further information about the Exhibition is presented in the Section 3 of the report.

## 3. VIRTUAL PUBLIC EXHIBITION

### 3.1 Background

In line with the guidance issued under the regulations in relation to COVID-19 pandemic the Public Exhibition was held online via a dedicated consultation website set up for this purpose.

The online public consultation was held from 24 August to 18 September 2020 at [www.artfield-forest.co.uk](http://www.artfield-forest.co.uk). The event was publicised in various ways to ensure as many local residents knew about the development so should they choose, they could engage in the planning process.

### 3.2 Community Council Invite and Notification Letter to Virtual Public Exhibition

A letter was issued to host and neighbouring Community Councils at the start of the consultation to highlight the consultation and inviting them to take part. (See Appendix 5).

Community Councils also publicised the consultation via their Facebook and webpages, helping to inform local residents about the Proposed Development. (See Appendix 6)

### 3.3 Ward Member and Elected Representative Invite and Notification Letter to Virtual Public Exhibition

A letter was issued to Ward Councillors at the start of the consultation to highlight the consultation and inviting them to take part. (See Appendix 7 and Appendix 8).

### 3.4 Newspapers Adverts and Social Media Adverts

The public notice (see Appendix 9) was published in the Dumfries & Galloway Standard newspaper on Friday 21 August 2020 and Tuesday 25 August 2020. This notice also provided an email address and contact details so that readers could contact Statkraft if they had any comments relating to the Proposed Development.

The Stranraer & Wigtonshire Free Press ceased to produce a hard copy during the COVID-19 lockdown. Therefore an online advert was placed on Stranraer & Wigtownshire Free Press social media. The advert was a 'pinned' on their Facebook page for a week from Monday 24 August 2020. The Advert had several 'likes' and 'shares'. (See Appendix 9).

A number of 'Tweets' were also posted on the Statkraft UK Twitter account to promote the exhibition and particular times that members of the Project Team were available to discuss the project or answer any questions for those attending the exhibition (See Appendix 10).

### 3.5 Online Exhibition Invitation to Households and Businesses

In advance of the Exhibition, invitations (see Appendix 11) were distributed to over 900 homes within approximately 10 km of the Site which included the villages of Glenluce, New Luce and Kirkcowan and Glenluce (see Appendix 2 for invitation distribution area). The invitation provided details of how to take part in the online consultation.

### 3.6 Online and Offline Feedback Forms

The invitation to the online exhibition provided residents of the 900 homes the opportunity to provide feedback on the project (see Appendix 11). 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, details of the online form were provided

### 3.7 Verbal Communication

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

When hosting online meetings to discuss the project, an option to dial in via a mobile or landline has always been provided to attendees.

### 3.8 Digital First Approach

A separate website was set up to host the Virtual Exhibition, which could be accessed any time over a 4 week period, via a link from the Proposed Development project website. The virtual exhibition sought to replicate the type of information and materials available at a physical exhibition, see Appendix 12 for Brochure that was available online. This included:

- Exhibition boards - information you would usually find at a village hall exhibition online. This covered (1) Information on the developer (2) An overview of the Proposed Development, including layout, transport route (3) Several key viewpoints - visualisations based on the EIA Scoping layout (4) An overview of the Environmental Impact Assessment process (5) Community Benefit, Construction opportunities and Community Ownership Information;
- Pre-recorded videos introducing the project and some of the project team as well videos on key aspects of the project;
- Extensive FAQ section on the project to help inform residents when they arrive on the consultation website (see Appendix 13 for example screen shots from the website);
- Multiple key view points with 'sliders' to see current landscape and then a photomontage of how the landscape would look with the proposed project to allow residents to compare and contrast the current landscape with that of the proposed project;
- Live Q&A sessions - giving residents the opportunity to have live interactive chat with the project team – these took place on 3 September 2020, 11am – 1pm and 5pm – 7pm and on 18 September 2020, 11am – 1pm. This ensured time slots in the afternoon and evening to provide members of the public with the best opportunity at which to attend;
- Request an appointment; 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.

The aim of the public exhibitions was to provide an opportunity for the community to view the Proposed Development and gain valuable feedback on the project.

## 4. ENGAGEMENT AFTER VIRTUAL PUBLIC EXHIBITION AND CONSULTATION PERIOD

### 4.1 Letters/ Emails to Feedback Card Respondents

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, we have included general responses on our website). Please see Appendix 14 for examples of responses to these communications.

### 4.2 Community Councils

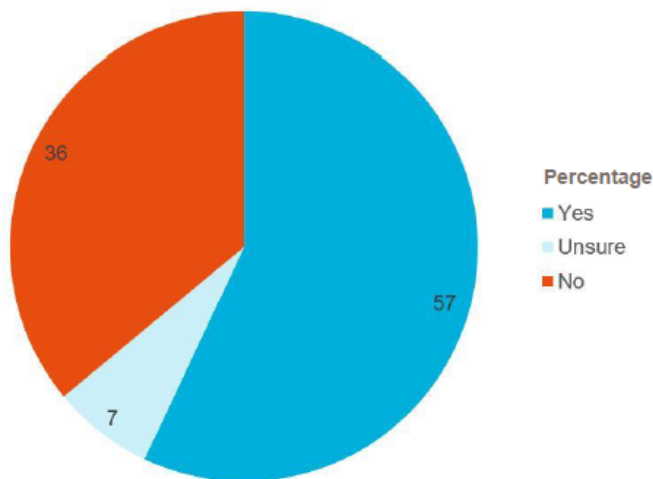
Regular contact was kept with Community Councils to provide updates on the project generally and to progress topics identified through feedback forms to be of particular interest to the local communities i.e. Shared Ownership and Broadband.

### 4.3 Feedback Report

We received over 223 webpage views on the separate and dedicated website set up to host the virtual public exhibition website from 24 August to 16 November, with several call backs and online forms completed. We have also received 64 feedback forms and 6 online forms completed, with over half outlining general support for the proposals.

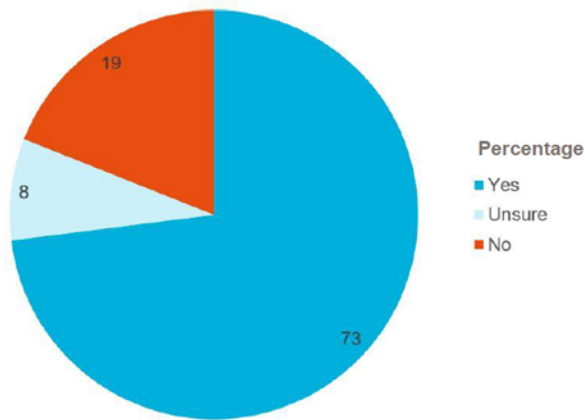
The online and postal feedback form contained several questions:

Figure 1: Do you think this is an acceptable location for a wind farm?



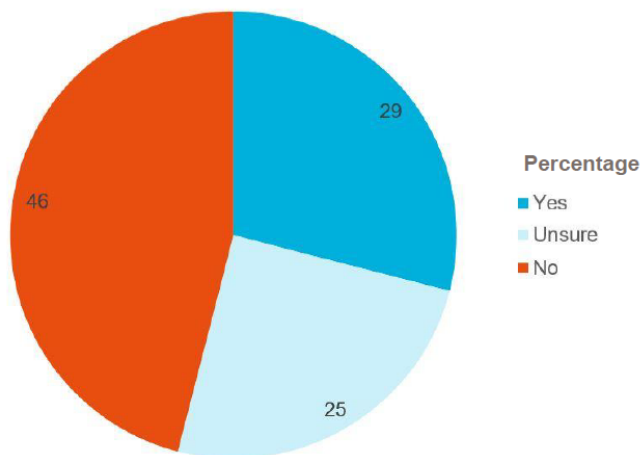
Based on 70 responses.

**Figure 2: Is bringing improved broadband to the area of interest to you?**



Based on 64 responses.

**Figure 3: Is Shared Ownership of interest to you?**



Based on 69 responses.

Topics and questions raised through the consultation have been addressed in the EIA Report for the Proposed Development.

A copy of the Feedback Report was sent to local Community Councils and elected representatives in December 2020. Examples of the communications sent and a copy of the full report can be found at Appendix 15.

## 5. RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION COMMENTS

### 5.1 Key Issues Raised during the Consultation

The public consultation and engagement programme for the project has adapted to cope with the restrictions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Members of the local community have been provided with several opportunities to engage with the project and several ways to provide feedback.

A summary of comments can be found in the table below - supportive comments focused on the project being a good location, good for the local communities and in favour of harnessing renewable energy. Negative comments focused on the cumulative impact of the proposed turbines and potential habitat/ wildlife impact.

General comments raised on feedback forms during the virtual exhibitions and online meetings/ calls pre- and post-exhibition along with Statkraft's response to these are contained below.

*'Get on with it'*

*'Onshore wind farms are the future'*

*'There are already 6 wind farms in the area blighting the landscape and no more is needed'*

*'Will there be employment for local people?'*

*'I would be interested how you propose to protect bird life?'*

*'Would you consider local electricity discount scheme'*

### 5.2 Responding to Issues Raised

Table 5.1 below outlines the comments received and the Developer's response to the main queries and issues raised during the Consultation period.

**Table 5.1: Comments Received and the Developer's Response**

Topic	Comment Received	Developer's Response
Cumulative	<p>Several respondents raised concerns about the potential cumulative impact of the project in the area.</p> <p>The majority of feedback showed residents felt that this was a good location for a wind farm.</p>	<p>As developers it is good to hear and understand what local people think of wind farm developments in the area. The challenge for developers and for the Proposed Development is to find the right balance between maximising the electricity output of a site and blending in with the existing landscape.</p> <p>The cumulative impact of the project will be assessed in detail as part of the application, and all of these assessments will be made available in the application (and on our website).</p> <p>If we are to become a low carbon economy we need more onshore wind turbines. Wind turbine technology has progressed rapidly in recent years, which means we will make faster progress towards a low carbon economy.</p> <p>The possible cumulative effects of a project are also fully considered by planning officers and will be taken into account by Dumfries &amp; Galloway Council and the</p>



Topic	Comment Received	Developer's Response
		<p>Energy Consents Unit.</p> <p>We have moved the turbines to the north of the Site, reducing the visual and noise impacts on residential properties and which consolidates the emergent pattern of development, 'infilling' between Kilgallioch (and Kilgallioch Extension), Airies (and Airies II). This addresses the main feedback from communities around cumulative impact while developing a coherent scheme.</p> <p>With the identification of a preferred development area and consideration of other environmental constraints, there has been a reduction from scoping, from 20 to 12 turbines.</p>
Wildlife	Will the project impact on local wildlife?	<p>Independent experts have carried out detailed on-site wildlife surveys and rigorously assessed the potential effects on birds, sensitive habitats and on protected species, including but not limited to bats and water voles. Biodiversity was a key consideration at the project design stage, and subsequently significant adverse impacts on wildlife and important habitats will be minimised through careful design.</p> <p>All the reports which can be made publicly available in relation to wildlife will be included with the application documents. Some information in relation to sensitive species is confidential and can only be shared with particular statutory consultees.</p>
Forestry	Will there be tree felling at the Site?	<p>The Proposed Development is situated within an extensive area of commercial forestry whereby felling and replanting is common. If the Proposed Development is consented, some tree felling will be required to facilitate the wind farm infrastructure, but we will seek to minimise felling. In Scotland, there is also a legal requirement to replant any felled areas which are to be kept clear for the duration of the wind farm. The legal requirement will be fulfilled for the Proposed Development, and detailed information on the proposed replanting will be publicly available in the application documents.</p>
Community Benefit Fund/ Shared Ownership Opportunity	Interest was raised regarding how the community benefit package would work – in particular a local energy discount scheme due to similar schemes in the area.	<p>Community benefit is not part of the planning process and this is made clear in all of our discussions with community or other representatives.</p> <p>Statkraft will interact separately to the planning process regarding a community benefit fund. Following Scottish Government principles the commitment of £5,000 per MW of installed capacity has been made and is open to the community on how best to take forward discussions.</p>

Topic	Comment Received	Developer's Response
		<p>Statkraft aim to have maximum flexibility regarding how community funds are being used, as it is recognised communities best understand how funds could be utilised to meet local needs and ambitions.</p> <p>The ideas in relation to an electricity discount scheme will be passed across to community councils and if an electricity discount scheme, or similar, is preferred by communities this can then be considered in detail.</p> <p>The Community Benefit Fund is separate to the Shared Ownership opportunity of the project. The majority of respondents either showed interest or were unsure about Shared Ownership. To address this an information session was held with Local Energy Scotland for interested communities to provide more information about this opportunity in December 2020.</p>
Broadband/ connectivity	How can the project improve broadband in the local area?	<p>Bringing improved broadband to the area is of the interest to the majority of the respondents. High quality broadband is required to operate wind farms, including the Proposed Development, should it be consented.</p> <p>Statkraft are the only developer to commit to funding a broadband feasibility study for each of its onshore wind farm development projects. This will assess the potential for fibre and wireless line of sight broadband required for an operational wind farm, to benefit the local and wider community as well. If there is an opportunity for our wind farms to help improve broadband connections for residents/ businesses in the area, then we would be happy to explore this with the community.</p> <p>We have commissioned a feasibility study and feedback received has shown there is significant interest from local respondents to improve broadband in the area. These discussions will be followed up in 2021.</p>
Local Suppliers	Will there be any opportunities for local businesses?	<p>Statkraft are committed to working with the local supply chain and is already working with several Dumfries and Galloway companies on the construction of our Windy Rig and Twentysilling Hill Projects.</p> <p>As an existing member of Dumfries &amp; Galloway Chamber of Commerce, work will continue with them and other business groups in the area to ensure local suppliers are aware of the opportunities from our projects. Local businesses have been invited to register their details on or Local Supplier Database.</p> <p>Should the project gain consent, 'Meet the Developer' events for businesses will be organised.</p>

## 6. CONCLUSIONS

### 6.1 Key Outcomes

Feedback from consultations at the scoping stage and virtual exhibition meetings have helped inform the iterative design process of the Proposed Development, as outlined in EIAR Volume 2: Chapter 3:

### 6.2 Design Evolution and Alternatives.

The key issues raised and the way they have been addressed are summarised below:

#### *Cumulative*

The Proposed Development has reduced in size from 20 turbines at scoping to 12 at the point of exhibition and submission. The turbines have been moved to the north of the Site, reducing the visual and noise impacts on residential properties. The turbine array positioning consolidates the emerging pattern of development by locating turbines to the north and west within the Site, 'infilling' between the surrounding cumulative development and increasing the separation from key landscape, residential properties and transport corridors.

#### *Environmental*

A number of environmental studies that have informed the design of the Site have addressed the environmental queries raised during the consultation phase.

The completion of the constraints mapping, which was informed by environmental studies have resulted in a reduction of proposed turbines from 20 to 12.

#### *Community Benefits*

While recognising that Community Benefits are not considered material in the planning decision for this development a number of suggestions and queries were raised during the consultation phase. The ideas submitted about how Community Benefit Funds could be used within the community are being gathered and will be shared with Community Councils for future consideration. Residents indicated interest in finding out more about shared ownership and broadband opportunities. An initial meeting has been held regarding shared ownership with Local Energy Scotland (December 2020) (see Appendix 16).

Concerns and questions raised by members of the public at the Public Exhibitions and throughout the development process have been addressed through the assessments presented in the EIA.

The pre-application consultation carried out for the Proposed Development was open, transparent and in line with the Scottish Government's guidelines under Development Procedures and PAN 3/2010 and following relevant COVID-19 legislation.

The design of the Proposed Development has evolved during the project, including in response to the PAC process. The engagement with the local community has been proportionate and a constructive consultation process has helped us to understand and address concerns.

We would like to put on record our thanks to the community councils and local residents for their input and time in the planning process to date and look forward to continuing to work with them going forward.

### **6.3 Community Engagement Following S36 Application Submission**

Statkraft, on behalf of Artfield Forest Wind Farm Limited, is committed to continuing engagement with the surrounding communities and residents throughout the S36 process and will continue to respond to any feedback or queries received from the community.

We aim to continue our discussions on shared ownership and broadband with the surrounding community councils in 2021.

The Developer will continue to follow all Scottish Government advice in relation to COVID-19 and will offer conference calls, video calls to the community councils and interested residents and groups once the application is submitted.

The S36 application documents will also be published on the project website [www.artfield-forest.co.uk](http://www.artfield-forest.co.uk). The website will also continue to be updated with progress i.e. such as any planned events.

## 7. APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Consultation Engagement Timeline

Appendix 2: Map of Consultation Mailing Area for Artfield Forest Wind Farm

Appendix 3: Community Council Letters and Presentation introducing Artfield Forest sent out in May, June and July 2020.

Appendix 3a: New Luce Community Council Scoping Response September 2020

Appendix 4: Example of Elected Representatives Scoping Communication and Presentation May 2020.

Appendix 5: Example of Public Exhibition Invitation to Local Community Councils

Appendix 6: Example of Public Exhibition being advertised on Local Community Council Social Media

Appendix 7: Example of invite to Elected Representatives to Public Exhibition

Appendix 8: MSP Letter August 2020

Appendix 9: Public Notice Adverts: Newspaper and Social Media

Appendix 10: Tweets promoting online exhibition

Appendix 11: Mailing: Invitation to online exhibition and feedback form

Appendix 12: Public Exhibition Brochure or Boards

Appendix 13: Example Screen Shots from Project Website

Appendix 14: Examples of communication to feedback card respondents.

Appendix 15: Public Consultation Report Issued to Community Councils

Appendix 16: Copy of sample email to CC regarding Round Table for Shared Ownership Discussions

## APPENDIX 1: CONSULTATION ENGAGEMENT TIMELINE

Date	Activity
22.01.2020	Members of the Project Team met with the Major Developments Team Leader at Dumfries & Galloway Council to introduce the Proposed Development
24.02.2020	Members of the Project Team held a pre application meeting with the Scottish Government Energy Consents Unit on the 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2020.
19.05.2020	Wrote to Community Councils of Kirkcowan, New Luce, Old Luce following publication of the Scoping Report on the ECU website (11.05.2020) including a presentation (Appendix 3 sets out this communication that was sent out in May, June and July as noted below)
19.05.2020	Elected Representatives including local Councillors and MSP's etc were written to at the time of submitting the scoping report. (Appendix 4 sets out this communication that was sent out in May)
22.05.2020	Project website launched. ( <a href="http://www.artfield-forest.co.uk">www.artfield-forest.co.uk</a> )
May onwards	Follow up phone calls to Community Councils of Kirkcowan, New Luce and Old Luce Community Council.
29/06/2020	Old Luce Community Council requested a presentation and we provided a full zoom presentation and answered questions on the plan on 29 June 2020. A copy of the presentation can be found in Appendix 3.
03/07/2020	On 3 July 2020, following contact from Cree Valley Community Council (neighbouring community council), we sent the presentation and an introduction letter to Cree Valley Community Council and outlined how to provide a Scoping response to the Scottish Government. Please see Appendix 3.
13/07/2020	Communication with Kirkcowan Community Council, New Luce Community Council with a copy of presentation delivered to Old Luce Community Council virtual meeting on 29.06.2020.
13/07/2020	We recorded a full presentation of the plans and emailed a link to Kirkcowan Community Council and New Luce Community Council to ensure all community councils had similar information at the start of the process.
14/07/2020	We attended a virtual Cree Valley Community Council meeting on 14 July 2020 and provided a full zoom presentation and answered questions on the plans.
10/08/2020	Email to Finlay Carson MSP introducing the project. Appendix 7.
21/08/2020	Members of the Project Team met with the Major Developments Team Leader at Dumfries & Galloway Council to provide an update on the design evolution of the Proposed Development
21/08/2020	Email Invitation to Community Councils Kirkcowan, New Luce, Old Luce and Cree Valley to online virtual consultation 24 <sup>th</sup> August – 18 <sup>th</sup> September including an electronic copy of the Invitation to the Virtual Online Exhibition was included in with the email Appendix 5. Community Councils kindly shared the invite on their Facebook pages, Appendix 6.
21/08/2020	Email sent to Elected Members including an electronic copy of the invitation brochure to the Virtual Online Exhibition Appendix 7.
21/08/2020	Public Notice for the Exhibition published in the Dumfries & Galloway Standard Newspaper (Appendix 9)
23/08/2020	Old Luce Community Council Facebook page – Posted Invite on the Facebook page and provided link to Consultation Website (Appendix 6)
August 2020	Mailing sent to over 900 homes and businesses within 10km of the site Map of the Mailing area please see - Appendix 2 Copy of the mailing – please see Appendix 11
24/08/2020	New Luce Community Council highlighted that they had not received a Scoping Request from the Scottish Government (due to an incorrect email address) They had received Statkraft's email updates from May 2020 onwards. It was confirmed that their Scoping response will be taken into account by the Energy Consents Unit and Statkraft received a copy of the Scoping response, which has provided helpful feedback in relation to the proposals.

24/08/2020	Stranraer & Wigtonshire Free Press Facebook Advert (hard copy of paper has not been published during lockdown). Appendix 9
24/08/2020	Statkraft UK Tweet for public exhibition going live. Appendix 10
25/08/2020	Public Notice for the Exhibition published in the Dumfries & Galloway Standard Newspaper. Appendix 9
3/09/2020	Statkraft UK Tweet for public exhibition. Appendix 10.
3/09/2020	Online Virtual exhibition date and time – Session 1 – 11am – 1pm and 5pm – 7pm
	Materials at Public Exhibition/Online Website Appendix 12
18/09/2020	Statkraft UK Tweet for public exhibition. Appendix 10.
18/09/2020	Online Virtual exhibition date and time – Session 2 – 11am – 1pm
06/11/2020	Emails and Letters sent to Respondents to the Feedback Forms (online and hardcopy) in line with GDPR. Appendix 14.
23/11/2020	Update email sent to community councils post exhibition outlining the next steps; report to come; set up round tables for Shared Ownership and Broadband.
16/12/2020	Meeting regarding Shared Ownership Presentation to a number of Community Groups and recorded; New Luce CC; Old Luce CC; Cree Valley CC – Appendix 16
23/12/2020	Shared Ownership Presentation link shared with Kirkcowan Community Council
23/12/2020	Exhibition consultation report sent to Community Councils (Kirkcowan; Old Luce, New Luce and Cree Valley) and Ward Councillors Hagmann, Inglis, McCamon, McColm (Appendix 15)

**APPENDIX 2: MAP OF CONSULTATION MAILING AREA FOR ARTFIELD FOREST WIND FARM**





**APPENDIX 3: COMMUNITY COUNCIL LETTERS AND PRESENTATION INTRODUCING ARTFIELD FOREST  
SENT OUT MAY, JUNE and JULY 2020**

This is an example of communications sent across this time period to Community Councils.



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OUR REF.:

Artfield Forest

PLACE/DATE:

03 July 2020

## Artfield Forest Wind Farm Proposal

Dear Members of  Community Council,

I am writing to introduce Statkraft UK Ltd and outline our proposals for Artfield Forest Wind Farm, located approximately 8km north of Glenluce.

### About Us

Statkraft is Europe's largest generator of renewable energy, with origins going back 125 years in Norwegian hydro power. In the UK we majority own a hydro power plant and four wind farms and we are also involved in electric vehicle charging infrastructure. We are proud to have recently been appointed by the National Grid to assist on grid flexibility. Our Scottish headquarters are in Glasgow, and we have 4000 employees across 17 countries.

In Dumfries & Galloway we have two consented wind farms: Windy Rig and Twentyshilling Hill, which were developed by Element Power (now part of Statkraft UK Ltd) and these will be our first subsidy-free projects in the UK. We are following Scottish Government and industry guidance regarding construction of our sites at this time due to Covid-19.

We are pleased to commit to delivering £5,000 per MW in community benefit funding for the above projects and proposed future developments such as Artfield Forest, in line with Scottish Government guidance.

We are enthusiastic about bringing forward opportunities for shared ownership with local communities, and 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.

### About Artfield Forest

The proposals for Artfield Forest Wind Farm are at an early stage of the design process. We think there is potential for up to 20 turbines, up to 180m high. The proposals may reduce in scale as



our environmental consultants progress their studies and feedback is received from statutory consultees and the local community.

The eastern section of the Artfield Forest site was the previously consented Gass Wind Farm project which was developed by WilloWind Energy Limited. The project consisted of 9 wind turbines with 126.5m tip height, and received planning permission in July 2016. The planning permission for the Gass Wind Farm project has now lapsed and Statkraft will be submitting an entirely new application for the project. WilloWind Energy Limited has no involvement in this new scheme being developed by Statkraft.

### Consulting on Artfield Forest

In May 2020, we submitted a Scoping Request to the Scottish Government's Energy Consents Unit in order to continue our investigations and receive feedback from consultees.

We have a history of engaging early with local communities and have confidence that we can still do that despite face-to-face meetings not being possible at this time. If possible, we would welcome the opportunity to speak with you by phone or video call at an appropriate time to outline our proposals in more detail, introduce some of the team and receive any feedback.

We have also created a dedicated website at [www.artfieldforest.co.uk](http://www.artfieldforest.co.uk), which we will continue to update as we progress the proposals.

### Next Steps

We would welcome the opportunity to chat by phone or video call. Attached to this letter is a short summary of the early plans.

We are following Scottish Government advice throughout all of our work in relation to Covid-19 and, where possible, we are continuing our daily working activity and we are committed to our investment plans for Scotland. Before the submission of our Scoping Request, we contacted the Energy Consents Unit and Dumfries & Galloway Council, who both confirmed capacity to take forward the Scoping Request.

Thank you for the opportunity to outline our proposals. Please contact me at [REDACTED] if you require any further information or have any queries.

Yours sincerely,

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**Tom Walker**  
Senior Development Manager, UK Wind and Solar

## Artfield Forest Wind Farm

[www.artfield-forest.co.uk](http://www.artfield-forest.co.uk)

JULY 2020



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### About Statkraft

- Europe's largest renewable energy producer
- A state owned utility, with origins in Norwegian hydro power 125 years ago
- 4000 employees in 17 countries
- Operating in the UK since 2006

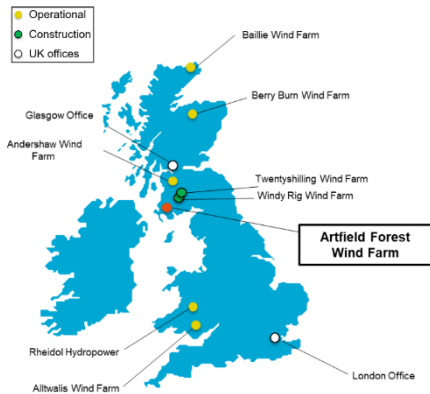


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## Statkraft in the UK

- Majority own and operate 4 wind farms, and one hydro plant
- Increased wind development since 2018 via acquisition of Element Power and Airvolution Clean Energy
- Supply 100% renewable energy to British businesses through subsidiary Bryt Energy
- Recent expansion into UK solar and vehicle charging
- Contract awarded by National Grid this year to provide grid stability services

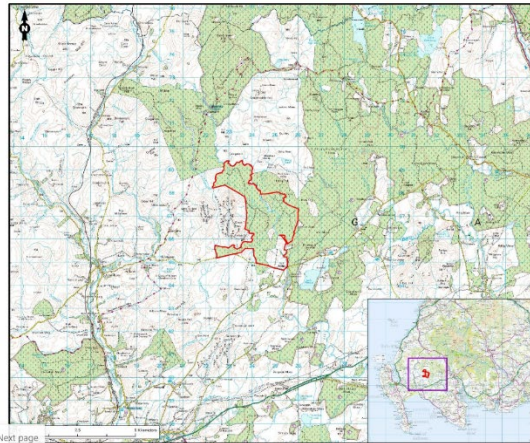


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## About the Site

### Site Location and Potential

- A maximum of 20 wind turbines
- Considering up to 180 metres tip height
- Project size to be determined as studies are undertaken and consultation feedback received

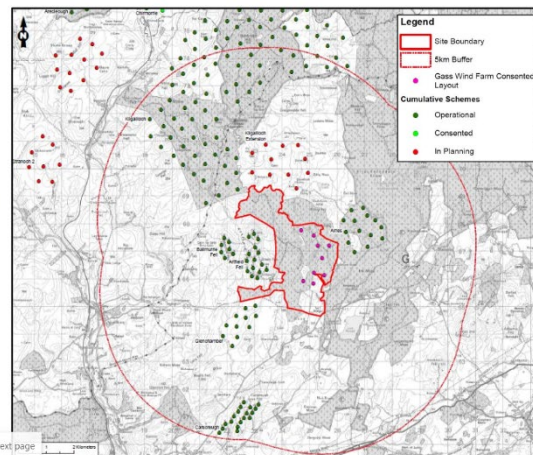


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## About the Site

### Site Context

- There are 6 operational wind farms within 5km of the Site Boundary
- Scottish Power have submitted a Section 36 application for an extension to the north of the Site Boundary

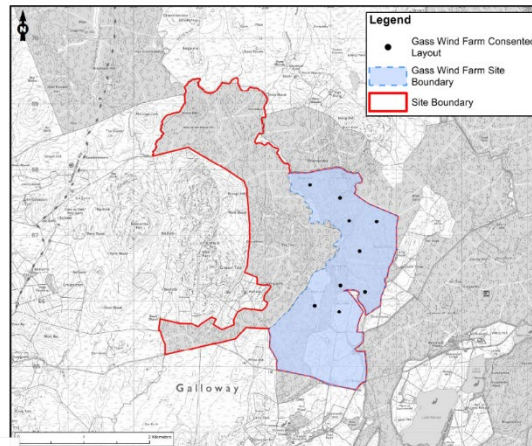


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## About the Site

### Site History

- Part of the site includes the previously consented Gass Wind Farm
- Gass Wind Farm was consented but its planning permission has expired
- Artfield Forest Wind Farm requires new assessments and a new application
- The previous developer has no involvement in Artfield Forest Wind Farm



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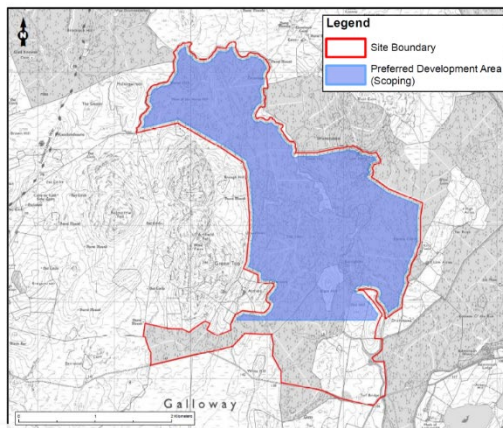


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## About the Site

### Layout Design

- Preferred Development Area designed for Scoping
- Design work ongoing with full project team, focussed on landscape and visual, noise, cultural heritage and other environmental topics
- Turbine numbers and locations not yet fixed and is subject to peat probing

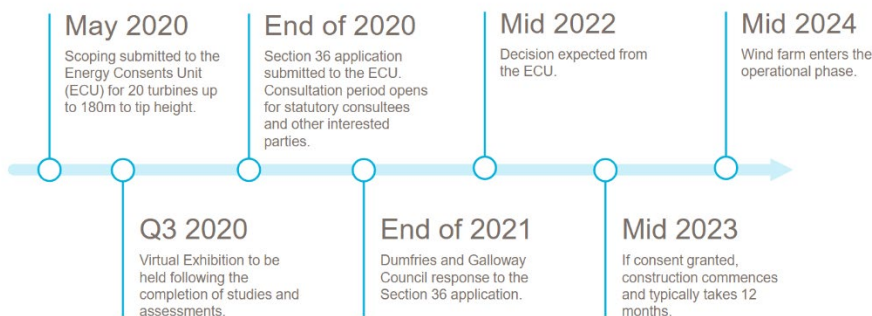


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## Project Timeline



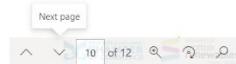
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## Consultation & Engagement

- Scottish Government guidance in relation to Covid-19 means all current consultation will be carried out online and over telephone.
- Consultation area – welcome feedback on area to consult on the project.
- Welcome any suggestions for individuals, groups to contact, and improving engagement with hard to reach groups?
- How do Community Councils want Statkraft to engage throughout planning?



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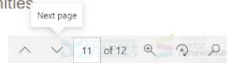


## Community Benefits

- Community Benefit Fund
  - funds deliver £5,000 per MW installed as per Scottish Government recommendation
- Shared Ownership
  - keen to progress the opportunity for locals to have a financial interest in our projects
- Potential for improved Broadband
  - fund a feasibility study at an early stage to gauge the potential opportunity
- Local supply chain
  - work with groups such as Chamber of Commerce to increase awareness of opportunities




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**APPENDIX 3A: NEW LUCE COMMUNITY COUNCIL SCOPING REPORT RESPONSE – 10 SEPTEMBER 2020**

**Response by New Luce Community Council to a Scoping Opinion Request for the Proposed Section 36 Application for A Proposed Wind Farm consisting of up to 20 Wind Turbines (Each up to 180m Base to Tip) and Associated Infrastructural Development at Artfield Forest, 7km to the East of New Luce. ECU ref: ECU00002042**

While we note that an earlier windfarm proposal on part of the Proposed Site had been consented, the information on number and location of turbines as fully envisaged in the new Application has not been made available to the public, or ourselves. It is therefore difficult to respond to a Proposal whose presentation to the public has not been honest.

We note with approval that virtually all of the Proposed Development is located within an afforested area, though we would advise that Lidar surveys can now detect archaeological sites even within areas affected by afforestation, so we would encourage the Developer to use this technology to refine plans for developing the site. The area immediately to the North of the site, that covered by the Kilgallioch Extension Windfarm Proposal (SPR), is known to be archaeologically rich, so it would follow that there is more archaeology in the Proposed Site than is currently recognized. It is nevertheless concerning that the northernmost turbines are sited so close to this archaeological area, particularly the Monandie sites.

Our other main concern with the Proposal as fully envisaged is the question of leaving gaps between the Proposal and other neighbouring windfarms. One of the two of our main objections to the Kilgallioch Extension Proposal was that it closed the gap between the Artfield/Artfield Extension windfarms and the SE extent of the Kilgallioch Windfarm, helping to further perceptions of a North/South 'wall' of turbines along the eastern boundary of our community area, which we find to be very alien to the character of our landscape. The SNH Guidelines particularly urges developers not to close gaps, and the current Scottish Government Energy Policy (2017) focus on extensions and repowering can in no way be construed as encouraging developers to ignore SNH advice. SPR built a case that their Proposed Layout did not close this gap, but to ourselves it is common sense that the layout did do precisely this. We did not agree with their findings. Obviously, the other gap between Artfield Fell Windfarm and Glenchamber Windfarm is a matter of concern to ourselves, and in our view the southernmost turbines (nos. 18, 19 and 20) as envisaged do not leave much of a gap in this area, when seen from the W and SW, the main approach direction on this side. The size of the turbines in question (180m) add to this question. The two gaps can be very clearly appreciated from the highest point of the road between New Luce Village and Castle Kennedy, and we regard this as one of the key reference points in the area.

We would therefore urge the Developer to give full consideration to maintaining the gaps as discussed, and to archaeological sensitivities, particularly at the northern end of the Proposed Site.

New Luce Community Council, 10 September 2020.

The key points raised in this response have been addressed within the EIA Report, but outlined here for completeness.

<b>Point raised</b>	<b>Developer's Response</b>	<b>EIAR Reference</b>
Provision of layout details of the proposed development	Presentations and layouts have been provided to the public through various forums throughout the consultation period.	Volume 2 Chapter 2: Development Description; Volume 3a Figure 2.1.
Archaeological sites within the development area	Publicly available LiDAR data only provides partial coverage of the Site and areas that are covered are largely	Volume 2 Chapter 6: Archaeology and Cultural Heritage

<b>Point raised</b>	<b>Developer's Response</b>	<b>EIAR Reference</b>
	<p>outwith the Proposed Development footprint. The exception to this is an area covering the construction compound and the upgrading of an existing track at the southern extent of the Site and an area in the east of the Site near the proposed location of Borrow Pit 3. No previously unrecorded features of archaeological interest were identified via LiDAR in these potential areas of impact.</p> <p>The potential for impacts upon archaeological remains within the development area not currently covered by Lidar has been assessed through review of known heritage assets (as recorded by DGC Historic Environment Record and the National Record of the Historic Environment), map regression and a walkover survey. Where possible known remains have been avoided by the Proposed Development. Where this has not been possible mitigation measures have been put forward to ensure minimisation of impact or to ensure that assets will be preserved by record in line with best practice guidelines. Given the potential for hitherto unknown remains, particularly of a post-medieval date, to survive on Site, mitigation including an Archaeological Watching Brief will also aim to identify any such remains and to ensure that impact is avoided, minimised or offset by ensuring preservation by record. Details of mitigation would be agreed with DGC in consultation through a Written Scheme of Investigation.</p>	
Locations of the turbines	Turbine locations have been provided to the public through various forums throughout the consultation period.	Volume 2 Chapter 2: Development Description; Volume 3a Figure 2.1.
Gap to the North	There has been a drive to move the scheme north, away from the residential and more settled areas to the south. By moving the turbines to the north of the site, it reduces the visual and noise impacts on residential properties and ensures the total cumulative noise limits derived in accordance with best practice guidance would not be exceeded. The turbine array also consolidates the emergent pattern of development, 'infilling' between Kilgallioch (and Kilgallioch Extension), Airies (and Airies II). This addresses the main feedback from communities around cumulative	Volume 2 Chapter 3: Design Evolution and Alternatives

<b>Point raised</b>	<b>Developer's Response</b>	<b>EIAR Reference</b>
	impact while developing a coherent scheme.	
Gap to the South	Turbines 18,19 and 20 have been dropped from the initial layout and therefore this gap is maintained.	Volume 2 Chapter 3: Design Evolution and Alternatives

**APPENDIX 4: EXAMPLE OF ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES SCOPING COMMUNICATION AND PRESENTATION MAY 2020**



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   Artfield Forest      19 May 2020

**Artfield Forest Wind Farm Proposal**

Dear [Redacted]

I am writing to introduce Statkraft UK Ltd and our proposals for a wind farm called Artfield Forest Wind Farm, located approximately 8km north of Glenluce.

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### Consulting Early

Our next step is to seek initial feedback on our plans and we have recently submitted a Scoping Request to the Scottish Government in order to continue our investigations. We want to make sure you have heard from us directly, have our contact details should you wish to find out more about us and the project.

We have a history of engaging early with local communities and have confidence that we can still do that despite face-to-face meetings not being possible at this time. We have written to Kirkcowan, New Luce and Old Luce Community Councils to introduce ourselves and offer a phone or video call to introduce the project team and receive any early feedback.

We would also greatly appreciate your feedback as to how we can best engage with residents at this early stage and going forward. We are in the process of setting up a dedicated website which I hope will help provide residents with reassurance that we intend to progress the development of this project in an open and transparent manner.

### Next Steps

Attached to this introduction letter is a short summary of the early plans. If you have any questions or comments we would be pleased to discuss this further with you by phone or video call.

Finally, we understand that there are more important matters due to the current health emergency, but we wanted to provide this information and to outline that, where possible, we are continuing our daily working activity and we are committed to our investment plans for Scotland. Recent discussions have taken place with the Energy Consents Unit and Dumfries & Galloway Council, who both confirmed capacity to take forward the Scoping Request, and 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. Please contact me at [REDACTED] if you require any further information or have any queries.

Yours sincerely,

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# Artfield Forest Wind Farm

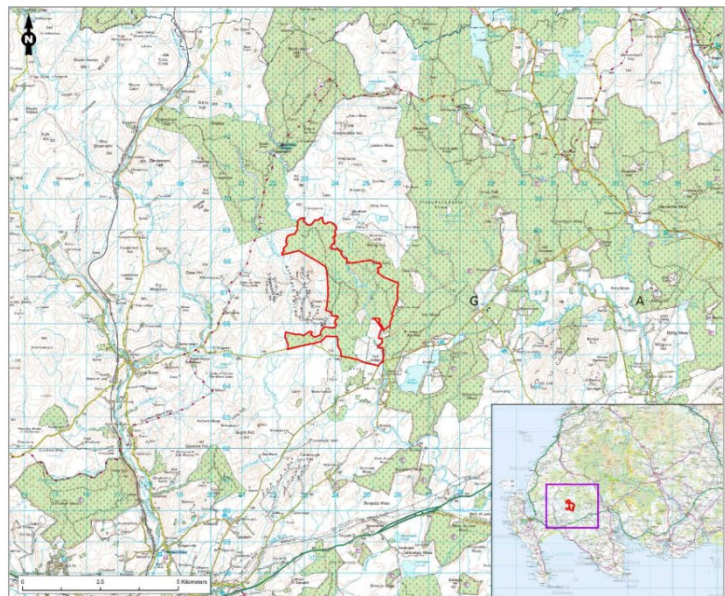
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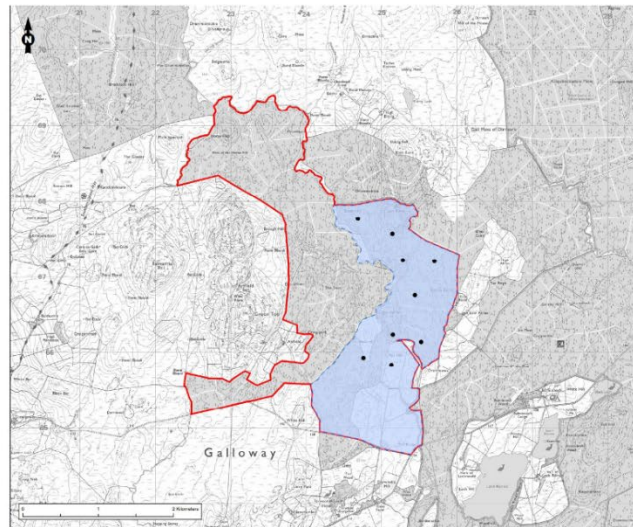


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# About the Site

## Site History

- Part of the site includes the previously consented Gass Wind Farm
- Gass Wind Farm was consented but its planning permission has expired
- Artfield Forest Wind Farm requires new assessments and a new application
- The previous developer has no involvement in Artfield Forest Wind Farm



**Legend**

- Gass Wind Farm Consented Layout
- Gass Wind Farm Site Boundary
- Site Boundary

Licence number: 100040631

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## Next Steps

- Ongoing studies to learn more about the site
- Project website launched
- Online exhibition & interactive consultation in Summer 2020
- Application submission expected late 2020/ early 2021
- Continue to follow Scottish Government advice in relation to Covid-19



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The Artfield Forest Team

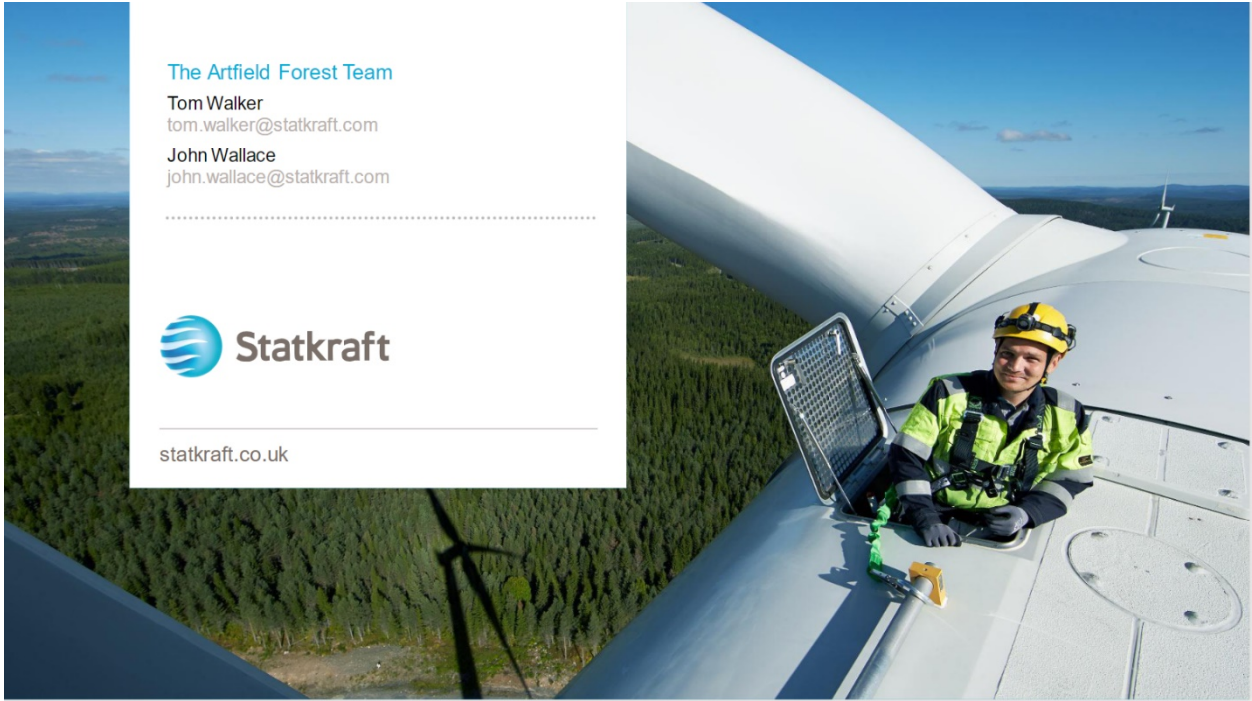
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## **APPENDIX 5: EXAMPLE OF PUBLIC EXHIBITION INVITATION TO LOCAL COMMUNITY COUNCILS**

Kirkcowan, New Luce, Old Luce, Cree Valley (21 August) - copy of brochure included as an attachment.

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Many thanks for your time and we hope that you and the community are well during these times.

Kind regards,

John

Email invitation to Kirkcowan Community Council - Artfield Forest Wind Farm Artfield x



Wallace John <[redacted]>

Fri, 21 Aug, 09:37 ☆ ↶ ⋮

Dear [redacted]

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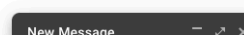
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Kind regards,  
John

**John Wallace**  
Project Manager, UK  
European Wind and Solar



**APPENDIX 6: EXAMPLE OF PUBLIC EXHIBITION BEING ADVERTISED ON LOCAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL SOCIAL MEDIA**

**Community Council Social Media Repost – Old Luce Community Council**

Community Councils were provided with a digital copy of the Virtual Consultation Brochure to advertise online – Old Luce Community Council uploaded to their Facebook page:



Old Luce Community Council

23 August · 🌐



### Artfield Forest Wind Farm - Consultation

Statkraft's virtual consultation for their Artfield Forest Wind Farm project commences on 24th August and runs until 18th September 2020 online:

<https://projects.statkraft.co.uk/artfield-forest>

The consultation link will be live from Monday 24th August.

They have sent letters to over 900 households within 10 km of the proposals to highlight the consultation, which should arrive within the next week, if they haven't already.

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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 as per Scottish Government recommendation. If consented, the project will generate over £330,000 per year for local groups and initiatives.

**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.





**Invitation to Virtual Exhibition: 24 August – 18 September 2020**

**Artfield Forest 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.



Photo courtesy of public consultation panel the town centre and you

We are bringing forward proposals for Artfield Forest Wind Farm, located approximately 6km northwest of Glenelg, in line with Scottish Government advice in relation to

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**Artfield Forest Wind Farm Proposal** 

[Detailed Summary](#)

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**Improved Broadband**

Join our online exhibition to find out more about our feasibility study to grasp the potential opportunity for this project to facilitate improved broadband access.

**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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**Online Exhibition:**

[www.artfield-forest.co.uk](http://www.artfield-forest.co.uk)

**12** Up to 12 wind turbines proposed

**£336k** Up to £336,000 per year for a Community Fund\*

A maximum height **180m**

Exciting new opportunity to



Our exhibition is being held online due to COVID19 restrictions in place.

The exhibition will be available to visit between 24 August - 18 September.

Ask questions, chat online or book a phone call

Live chat sessions with the project team

**Visit exhibition by joining:**

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Like

Comment

Share

## APPENDIX 7: EXAMPLE OF PUBLIC EXHIBITION INVITATION TO ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

Email sent to Ward Members (issued 21 August) with a copy of the brochure

Dear XXXX,

I hope that this email finds you well.

I appreciate my colleague Tom has previously emailed regarding our Artfield Forest Wind Farm proposals.

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We appreciate you previously outlined to us in May that you do not usually take part in planning matters but we wanted to highlight the event for your information and do come back with any queries.

Many thanks for your time and we hope that you and the community are well during these times.

Kind regards,

John Wallace

Email invitation to Mid Galloway and Wigton West - Artfield Forest Wind Farm [Artfield x](#)



Wallace John - [redacted]

Fri, 21 Aug, 09:56 ☆ ↶ ⋮

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Project Manager, UK  
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E mail invitation to Finlay Carson MSP – 21 August, with a copy of the brochure.

Hi Finlay,

Hope you're well and have had a chance for some sort of a break during the summer recess!

I am getting in touch on behalf of Statkraft and I appreciate Tom Walker previously got in touch with you by email to introduce the Artfield Forest Wind Farm project in your constituency. Just to keep you updated, Statkraft will start a virtual consultation for the project on 24 August until 18 September 2020 and we will launch a consultation website on Monday the 24 August - it can be accessed by going to the current project website [www.artfield-forest.co.uk](http://www.artfield-forest.co.uk) and a link will be available on the main landing page from Monday.

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Do come back if you have any queries or would like a chat/virtual meeting but appreciate how busy it is at the moment.

Hope to catch up soon and best wishes,

Sam

**Sam McMillan**  
to finlay.carson.msp, Wallace, Walker

Fri, 21 Aug, 10:08

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I am getting in touch on behalf of Statkraft and I appreciate Tom Walker previously got in touch with you by email to introduce the Artfield Forest Wind Farm project in your constituency.

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Hope to catch up soon and best wishes,

Sam

## APPENDIX 8: EXAMPLE OF INVITE TO ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE TO PUBLIC EXHIBITION



Galloway West & Dumfries

By email: [finlay.carson.msn@parliament.scot](mailto:finlay.carson.msn@parliament.scot)

POSTAL ADDRESS:  
Statkraft UK Ltd  
1 West Regent Street  
Glasgow  
G2 1RW

PHONE:  
+44 (0)141 483 1985

INTERNET:  
[www.statkraft.co.uk](http://www.statkraft.co.uk)

E-MAIL:  
[Redacted]

YOUR REF. DATE:

OUR REF.:  
Artfield Forest

PLACEDATE:  
10 August 2020

### Statkraft UK – Investing in Dumfries & Galloway

Dear [Redacted],

I am writing to introduce Statkraft UK Ltd and to outline our investment and future plans in Dumfries & Galloway, including in your constituency of Galloway & West Dumfries. We would welcome the opportunity to (virtually) meet with you to introduce some of our team and proposals.

#### About Us

Statkraft is Europe's largest generator of renewable energy, with origins going back 125 years in Norwegian hydro power. In the UK our portfolio includes a hydro power plant and four operating wind farms, with a further two wind farms in construction. We are also involved in electric vehicle charging infrastructure and are proud to have recently been appointed by the National Grid to assist them to deliver their target of being able to operate a zero-carbon electricity system by 2025. Our Scottish headquarters are in Glasgow, and we have 4000 employees across 17 countries.

#### Construction Projects in Dumfries & Galloway

In Dumfries & Galloway we have two consented wind farms: Windy Rig, located north of ~~Carsphairn~~ in your constituency; and Twentysilling Hill, located south of ~~Saughbar~~. We have appointed RJ McLeod to lead the civil engineering works for both projects, with turbines supplied by Vestas.

The projects were developed by Element Power (now part of Statkraft UK Ltd) and will be our first subsidy-free wind projects in the UK. We are following Scottish Government and industry guidance regarding construction of our sites ~~at this time~~ due to Covid-19.

We are pleased to commit to delivering £5,000 per MW in community benefit funding for the above projects and proposed future developments, in line with Scottish Government guidance.





## Artfield Forest

We have recently announced our proposal for Artfield Forest Wind Farm, 8km north east of Glenluce. We think there is potential for up to 20 turbines, up to 180m high. The proposals may reduce in scale as our environmental consultants progress their studies and feedback is received from statutory consultees and the local community. We have recently held online meetings to introduce the plans to Old Luce Community Council and Cree Valley Community Council.

The eastern section of the Artfield Forest site was the previously consented Gass Wind Farm project which was developed by Willowind Energy Limited. The planning permission for the Gass Wind Farm project has now lapsed and Statkraft will be submitting an entirely new application for the project. Willowind Energy Limited has no involvement in this new scheme.

We have created a dedicated website at [www.artfieldforest.co.uk](http://www.artfieldforest.co.uk), which we will continue to update as we progress the proposals. Attached to this letter is a short summary of the early plans. A short presentation from our team introducing the project is also available to view on the project website.

We are enthusiastic about bringing forward opportunities for shared ownership with local communities, and 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.

If possible, we would welcome the opportunity to speak with you by phone or video call at an appropriate time to outline Artfield Forest, Twentysilling Hill and Windy Rig in more detail, introduce some of the team and receive any feedback.

Thank you for the opportunity to outline our proposals. Please contact me at [redacted] or my colleague John Wallace at [redacted] if you require any further information or have any queries.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

**Tom Walker**

Senior Development Manager, UK Wind and Solar

## **APPENDIX 9: PUBLIC EXHIBITION ADVERTISEMENTS – PRESS AND SOCIAL MEDIA**

Adverts for the exhibition below

- Two weeks in D&G Standard (hardcopy) - 21 August 2020 and 25 August 2020 editions
- Pinned advert on Stranraer & Wigtown Free Press Facebook page for one week (hardcopy paper stopped printing due to COVID-19)

# Public Notices

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**PRE-PLANNING APPLICATION COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EVENT Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended) Regulation 7 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2013 Town and Country Planning (Miscellaneous Temporary Modifications) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2020**

Planning application for the western extension to Kiblane Quarry Notice is hereby given that a pre-planning application community engagement event is to be held, on behalf of Hoddam Contracting Co. Limited, in respect of a proposal for the western extension to the existing Kiblane Sand and Gravel Quarry.

In accordance with Scottish Government's current restrictions on public gatherings, on account of Covid19, the event is scheduled to take place online on Monday 31st August, between the hours of 4pm and 7pm. To access the consultation event, please contact Tom Lewis, in writing, at Johnson Poole & Bloomer, 50 Speirs Wharf, Glasgow, G4 9TH or [consultations@jpbScotland.co.uk](mailto:consultations@jpbScotland.co.uk) or by telephone 0141 3311456.

The online consultation event will be attended by the project's lead planning consultant and a representative of the applicant who will be available to answer questions and provide any additional information or clarification as required.

Any persons wishing to make comments to the prospective applicant, prior to the formal submission of the planning application to Dumfries and Galloway Council, may do so by either:

- (1) visiting the website at [www.hoddamquarry.co.uk](http://www.hoddamquarry.co.uk),
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Please note, comments made to the prospective applicant do not constitute representations to the Planning Authority. A further opportunity to make representations to Dumfries and Galloway Council will be available following formal submission of the planning application. Further details about the proposals can be found at [www.hoddamquarry.co.uk](http://www.hoddamquarry.co.uk) or requested by writing directly to Tom Lewis at Johnson Poole & Bloomer, 50 Speirs Wharf, Glasgow, G4 9TH or [consultations@jpbScotland.co.uk](mailto:consultations@jpbScotland.co.uk) or by telephone on 0141 3311456.



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We will be accepting consultation feedback until 18 September 2020. Please visit [www.artfield-forest.co.uk](http://www.artfield-forest.co.uk) for further details or by using the contact details below.

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

Website: [www.artfield-forest.co.uk](http://www.artfield-forest.co.uk)  
Project Hotline: 0800 772 0668  
Write to: Freepost Statkraft (no stamp required)



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### PLANNING

The applications, associated plans and documents can be viewed online by following the ePlanning link on the Council's website at [www.dumgal.gov.uk/planning](http://www.dumgal.gov.uk/planning). Written comments may be made by email to [Planning@dumgal.gov.uk](mailto:Planning@dumgal.gov.uk) or via the Council's website, as noted above, by 04/09/2020 (Type A).

Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 as amended Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2013, Reg 20(1) (A)  
Ref No/Type Address/Proposal  
2019/026/FUL (A) Gardens Cottage, Brodickleat House, Colly, Dumfries - Change of use of outbuilding to form holiday lodge and siting of 3 holiday pods, installation of sewerage treatment plant and associated works.

### POST ADOPTION STATEMENT - ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005 DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2

A Post Adoption Statement has been prepared in accordance with Section 18 of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 for the Dumfries and Galloway Local Development Plan 2. Local Development Plan 2 was adopted October 2019. Local Development Plan 2 along with its accompanying Environmental Report and Post Adoption Statement can be viewed on the Council's web site at <https://www.dumgal.gov.uk/article/15344/Strategic-Environmental-Habitat-and-Equality-Assessment>

### ROADS

**(U362N HOLLYWOOD VILLAGE) (TEMPORARY TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER) ORDER 2020**  
The Council has made an Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to temporarily close U362n from Hollywood Parish Church access West for 250m from 7am on 31/8/20 to 7pm on 6/9/20. The closure is necessary to facilitate SFN works. Alternative route available via U360n, U365n, A26 and vice versa. Emergency access will be available if required. Pedestrian access will be maintained.

[www.dumgal.gov.uk](http://www.dumgal.gov.uk) Dumfries & Galloway

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Ref: **ASWF/ILM/004/20**

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### Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence

Robert Keating trading as Robert Keating Transport of 36 Aston Drive, Lochmaben, Dumfries, DG2 0HE is applying to change an existing licence as follows: To add an operating centre to keep 2 goods vehicles and 4 trailers at The Garage, Collieston Road, Penningh, Dumfries, DG1 3NL. Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Wilkinst House, 280 Harrogate Lane, Leeds, LS10 0HE, during their hours, within 21 days of this notice. Representatives must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's office.

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## Property

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24 August · 🌐



**ADVERT: Find out about a proposed wind farm near Glenluce.**



### **Invitation to Artfield Forest Wind Farm Virtual Public Exhibition**

We invite you to attend a virtual public exhibition for our Artfield Forest Wind Farm proposals, located 8km northeast of Glenluce.

In line with Scottish Government guidance for online consultation due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we will hold an online public exhibition for Statkraft UK's Artfield Forest Wind Farm. We are committed to listening to communities as we seek to shape our development before it is finalised.

Our consultation website will be live from **24 August 2020** with exhibition materials, dedicated live Q&A sessions and an opportunity to book one-to-one calls to talk through the proposals - please visit [www.artfield-forest.co.uk](http://www.artfield-forest.co.uk) for more information, where a link to the online consultation will be available.

We will be accepting consultation feedback until 18 September 2020. Please visit [www.artfield-forest.co.uk](http://www.artfield-forest.co.uk) for further details or by using the contact details below.

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

**Website: [www.artfield-forest.co.uk](http://www.artfield-forest.co.uk)**

**Project Hotline: 0800 772 0668**

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

## APPENDIX 10: TWEETS PROMOTING ONLINE EXHIBITION AND Q&A TIMES

 **Statkraft UK** @StatkraftUK · Aug 24 ⋮

Our public exhibition for **Artfield** Forest starts today - a proposal for 12 wind turbines near Glenluce in Dumfries & Galloway. Because we can't be there in person, our virtual exhibition is online for 4 weeks.  
Please pop in: [artfield-forest.co.uk](http://artfield-forest.co.uk)  
[#WindFarm](#) [#Consultation](#)

 **Statkraft**

**Invitation to Virtual Exhibition:  
24 August – 18 September 2020**

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**Artfield Forest 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.



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 **Statkraft UK** @StatkraftUK · Sep 3 ⋮

Our virtual exhibition for **Artfield** Forest Wind Farm in Dumfries & Galloway is now open.  
The project team are answering questions live today between 11am-1pm and between 5pm-7pm. Pop in and say hello! [artfield-forest.co.uk](http://artfield-forest.co.uk)  
[#Kirkcowan](#) [#Glenluce](#) [#OldLuce](#) [#NewLuce](#)

 **Statkraft**

**Invitation to Virtual Exhibition:  
24 August – 18 September 2020**

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**Artfield Forest 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.



 **Statkraft UK** @StatkraftUK · Sep 18 ⋮

Have you visited our virtual exhibition for the 12 turbine **Artfield** Forest Wind Farm?  
The project team are available between 11am-1pm today to answer your questions. 🗣️

Visit: [projects.statkraft.co.uk/artfield-fores...](http://projects.statkraft.co.uk/artfield-fores...)

[#Dumfries](#) [#WindFarm](#) [#Consultation](#)

 **Statkraft**

**Invitation to Virtual Exhibition:  
24 August – 18 September 2020**

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**Artfield Forest Wind Farm Proposal**

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**APPENDIX 11: MAILING: INVITATION TO ARTFIELD FOREST WIND FARM ONLINE CONSULTATION AND  
FEEDBACK FORM**

## 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 as per Scottish Government recommendation. If consented, the project will generate over £330,000 per year for local groups and initiatives.

### 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 online exhibition to find out more about our feasibility study to gauge the potential opportunity for this project to facilitate improved broadband access.

### 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.



## Invitation to Virtual Exhibition: 24 August – 18 September 2020

### Artfield Forest 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.



Join our online public exhibition: meet the team and have your say.

We are bringing forward proposals for Artfield Forest Wind Farm, located approximately 8km northeast of Glenluce. In line with Scottish Government advice in relation to Covid-19, we are holding a series of online consultation events, where you can find out more about the 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 4000 employees across 17 countries.

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

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## Artfield Forest Wind Farm Proposal

### Project Summary

### Community engagement is very important to us.

We would like to invite you to our online public exhibition. We are committed to listening to communities as we seek to shape our development before it is finalised.

### Online Exhibition:

[www.artfield-forest.co.uk](http://www.artfield-forest.co.uk)

**12**

Up to 12 wind turbines proposed

**£336k**

Up to £336,000 per year for a Community Fund\*

A maximum height

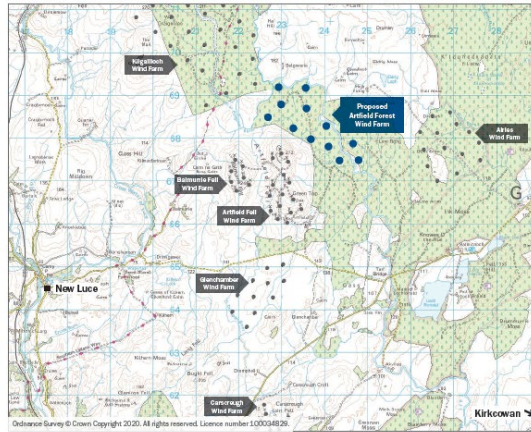
**180m**



Exciting new opportunity to talk about shared ownership and local suppliers



Potential for improved broadband provision



Our exhibition is being held online due to COVID19 restrictions in place.

The exhibition will be available to visit between 24 August – 18 September.

Ask questions, chat online or book a phone call

Live chat sessions with the project team

Visit exhibition by joining:

[www.artfield-forest.co.uk](http://www.artfield-forest.co.uk)

We believe there could be an exciting opportunity for our project to bring improved broadband to the area. Please visit our online exhibition to find out more.

You can find out more about our projects and the way we work at [www.statkraft.co.uk](http://www.statkraft.co.uk)

\* Based on 12 x 5.6MW turbines, and £5,000 per MW installed.





## ARTFIELD FOREST WIND FARM

If you are unable to take part in our online exhibition, please use this form to let us know your views or ask any questions. We will respond to all queries as quickly as possible.

#### PRIVACY STATEMENT

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

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

YES  NO  UNSURE

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

YES  NO  UNSURE

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

YES  NO  UNSURE

We are actively exploring the potential to assist in bringing improved broadband to the area. Is this of interest to you?

YES  NO  UNSURE

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

YES  NO  UNSURE

Your questions and comments:


[continue overleaf...](#)

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- No, I don't want to receive project news

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APPENDIX 12: PUBLIC EXHIBITION INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE



# ARTFIELD FOREST WIND FARM

Summer 2020



[www.artfield-forest.co.uk](http://www.artfield-forest.co.uk)



Baillie Wind Farm, Calthness. 21 turbines, 110m tip height

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## Welcome



This exhibition is designed to share our plans for Artfield Forest Wind Farm before we make an application to the Scottish Government.

### About Statkraft

- The largest generator of renewable energy in Europe
- A state owned utility, with origins in Norwegian hydropower 125 years ago
- 4000 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. 29 turbines, 100m tip height

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## Statkraft in the UK

- Glasgow office opened in 2019
- 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
- Supplier of 100% renewable electricity to business customers through Bryt



Ballis Wind Farm, Caithness. 21 turbines, 110m tip height

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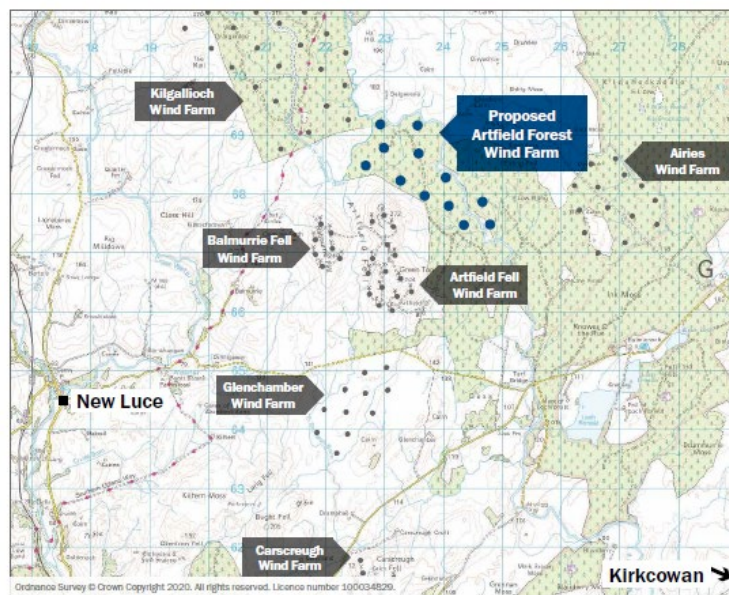
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## About Artfield Forest Wind Farm

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

### Key Facts:

Number of Turbines:	<b>12</b>	
Turbine Tip Height:	<b>180m</b>	
Community Fund:	<b>£336k</b>	estimated per year



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# About Artfield Forest Wind Farm

## Why this site?

Proven wind speeds on site from over three years of onsite monitoring

Good access for delivery of turbine components

Dumfries & Galloway Council supplementary guidance identifies this type of landscape as potentially suitable for larger turbines

Approximately 5km from the nearest settlement (New Luce) and more than 5km away from the nearest A road (A75)

Grid capacity secured at Newton Stuart Substation



	No. of Turbines	Max Blade Tip Heights	Installed Capacity (MW)	Estimated Generation (homes equivalent)	Community Fund (per year)
<b>Artfield Forest</b>	12	180m	67.2	over 60,000 homes*	Estimated £336,000 per year*

\* Based on 12 x 5.6MW turbines, onsite wind speed measurements and average household consumption of 3618kWh pa (BEIS 2019)

## The Story So Far

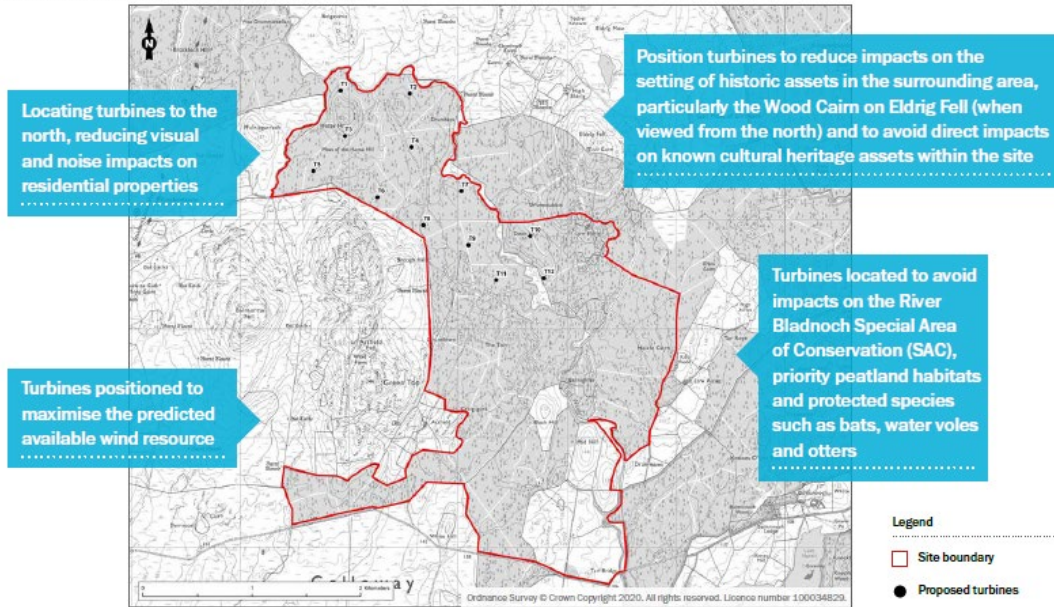
Part of our site has previously been developed and approved for a wind farm, but this has since expired. All studies have been started again and re-assessed for this new wind farm application.

The eastern section of the Site was previously the subject of a planning consent for Gass Wind Farm, consisting of nine 126.5m turbines. Gass Wind Farm was approved by Dumfries and Galloway Planning Committee in August 2015, but planning permission expired in July 2019. Our proposals are new and separate to the previous Gass Wind Farm.

To date, we have carried out extensive surveys to gather data on the following:

- Wind resource
- Landscape and visual impact
- Cultural Heritage and Archaeology
- Birds
- Protected Species
- Carbon rich soils and priority peatland habitats
- Traffic and transport
- Noise

## How have our studies influenced this layout?



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## Project Timeline

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

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 Dumfries &amp; Galloway Council on the level of study required (known as "Scoping"). Scoping is sent to local and neighbouring Community Councils and consultees such as SNH, SEPA and Historic Environment Scotland.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>(12 months)</p> <p>An application is submitted to the Scottish Government, accompanied by a comprehensive Environmental 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 Dumfries &amp; Galloway Council can formally comment on the application.</p>	<p>(12 to 18 months)</p> <p>If Artfield Forest is approved, construction begins at least one year after consent.</p> <p>Construction typically takes 12-18 months and planning conditions are used to manage elements of construction.</p>	<p>(25+ 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 parent company guarantee is put in place before construction starts to cover this cost.</p>

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# Landscape and Visual Assessments

## What will the project look like?

As part of our studies, we have created images showing how the wind turbines could look from a variety of locations. These will be available to view within the planning documents when it is submitted.

The locations of the viewpoints will be agreed with Scottish Natural Heritage and Dumfries & Galloway Council. They will form part of a full landscape and visual assessment of our proposal.

The design has considered how the turbine locations, size and scale would relate to key landscape characteristics and visual amenity in the surrounding area.

As developers, our challenge is to find the right balance between maximising the electricity output of a site and carefully siting and designing the proposal to relate to the existing landscape, including other wind developments.

This proposal has been designed as an infill to nearby operating wind farms including the operational Glenchamber Wind Farm, Airies Wind Farm, Kilgallioch Wind Farm, Artfield Fell and Balmurrie Fell Wind Farm and the proposed Kilgallioch Wind Farm Extension.



# Environmental Impact Assessment

The process of gathering good environmental data on a site is vital to designing a good wind farm, including turbine locations, access roads and other infrastructure. This is carried out by specialist environmental and technical consultants.

This information is incorporated into an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR), which will be publicly available.

As part of designing this wind farm, advice and guidance has been sought from a range of regulatory and voluntary bodies including, but not limited to, Dumfries and Galloway Council, Scottish Natural Heritage, Scottish Environment Protection Agency, Transport Scotland and Historic Environment Scotland.



The results and findings will be detailed in the EIAR which is made public when we submit our planning application.

This report covers a range of areas including:

- Landscape and Visual Amenity
- Ecology
- Ornithology
- Noise and Vibration
- Hydrology, Hydrogeology and Geology (including peat)
- Cultural Heritage
- Traffic, Transport and Access
- Socioeconomics
- Aviation and Telecommunications
- Forestry
- Shadow Flicker
- Climate

## Cultural Heritage



Wood Cairn is the closest Scheduled Monument to the site boundary and overlooks the proposed development to its southwest. It is possible that the proposed development would have an impact on the setting of this Scheduled Monument. In order to reduce and avoid negative impacts where possible, site visits have been undertaken and consultation with Historic Environment Scotland is ongoing. This has led to the proposed turbines moving further west to reduce the impact on Wood Cairn when viewed from the north.

The design of the proposed development has taken account of all cultural heritage assets within the site boundary, seeking to avoid direct impact on these assets. The remains of historic farmsteads and field systems within the Site will also be avoided and retained in situ.

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## Ecology



The proposed development is located within the River Bladnoch catchment. Tarf Water, a tributary of River Bladnoch Special Area of Conservation (SAC), flows through the Site. The River Bladnoch SAC is designated for its Atlantic salmon.

The Site is dominated by coniferous plantation woodland. Smaller areas of other habitats found on the site include acid grassland; blanket bog and marshy grassland.

Surveys identified the presence of four different bat species on the site, and we have a detailed understanding of bat activity and how to design the wind farm accordingly, such as using buffer zones around the forest edges.

The potential for effects on birds, sensitive habitats and on protected species, including bats and water voles, has been rigorously assessed. Biodiversity was a key consideration at the project design stage, and subsequently significant adverse impacts on wildlife and important habitats will be avoided through careful planning.

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## Forestry



Trees and turbines both play an important role in the fight against climate change, and trees located on wind farm sites are carefully managed and monitored via planning conditions throughout the operating period.

In Scotland, a Government requirement to replant any felled trees came into force in 2009.

The site includes 679 ha of plantation forest and associated open ground. The woodland area is comprised of three separately managed units. Two of these forests have entered the forest restructuring phase with felling and replanting taking place.

At least 25 ha of woodland would need to be cleared and remain unplanted to accommodate the proposed development.

Forestry is carefully considered as part of the wind farm development process and detailed information on forest redesign and proposals for replanting will be publicly available in planning application documents.

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## Transport



Our assessments include showing impacts on local roads during construction and operations, using existing road use as a base level.

Due to Covid-19, traffic flows will have been significantly affected and are not considered to provide an accurate representation. Traffic flow data from the previously consented Gass wind farm and other nearby planning applications, together with A75 traffic flow data obtained from the Department for Transport, will be used in the assessment of construction traffic impacts.

A detailed plan showing how the longest and largest turbine components will be transported to the site will be included in the EIAR to demonstrate that the turbine components can be delivered to site and to identify any temporary road works which may be necessary.

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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.



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### 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](#).

### 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

Investing in feasibility studies to identify potential, and supporting 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. Access to a reliable and fast broadband connection is often an issue in rural areas.

With this in mind, we have commissioned a feasibility study to investigate the potential at Artfield Forest.

The Broadband Feasibility Study explores the potential for using the infrastructure of our project at Artfield Forest to deliver **super fast broadband**. Here's what we have discovered so far:

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### IT'S FEASIBLE

Further technological and in-depth engineering studies are required, but initial findings show that using a combination of **fibre and fixed wireless connectivity**, there is **potential for coverage to reach over 393 premises** in the local area.

### IT'S FAST

The feasibility report shows it is possible to deliver **minimum speeds of 30Mbps and up to 300Mbps**. Fibre is the optimal connection method but fixed wireless broadband offers a synchronous service, which means upload and download speeds would be the same.

### A BENEFIT

Such a service, if implemented, could provide for **commercial and residential properties**. There is potential for this to be **partially or fully funded by the community benefit fund** associated with our project.

### NEXT STEPS

We would like to hear your views on the potential for our project to deliver improved access to broadband, and would like to continue a conversation with you as the project progresses. **If you would like to know more about its potential reach and capability, please talk to us.**

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## Your Views are Important to Us

We hope to submit an application in late 2020, when all application documents will be publicly available.

### We welcome your comments and feedback -

Please register your comments by completing a feedback form. In order for us to take your view into account before we submit an application, [please comment by 18 September 2020](#).

Comments made will be taken into consideration but are not representations to the Planning Authority. There will be an opportunity to submit a formal response to the Scottish Government after the application has been submitted.

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

[Please complete the online feedback.](#)



Register for updates: [artfield-forest.co.uk](http://artfield-forest.co.uk)



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[www.artfield-forest.co.uk](http://www.artfield-forest.co.uk)

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# APPENDIX 13: PROJECT WEBSITE – EXAMPLE OF CONTENT


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## Artfield Forest Wind Farm



Find out more about Statkraft's proposal for a wind farm at Artfield Forest.

Welcome to our project website for the proposed Artfield Forest Wind Farm.

We have created this website to provide a way for the public to easily access information and contact us when we are unable to be present in the community.


In May 2020, we submitted a Scoping Request to the Scottish Government to consider the potential of up to 20 turbines, with a tip height up to 260m. Following studies and progress on the plans, in August 2020 we brought forward a 12 turbine proposal for a live consultation.

This website will be kept updated over the development period to keep you informed and to hear your views and ideas. We are following all Scottish Government advice in relation to Covid-19 as we progress our plans. Although we are unable to meet you in person at the moment, you can find out more about [our development plans](#) and Statkraft in the UK. We have set up this website to continue a conversation with the local community as the project progresses - please [ask us a question](#) or contact us to find out more about us and the project.


Meet the team and find out more about Artfield Forest Wind Farm

We have put together this video so we can introduce you to the Project team, provide more information about Statkraft and the project.


### Meet the Team



**Alan Hood**  
Communications Manager



**Tom Walker**  
Senior Project Manager



**John Wallace**  
Project Manager


### Register for updates

Artfield Forest Project Timeline

**Stage 2 Pre-Planning 0 - 12 months**

We request the view of the Scottish Government and Dumfries & Galloway Council on the level of study required (known as "Scoping"). Scoping is sent to local and neighbouring Community Councils and consultees such as SHL, SHL and Natural Environment Scotland.


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.



NEWS FEED CONTACT US REQUEST A CALL-BACK

### Ecological restoration plan leads to nomination for prestigious renewables award

28 Nov 2020



Winners which devastated much of the Minnie country in the north of Scotland last year have not increased environmental benefits being proposed by Europe's largest renewable energy producer.

Work on Statkraft's proposed extension to the Berry Burn Wind Farm, near Farnham, has been shortlisted for the Outstanding Project Award at the Scottish Renewables Green Energy Awards. In April 2020 a collaborative website named throughout the site leaving damage to precious habitats and threatening the project all together, the time taken for over a week and it took some time to ensure that just the time was anticipated and solutions could be found.

[Continue reading...](#)

### Wind Farm Consultation - Thank You

27 Oct 2020

Thank you to all residents and interested groups who took the time to attend our virtual exhibition to consult on our plans for the Artfield Forest Wind Farm.

What is usually held in a village hall was held online, in keeping with Scottish Government guidance due to Covid-19. Instead of being held over one day, the exhibition ran from 24 August until 18 September 2020. It included the Q&A sessions, a 'big book' service to allow members of the public to request a chat with our team at a time suitable to them, and the opportunity to raise necessary and Statkraft online.

[Continue reading...](#)

### Statkraft bring forward 12 turbine project for consultation

24 Sep 2020

Statkraft is progressing plans for Artfield Forest Wind Farm and we have started an online exhibition to present the latest plans to the public.

The proposals in the consultation events are for a 12 turbine project - a reduction of eight turbines from the 20 turbine

### Frequently Asked Questions

Who is Statkraft?  
Does Statkraft have any other projects in Dumfries & Galloway?  
How will Statkraft engage on the proposals?  
Where exactly will the turbines go?  
How tall will the turbines be?  
Has a wind farm been proposed on this site before?  
Will there be a community fund?  
What would be the transport route of the turbines if consented?  
If consented, will there be opportunities for local businesses to get involved in the project?  
Will you need to fill in on site?  
Is there grid capacity?

### Related websites

- Statkraft UK
- Statkraft's Renewable Energy Sites in the UK
- Scottish Government's Community Benefits Onshore Wind Guidance
- Local Energy Scotland - Community Benefits Toolkit

### Links & Downloads

- Artfield Forest Project Documents
  - Exhibition Invitation Summer 2020.pdf (1.26 MB) (pdf)
  - About Artfield Forest May 2020 (2.22 MB) (pdf)
  - Community Engagement During COVID-19 Report April 2020 (264 KB) (pdf)
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  - Planning the Future - Renewable UK May 2020
  - Electric Insights Quarterly Dec. 01 2020

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project, a reduction of eight turbines from the 20 turbine scheme that Statkraft had originally submitted on their Scoping Request to the Scottish Government's Energy Consents Unit in May 2020. The latest scheme for 12 turbines follows further design work on the project and consults responses to the Scoping process.

### Residents invited to virtual exhibition

24 Aug 2020

#### Invitation to Virtual Exhibition

**24 August - 18 September 2020**



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Over 900 residents and businesses within 10km of the project site have been sent an invitation to attend an online exhibition for Artfield Forest Wind Farm, held between 24 August - 18 September 2020. Attendees have also been placed online with the Developer & Regulators Free Zone and in the Dumfries & Galloway Standard.

Tom Walker, Project Manager for Artfield Forest Wind Farm, said: "We are continuing to develop our Artfield forest proposals."

### Project Manager is Finalist for Prestigious Award

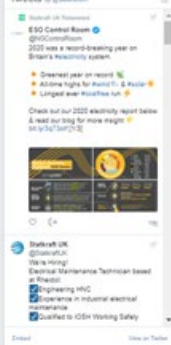
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A member of the Statkraft development team has been shortlisted as a finalist for the Scottish Renewables Young Professionals Green Energy Awards 2020.

The annual industry award is dedicated to individuals starting their career in the renewable energy sector, recognising those who have achieved beyond all expectations, pioneering new ideas with the drive and ambition to change the industry for the better.



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### Our commitment to consultation on Artfield Forest

20 May 2020



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Although face-to-face meetings and events may not be able to happen until social distancing restrictions are lifted, we are confident that we can continue to carry out meaningful engagement in our project areas using a digital first approach. Our report Community Engagement during COVID-19 sets out some of the methods and tools we will utilise to do this.

We have considered this project website as the central opportunity to allow those interested in the project to keep up to date with project news.

At the moment, there's not a lot to say about the project because we are still seeking feedback from statutory bodies through the scoping process, but please register for updates and be assured that we will keep you up to date as the project progresses.

### Artfield Forest Scoping Submission

20 May 2020



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We are pleased to submit a Scoping Request to the Scottish Government to progress our plans for Artfield Forest Wind Farm. The proposal is at an early stage and the Scoping Request to the Scottish Government seeks to continue our investigations and receive early feedback from consultees.

Recent discussions have taken place with the Energy Consents Unit and Dumfries & Galloway Council, who both confirmed capacity to take forward the application, and we are looking forward to working with the Scottish Government on the next steps in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic. The understanding

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## APPENDIX 14: RESPONSE TO FEEDBACK CARD RESPONDENTS

### Artfield Forest Wind Farm consultation – CUMULATIVE EFFECT

Dear REDACTED,

Thank you for taking the time to return the freepost reply card enclosed with information on the proposed Artfield Forest Wind Farm. We wrote to over 900 households and businesses located within 10km of the proposed project site to inform them of the consultation and we value every response.

The Scottish Government has committed Scotland to becoming a net-zero society by 2045 – this project will play a key role in that, with the 12 turbines estimated to power the equivalent of over 60,000 homes.

As developers, our challenge is to find the right balance between maximising the electricity output of a site and blending the project in with the existing landscape. The operators of wind turbines are paid for the electricity they generate and the day to day management aim of an operational site is to maximise the output of the turbines. Please be assured that onshore wind works - it currently provides more than 70% of Scotland's renewable energy capacity, and is the cheapest form of new power generation.

Thank you for letting us know your view on wind farm development in the area. The cumulative impact of the project will be assessed in detail as part of the planning application, and all of these assessments will be available in the planning application (and on our website).

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

We hope to submit an application later this year and will inform you when this takes place. When an application is submitted to the Scottish Government, there is an opportunity for members of the public to make their views known.

Yours sincerely,

SIGNATURE REDACTED

**Tom Walker**

Senior Project Manager, UK Wind and Solar

## **Artfield Forest Wind Farm consultation – COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND**

Dear REDACTED,

Thank you for taking the time to return the freepost reply card enclosed with information on the proposed Artfield Forest Wind Farm. We wrote to over 900 households and businesses located within 10km of the proposed project site to inform them of the consultation and we value every response.

The Scottish Government has committed Scotland to becoming a net-zero society by 2045 – this project will play a key role in that, with the 12 turbines estimated to power the equivalent of over 60,000 homes.

You mention in your response the benefits that come from existing wind farms. We commit to delivering a fund in accordance with Scottish Government guidance, which based on the current scheme means the community benefit fund for this project would be £336,000 per annum for the lifetime of the project.

We are not prescriptive regarding how the funds are used or the area of benefit. It is up to the community to decide this, and this is certainly something you could raise with your local Community Council when discussions are progressed on how the fund could be utilised.

In addition to a community fund, we look for other ways our projects can bring meaningful benefits to the community such as the potential for improved access to broadband, and using local suppliers. We will be following up on both of these opportunities for this project too.

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

We hope to submit an application later this year and will inform you when this takes place. When an application is submitted to the Scottish Government, there is an opportunity for members of the public to make their views known.

Yours sincerely,

SIGNATURE REDACTED

**Tom Walker**

Senior Project Manager, UK Wind and Solar

## Artfield Forest Wind Farm consultation – FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE

Dear REDACTED,

Thank you for taking the time to return the freepost reply card enclosed with information on the proposed Artfield Forest Wind Farm. We wrote to over 900 households and businesses located within 10km of the proposed project site to inform them of the consultation and we value every response.

The Scottish Government has committed Scotland to becoming a net-zero society by 2045 – this project will play a key role in that, with the 12 turbines estimated to power the equivalent of over 60,000 homes.

We commit to delivering a Community Benefit Fund in accordance with Scottish Government guidance. We estimate a fund from this wind farm based on the current scheme would be approximately £336,000 per annum for the lifetime of the project.

We are not prescriptive regarding how the funds are used or the area of benefit, and we will be discussing this with local Community Councils. If the project is approved, we encourage you to work with your local Community Council to decide how funds are best spent, this could include considering your suggestion of an electricity discount scheme. In addition to the fund we are also investigating how the project can bring improved access to broadband in the area.

You also noted concern regarding impacts on trees and wildlife. The proposed wind farm is situated within an extensive area of commercial forestry whereby felling and replanting is common. If the project is consented, some tree felling will be required to facilitate the wind farm infrastructure, but we will seek to minimise this forestry loss. In Scotland, there is also a legal requirement to replant any felled areas which are to be kept clear for the duration of the wind farm and you may want to read more about that [here](#).

In addition, detailed onsite wildlife surveys have been undertaken and the potential effects on birds, sensitive habitats and protected species, including bats and water voles, has been rigorously assessed. This was a key consideration at the project design stage, and subsequently significant adverse impacts on wildlife and important habitats will be avoided through careful planning.

All the reports which we can make publicly available will be with the planning application documents and I would be happy to provide any assistance with looking at those when they are available. Some information relating to sensitive species is confidential and this can only be shared with particular statutory consultees.

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

We hope to submit an application later this year and will inform you when this takes place. When an application is submitted to the Scottish Government, there is an opportunity for members of the public to make their views known.

Yours sincerely,  
SIGNATURE REDACTED

**Tom Walker**

Senior Project Manager, UK Wind and Solar



## **Artfield Forest Wind Farm consultation – SUPPORTING PROJECT**

Dear REDACTED,

Thank you for taking the time to return the freepost reply card enclosed with information on the proposed Artfield Forest Wind Farm. We wrote to over 900 households and businesses located within 10km of the proposed project site to inform them of the consultation and we value every response.

The Scottish Government has committed Scotland to becoming a net-zero society by 2045 – this project will play a key role in that, with the 12 turbines estimated to power the equivalent of over 60,000 homes.

We are pleased to know that you are in support of this project, and we hope that you will contribute ideas to utilise the community benefit fund which will be in place for the lifetime of the project. Should you wish to discuss any aspect of the project in the meantime, including any local concerns there may be, please feel free to contact us. We value local feedback to help shape a project throughout these development phases.

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

We hope to submit an application later this year and will inform you when this takes place. When an application is submitted to the Scottish Government, there is an opportunity for members of the public to make their views known.

Yours sincerely,

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**Tom Walker**

Senior Project Manager, UK Wind and Solar

## **Artfield Forest Wind Farm consultation – LOCAL SUPPLIERS**

Dear REDACTED,

Thank you for taking the time to return the freepost reply card enclosed with information on the proposed Artfield Forest Wind Farm. We wrote to over 900 households and businesses located within 10km of the proposed project site to inform them of the consultation and we value every response.

The Scottish Government has committed Scotland to becoming a net-zero society by 2045 – this project will play a key role in that, with the 12 turbines estimated to power the equivalent of over 60,000 homes.

You asked how many Scottish employees we have, and where the turbines would come from. Statkraft is Europe's largest generator of renewable energy and have been operating in the UK since 2006.

We recently opened our Scottish headquarters in Glasgow and have grown from 2 to 10 employees in one year, in addition to several maintenance technicians at each wind farm site across Lanarkshire, the Highlands and Moray. We have over 100 staff employed across the UK delivering on all aspects of renewable energy, with further growth expected.

Regarding turbine manufacturers, we would like to have a choice of UK turbine suppliers, but the countries that adopted the technology when it was first established are the main global suppliers today, such as Vestas in Denmark and Enercon in Germany. However, there are over 17,000 people employed in the Scottish renewables industry, and the UK is a global leader in offshore wind technology which will prove beneficial for the future.

In terms of bringing benefits to the local economy, we are always looking for local suppliers and encourage businesses to complete the registration form on our website. We are working with companies from Dumfries & Galloway on the construction of our Windy Rig and Twentyshilling Hill projects, and are a member of the Dumfries & Galloway Chamber of Commerce to maximise the opportunities for local businesses to get involved.

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

We hope to submit an application later this year and will inform you when this takes place. When an application is submitted to the Scottish Government, there is an opportunity for members of the public to make their views known.

Yours sincerely,

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**Tom Walker**

Senior Project Manager, UK Wind and Solar

## APPENDIX 15: EMAILS TO ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS WITH PUBLIC CONSULTATION REPORT

RE: Artfield Forest Wind Farm Proposal



Reply Reply All Forward ...

Wed 23/12/2020 12:37

Dear [redacted]

I am writing to provide a short update on Statkraft's Artfield Forest Wind Farm proposals.

We held a consultation on the project in August/ September 2020 and, since then, 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 now produced a short 'Consultation Report' to provide a summary of the online exhibition and the feedback we received (in line with GDPR) we will upload it to our project website and share it with the local community councils. Please find a copy attached. With moving the consultation online, in line with Scottish Government guidance due to Covid-19, we thought it would also be useful to provide a summary of the consultation.

As part of the online consultation, we provided live Q&A sessions, 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 the opportunity to leave comments through an online feedback form. We also wrote to over 900 households and businesses within 10km of the proposals to highlight the consultation and provided feedback cards for those unable or would prefer to write back then to go online.

One of the key areas of feedback from the online exhibition was shared ownership, with a majority of respondents either interested or unsure about the opportunity of community/shared ownership of the project. We ourselves are fairly new to community/shared ownership offering and we are following the Scottish Government's Best Practice Principles for Shared Ownership. We organised a shared ownership virtual meeting on 16th December with several of the local community councils and Local Energy Scotland - it was a welcome start to the discussion on shared ownership and we have agreed to share a Memorandum of Understanding for the project in the new year.

If you would like to discuss the consultation report or any aspect of the project then we would welcome the chance to do so - we appreciate the Christmas Holidays are coming up but would be happy to do so in 2021 and/or do come back with any queries by email.

Finally, can I take this opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas and hope you have a chance for a good festive break. All the best for 2021 and many thanks.

Kind regards,



Reply Reply All Forward ...

Wed 23/12/2020 12:21

 Artfield Forest Consultation Report Final December 2020.pdf  
2 MB

Hi [redacted],

Hope you're well.

Many thanks for the email and for your participation last week. We are very glad the session was interesting for the members. Also, as discussed previously, please find attached, our Consultation Report which summarises our activities since August. Please do issue this to the members. In terms of a discussion on broadband, we will look to get this set up in the new year.

If there are any follow up questions regarding shared ownership or the Consultation Report please let us know.

Wishing you a merry Christmas and look forward to catching up in the new year.

Kind regards,

Tom Walker

11 December 2020

**Artfield Forest  
Wind Farm**

**Public Consultation  
Report**

24 August - 16 November 2020

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## ABOUT ARTFIELD FOREST WIND FARM

Artfield Forest Wind Farm is a proposal for a 12 wind turbine project, located approximately 8km northeast of Glenluce, within the administration boundary of Dumfries and Galloway Council.

A programme of community engagement and consultation for the proposal commenced in May 2020. The engagement and consultation was held primarily online, adhering to Scottish Government advice in relation to Covid-19.

### INITIAL CONSULTATION PERIOD

It was important to provide communities with several opportunities to engage with the project and the project team during Covid-19 restrictions. To achieve this, a dedicated project website was made available to the public earlier than usual, launched when the scoping request was first submitted.

The host and neighbouring community councils within Dumfries and Galloway were directly contacted and offered an opportunity to virtually meet the development team, to find out more about the proposal and have seek their feedback on the consultation approach before the wider community were contacted.

### THE CONSULTATION PERIOD

This report presents the findings of the feedback received during the consultation period 24/08/2020 and 16/11/2020 via the virtual public exhibition and non-digital sources such as postal feedback forms. Responses submitted after this date will continue to be evaluated and responded to, if required. The timing of the consultation period activity fell in line with the traditional development steps of a project, engaging and consulting with surrounding communities ahead of submitting a formal planning application.

It is intended to submit a Section 36 application for the proposed Artfield Forest Wind Farm to the Scottish Government in early 2021.

## PROJECT SUMMARY KEY FACTS

	No. of Turbines	Max Blade Tip Heights	Installed Capacity (MW)	Estimated Generation (homes equivalent) <sup>**</sup>	Community Fund (per year)
Artfield Forest	12	180m	67.2	Over 60,000 homes <sup>**</sup>	Estimated £336,000 per year <sup>**</sup>

<sup>\*</sup> Based on 12 x 5.0MW turbines, under ideal wind measurements and average household consumption of 28,100kWh pa (2018/19)

<sup>\*\*</sup> Based on Scottish Government's recommendation of £5,600 per MW of installed capacity.

## ADVERTISING THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Consultation on the proposed Artfield Forest Wind Farm was held from 24 August to 16 November 2020. A dedicated consultation website was set up, which could be accessed via a link from the Artfield Forest project website.

The event was publicised in various ways, including:

- **Local press:** Advertised in the Dumfries & Galloway Standard over a two week period (appendix 1);
- **Local social media:** Online advert on Stranraer & Wigtonshire Free Press social media for a week (hardcopy of the paper not printed during Covid) (appendix 1);
- **Community mail out/direct mail:** Mailing to over 900 homes within 10km of the site with details of how to take part in the consultation (appendix 2 and 3). Feedback cards and freepost envelopes, for residents who would prefer to write back, rather than go online, were included in the mailing (appendix 4);
- **Engaging local representatives:** Writing to local elected representatives, including the host and neighbouring Community Councils and local ward members within Dumfries and Galloway – in line with Community Councils listed by the Energy Consents Unit (see appendix 2);
- **Community Council social media:** Community Councils kindly helped to publicise via their Facebook pages; and
- **Dedicated project website:** news of the consultation was available on the Artfield Forest project website throughout the consultation period, and all those subscribed to receive news updates were notified.

The information contained in the online consultation included:

- **Exhibition boards:** This is the project information usually presented at village hall exhibitions;
- **Pre-recorded videos:** To introduce the project team and addressing key aspects of the project;
- **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's):** To help address the key questions visitors may have when visiting the consultation website for the first time. This section was frequently updated to include responses to new queries raised by attendees;
- **Predicted Viewpoints:** A 'slider tool' allowed visitors to easily compare and contrast the current landscape with a photomontage of the predicted view from a number of selected viewpoints;
- **Live Q&A sessions:** Several opportunities provided to join a live, online chat with the project team throughout the online exhibition;
- **Request an appointment:** A 'call-back' function on the website provided the opportunity to request a one-to-one conversation with the Project Manager; and
- **Online feedback forms:** To leave feedback and comments or to ask the Project Team questions.

The project information displayed will continue to be available on the project website, which is continually being updated with the latest project information.

### SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION RESPONSES

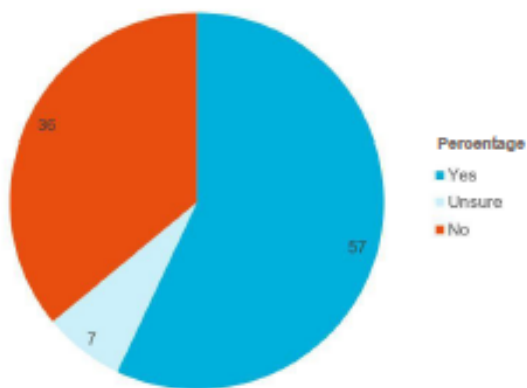
This section of the report provides an overview of the feedback received during the consultation period for Artfield Forest Wind Farm (24 August to 16 November).

Over 223 visits were recorded to the dedicated project website.

64 feedback forms were returned from the community mailing, providing an important source of information for the project team to understand the communities position on the proposal. A summary of the quantitative and qualitative feedback received from the feedback forms is provided below.

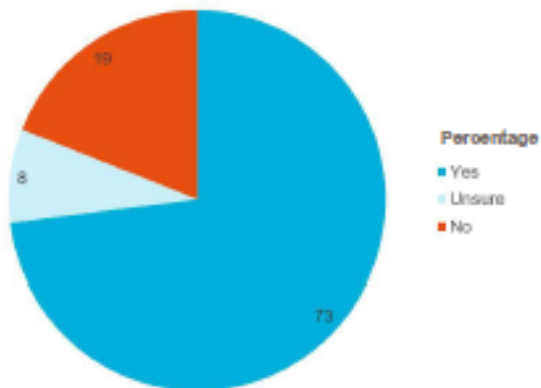
The online and postal feedback form contained several questions:

Figure 1: Do you think this is an acceptable location for a wind farm?



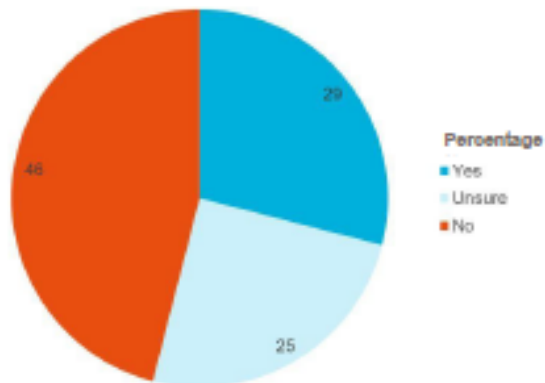
Based on 70 responses.

Figure 2: Is bringing improved broadband to the area of interest to you?



Based on 64 responses.

Figure 3: Is Shared Ownership of interest to you?



Based on 69 responses.

Shared ownership is a relatively new proposal for communities and some of the uncertainty around this may be because not enough is known about what shared ownership may entail for communities. To answer some of the questions respondents may have regarding this opportunity a virtual roundtable event is being arranged with Local Energy Scotland to discuss shared ownership in more detail with community representatives.



## KEY TOPICS RAISED FROM THE CONSULTATION

Overall feedback received from residents showed majority support for our proposal. However, some residents do not support the project, and we thought it would be useful to outline the main topics raised, along with a summary of our responses. All comments made have been taken into account as we finalise our application.

All those who submitted a question or comment received a response, within the limits of data protection principles.

### WILL THERE BE A LOCAL ENERGY DISCOUNT SCHEME?

Interest for a local energy discount scheme, similar to those provided by other wind farm schemes in the area, was raised by several respondents.

If the project is consented, a Community Benefit Fund of £5,000 per MW installed will be established. Based on the current proposal, this would deliver a fund of £336,000 per annum for the lifetime of the project. Statkraft aim to have maximum flexibility regarding how community funds are used, as it is recognised communities best understand how funds could be utilised to meet local needs and ambitions.

The ideas in relation to an electricity discount scheme will be passed across to community councils and if an electricity discount scheme, or similar, is preferred by communities this can then be considered in detail.

### THERE ARE ALREADY ENOUGH/TOO MANY WIND FARMS IN THE AREA

While the majority of feedback showed residents felt that this was a good location for a wind farm, several respondents raised concerns about the potential cumulative impact of the project in the area. Less than 10% of the land area in Scotland is suitable for large onshore wind farms. This presents a great opportunity for Dumfries & Galloway to be at the forefront of Scotland's net zero ambitions.

As developers it is good to hear and understand what local people think of wind farm developments in the area. The challenge for developers and for the Artfield Forest project has been to find the right balance between maximising the electricity output of a site and blending in with the existing landscape.

The cumulative impact of the project will be assessed in detail as part of the planning application, and all of these assessments will be made available in the planning application (and on our website).

### WILL THERE BE ANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES?

Statkraft are committed to working with the local supply chain and is already working with several Dumfries & Galloway companies on the construction of our Windy Rig and Twentysilling Hill projects.

As an existing member of Dumfries and Galloway Chamber of Commerce, work will continue with them and other business groups in the area to ensure local suppliers are aware of the opportunities from our projects. Local businesses have been invited to register their details on our [Local Supplier Database](#).

Should the project gain consent, "Meet the Developer" events for businesses will be organised

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#### WHAT WILL THE IMPACT BE ON WILDLIFE?

Independent experts have carried out and rigorously assessed detailed onsite wildlife surveys and the potential effects on birds, sensitive habitats and on protected species, including bats and water voles.

Biodiversity was a key consideration at the project design stage, and subsequently significant adverse impacts on wildlife and important habitats will be avoided through careful planning.

All the reports which can be made publicly available in relation to wildlife will be included with the planning application documents. Some information relating to sensitive species is confidential and can only be shared with particular statutory consultees.

#### WILL YOU BE FELLING ANY TREES AND IF SO, WILL YOU BE REPLACING THEM?

The proposed wind farm is situated within an extensive area of commercial forestry whereby felling and replanting is common. If the project is consented, some tree felling will be required to facilitate the wind farm infrastructure, but we will seek to minimise felling. In Scotland, there is a legal requirement to replant any felled areas which are to be kept clear for the duration of the wind farm. The legal requirement will be fulfilled for this project, and detailed information on the proposed replanting will be publicly available in the planning application documents.

#### INTERESTED IN FINDING OUT MORE ABOUT BROADBAND

Bringing improved broad band to the area is of interest to the majority of respondents. High quality broadband is required to operate wind farms, including Artfield Forest Wind Farm, should it be consented.

Statkraft are the only developer to commit to funding a broadband feasibility study for each of its onshore wind farm development projects. This will assess the potential for fibre and wireless line of sight broadband, required for an operational wind farm, to benefit the local and wider community as well. If there is an opportunity for our wind farms to help improve broadband connections for residents/businesses in the area, then we would be happy to explore this with the community.

Statkraft have commissioned a feasibility study which can be used to start discussions with local residents and their elected representatives, where interest is shown by local communities. Feedback received has shown there is significant interest from local respondents to improve broadband in the area and discussions will be followed up.

## NEXT STEPS

As the application for our planning submission is finalised, the next steps for local engagement are:

- Continue to receive feedback and respond to queries.
- Liaise and review with our technical team regarding project-specific feedback.
- Progress setting up a shared ownership (virtual) roundtable with Local Energy Scotland to provide more information to those in the community interested in shared ownership opportunities.
- Follow up with community stakeholders regarding the potential for enhanced access to broadband by sharing the findings of the feasibility study.
- Continue to engage with elected representatives, community councils and local residents to keep them updated on progress.
- Respond to correspondence and calls from local residents.
- Recording and storing all comments made regarding suggestions for community benefit funding.
- Continue to update our project website [www.artfield-forest.co.uk](http://www.artfield-forest.co.uk)



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## Public Notices



### Invitation to Artfield Forest Wind Farm Virtual Public Exhibition

We invite you to attend a virtual public exhibition for our Artfield Forest Wind Farm proposals.

In line with Scottish Government guidance for online consultation due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we will host an online public exhibition for Statkraft UK's Artfield Forest Windfarm. By our commitment to listening to communities we intend to shape our development in a fit-for-future.

Our consultation website will be live from 24 August 2020 with exhibition materials, dedicated for Q&A sessions and an opportunity to book one-to-one calls to talk through the proposals - please visit [www.artfield-forest.co.uk](http://www.artfield-forest.co.uk) for more information, where a link to the online consultation will be available.

We will be accepting consultation feedback until 10 September 2020. Please visit [www.artfield-forest.co.uk](http://www.artfield-forest.co.uk) for further details or by using the contact details below.

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

Website: [www.artfield-forest.co.uk](http://www.artfield-forest.co.uk)  
Project Hotline: 0200 717 5880  
Write to: [Project@artfield-forest.co.uk](mailto:Project@artfield-forest.co.uk) (no stamp required)

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ADVERT: Find out about a proposed wind farm near Glenluce.



### Invitation to Artfield Forest Wind Farm Virtual Public Exhibition

We invite you to attend a virtual public exhibition for our Artfield Forest Wind Farm proposals, located 5km northwest of Glenluce.

In line with Scottish Government guidance for online consultation due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we will hold an online public exhibition for Statkraft UK's Artfield Forest Wind Farm. We are committed to listening to communities as we seek to shape our development before it is finalized.

Our consultation website will be live from **24 August 2020** with exhibition materials, dedicated live Q&A sessions and an opportunity to book one-to-one calls to talk through the proposals - please visit [www.artfield-forest.co.uk](http://www.artfield-forest.co.uk) for more information, where a link to the online consultation will be available.

We will be accepting consultation feedback until 18 September 2020. Please visit [www.artfield-forest.co.uk](http://www.artfield-forest.co.uk) for further details or by using the contact details below.

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

**Website:** [www.artfield-forest.co.uk](http://www.artfield-forest.co.uk)  
**Project Hotline:** 0800 772 0668  
**Write to:** Freepost Statkraft (no stamp required)

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## APPENDIX 2

### 10KM LOCAL CONSULTATION ZONE

For Artfield Forest Wind Farm, we have primarily focused our engagement in the communities nearest the proposals, as well as notifying communities further afield.



The site is located in the Mid-Galloway & Wigton West ward and the community councils in the area are large geographical areas. The map outlines our focus area, which has been within a 10km radius of the site. Key things to note include:

- The Artfield Forest site boundary covers two Community Council areas: Kirkcowan and New Luce.
- The majority of the 10km radius area is covered by Kirkcowan Community Council, New Luce Community Council and Old Luce Community Council, with Cree Valley Community Council and Barrhill Community Council also within 10km of the site.
- The Mid-Galloway & Wigton West electoral ward covers the four Dumfries & Galloway Community Council areas illustrated.
- The Givran & South Carrick ward (South Ayrshire Council) covers the 10km boundary area of Barrhill Community Council area - we have focused engagement in Dumfries & Galloway as the key consultee local authority to the proposals.

APPENDIX 3

MAILING: INVITATION TO ARTFIELD FOREST WIND FARM ONLINE CONSULTATION

**We're innovative and community focused**

Statkraft is pleased to be engaging with communities surrounding Artfield Forest Wind Farm.

We've got a lot to say about this, but please get in touch with us for more information. We're here to listen.

**Community Benefit Fund**

We've set up a Community Benefit Fund to support local projects in the area. We've got a £100,000 fund to support local projects. We've got a £100,000 fund to support local projects. We've got a £100,000 fund to support local projects.

**Shared Ownership**

We are exploring shared ownership options for the project. We are exploring shared ownership options for the project. We are exploring shared ownership options for the project.

**Invitation to Virtual Exhibition:**  
**24 August – 18 September 2020**

**Artfield Forest Wind Farm Proposal**

We want to hear from you about our plans for the project. We want to hear from you about our plans for the project. We want to hear from you about our plans for the project.



We are bringing forward proposals for Artfield Forest Wind Farm, located approximately 10km west of Orkney. We are bringing forward proposals for Artfield Forest Wind Farm, located approximately 10km west of Orkney. We are bringing forward proposals for Artfield Forest Wind Farm, located approximately 10km west of Orkney.

**About Us**

Statkraft is Norway's largest provider of renewable energy, with a growing base of 100+ wind farms across the world. We are bringing forward proposals for Artfield Forest Wind Farm, located approximately 10km west of Orkney.

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**Artfield Forest Wind Farm Proposal**

**Project Summary**

- 12 to 13 wind turbines proposed
- £336k to £336,000 to the local Community Fund
- A maximum height of 180m
- Existing near neighbours to be consulted at an early stage
- Available to respond throughout the process

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

We would like to invite you to our online public exhibition. Please contact us for more information.



**Online Exhibition:**  
[www.artfield-forest.co.uk](http://www.artfield-forest.co.uk)

**Our exhibition is being held online from 24 August to 18 September.**

**The exhibition will be available to visit between 24 August – 18 September.**

Ask questions, chat online or leave a phone call

Join what we have with the project team

**Visit exhibition by joining:**  
[www.artfield-forest.co.uk](http://www.artfield-forest.co.uk)

**We believe there could be an exciting opportunity for our project to bring improved broadband to this area. Please visit our online exhibition to find out more.**



APPENDIX 4

ARTFIELD FOREST WIND FARM CONSULTATION FREEPOST FEEDBACK FORM



ARTFIELD  
FOREST  
WIND FARM

If you are unable to take part in our online exhibition, please use this form to let us know your views or ask any questions. We will respond to all queries as quickly as possible.

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Request for privacy and/or consent data protection in regard to Statkraft's response system. This enables you to maintain an overview of how our customer, vendor and other stakeholders connect Statkraft to process their personal data. Our self-regulatory data protection practices, who and for how long Statkraft processes your personal data. Visit [www.statkraft.no](https://www.statkraft.no)

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

Do you think that if the country needs to generate more electricity from renewable sources?  
YES  NO  UNSURE

Do you agree that onshore wind power is a good way to help address that?  
YES  NO  UNSURE

Do you think that this site is an acceptable location for a wind farm?  
YES  NO  UNSURE

We are actively exploring the potential to assist in bringing improved broadband to the area. Is this of interest to you?  
YES  NO  UNSURE

We are open to offering Shared Ownership on our projects. If this project went ahead, would this be of interest?  
YES  NO  UNSURE

Your questions and comments


Yes, please respond to my comment and advise when the project is submitted  
 No, I don't want to receive project news

Title: Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Email:

Tel:



## APPENDIX 5

This appendix outlines the elected representatives we have communicated with during the engagement and/or consultation phases.

### HOST AND NEIGHBOURING COMMUNITY COUNCILS WITHIN DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY

Kirkcowan Community Council  
New Luce Community Council  
Old Luce Community Council  
Cree Valley Community Council

### MID GALLOWAY AND WIGTOWN WEST WARD MEMBERS

Councillor Katie Hagmann  
Councillor David Inglis  
Councillor Jackie McCamom  
Councillor Jim McColm

### MEMBER OF THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT

Finlay Carson MSP

## APPENDIX 16: ROUND TABLE UPDATE ON SHARED OWNERSHIP MEETING INVITE

----- Original Message -----

From: [REDACTED]

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, 23 Nov, 20 At 13:12

Subject: Artfield Forest Wind Farm Update

Dear [REDACTED]

I hope that this email finds you well.

I am getting in touch to provide an update on our Artfield Forest Wind Farm plans. We wrote to the Community Council at the end of September after the online consultation closed to provide a summary of the online exhibition.

We have now responded to the individual queries and we will shortly send a summary report of the exhibition and the main themes raised with us during it to the community councils.

There were two key areas of feedback from the online exhibitions - broadband and shared ownership - that we hope to follow up on and (if of interest) would welcome the community councils and corresponding Development Trusts to provide their views/input.

### **Shared Ownership – suggested virtual roundtable discussion early December 2020.**

In relation to shared ownership - a majority of respondees were either interested or unsure about the opportunity of community/shared ownership of the project. We ourselves are fairly new to community/shared ownership offering and we will be following the Scottish Government's Best Practice Principles for Shared Ownership. It is likely we would look to provide a percentage share of the projects revenue that is open to the community to invest and own via a community Trust. The Trust may be able to both invest in the scheme and raise funds through external sources (such as banks or individuals in the community). Following the exhibition feedback, we have contacted Local Energy Scotland (LES), who have agreed to host a virtual meeting to outline shared ownership opportunities and the process in more detail. If this is of interest to the Community Council, please let me know and we can organise an evening later in November/early December for an online call.

In addition to any shared ownership opportunity available we will also be offering the traditional community benefit for Artfield Forest. We are committed to £5,000 per MW of installed capacity for community benefit and, on the basis of the current MW for the 12 turbine scheme, that would mean £336,000 per annum. Again, for community benefit, we are open to how it is administered (either through a local trust or a group such as Foundation Scotland) and we will take the lead from the community.

### **Broadband - suggested virtual roundtable discussion early December 2020.**

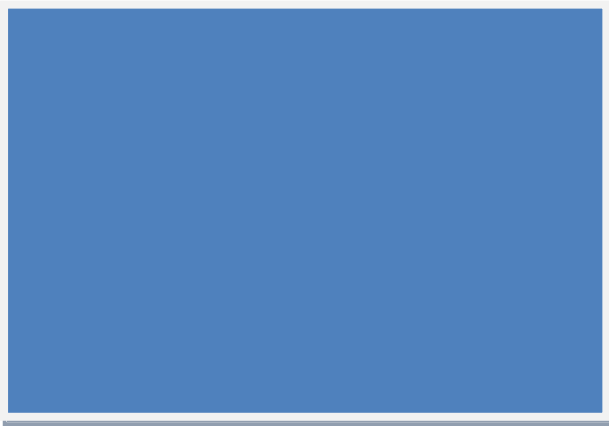
There was a high level of interest in how the project can potentially improve broadband in the local area. We would welcome a discussion on broadband and would suggest having a short discussion/presentation on broadband. If acceptable and to avoid too many demands on your and other members of the community council and community members time, this can be the same evening as the discussion on shared ownership.

For broadband - if the project is consented, we will need broadband installed for it to operate. If there is a chance that we can help improve broadband connections for residents/businesses in the area through installing broadband for the wind farm then we would be happy to explore this with the community.

Do let me know if interested in taking part in either area and we would welcome the chance to have an online virtual meeting. We have issued this email to Kirkcowan Community Council, New Luce Community Council, Old Luce Community Council and Cree Valley Community Council.

Once again, many thanks for your time and we hope that you and the community are well during these times.

Kind regards,





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