

If this new application is refused will the wind farm still go ahead in its original form?

Our intention is to focus on maximising generation from the site using taller and the most efficient turbines. If this is not possible we will review our position on the original consented scheme at that time.

About EDF Energy Renewables

EDF Energy Renewables is one of the UK's leading renewable energy companies which develops, builds and operates generation projects with a focus on onshore and offshore wind as well as battery storage technology.

Our UK services business, EDF ENS UK Ltd. looks after the operations and maintenance of our wind farms. The two companies employ more than 170 people.

EDF Energy Renewables already operates more than 696 MW of wind farms (including 319 MW in Scotland) and has more than 545 MW consented, 170 MW in planning and 950 MW in development. We are particularly committed to continuing the growth of our renewables business in Scotland and have recently opened a new office in Edinburgh to support our plans. They include the delivery of the 177MW Dorenell wind farm in Moray, which is scheduled in 2018.

How can the public make their views known?

Questionnaires will be available at these initial public consultation events to enable you to provide feedback and help to inform our proposals.

When we have a final preferred layout we will produce a full visual impact study which will enable the difference between the consented turbines and those proposed in the new application to be compared. These will be available at a further series of public exhibitions closer to the new application being submitted.

When the planning application is submitted, copies will be available locally for public viewing and any comments you make will be taken into account by the Scottish Government's Energy Consents and Deployment Unit (ECDU) when the project is determined.

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Stranoch Wind Farm

Project update and new proposal

Public consultation events

Tuesday, 12th September
Barrhill Primary School, 4.00pm - 7.30pm

Wednesday, 13th September
New Luce Memorial Hall, 3.00pm - 7.30pm

Thursday, 14th September
Cairnryan Village Hall, 3.00pm - 7.30pm

Your chance to find out more about a new application for the Stranoch wind farm site from EDF Energy Renewables.





Application Site Boundary Stranoch 1 - Consented Turbine Locations

The proposal

EDF Energy Renewables is proposing to make a new application for its consented Stranoch wind farm site (above), located in Dumfries & Galloway, between New Luce and Barrhill.

The company was awarded planning consent for a 72 megawatt (MW) wind farm on the site in 2016, but is now reviewing the project following changes to UK Government support for onshore wind projects.

The intention is to make a new Section 36 application to the Scottish Government that would consider the use of more efficient turbines with heights of up to 175 metres (to blade tip).

These local public exhibitions will give everyone the opportunity to learn more about our proposals and give you the opportunity to discuss matters with members of the development team.

At the events you will have the opportunity to provide feedback which will help to inform our new application for the wind farm.

Your questions answered

Why hasn't the Stranoch wind farm been constructed yet?

Since the original application for the Stranoch wind farm was made in 2013, the UK Government has removed financial support for renewables, prompting a review of the consented scheme as it must operate purely on the basis of a market price for the electricity it produces. In order to make the wind farm more productive a new application for taller turbines is being developed.

What is now being proposed?

A range of options with turbine heights of up to 175m (to blade tip) are being considered. The new application will use various turbine heights to complement the topography and landscape of the Stranoch site and its surroundings. We do not envisage an increase in the 24 turbines already consented for the site.

The detailed process of modelling new site options is ongoing and a final design will not be completed until the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process is at a more advanced stage.

Is the increase in turbine size really necessary?

Onshore wind farms no longer receive financial support from UK Government and as such future developments must operate purely on the basis of a market price for the electricity they produce.

We need to consider new ways to make projects viable and one of these ways is by using bigger and more efficient turbines. This is in line with the Scottish Government's energy strategy to make the most efficient use of wind farm sites.

What will be the benefits to the local community?

It is standard practice for EDF Energy Renewables to establish a local community benefit fund once the wind farm is operational. The fund value for the proposed Stranoch 2 community benefit fund would be £5,000 per MW of installed capacity per year.

To act as a starting point for any discussions on the proposed community benefit fund we would be happy to provide details of how community benefit funds are operated for our other wind farms in Scotland.

We support the principle of community ownership and would welcome the views of local community groups to gauge the level of interest they may have in investing in the wind farm.