Mochrum Fell Wind Farm

Pre-Application Consultation Report

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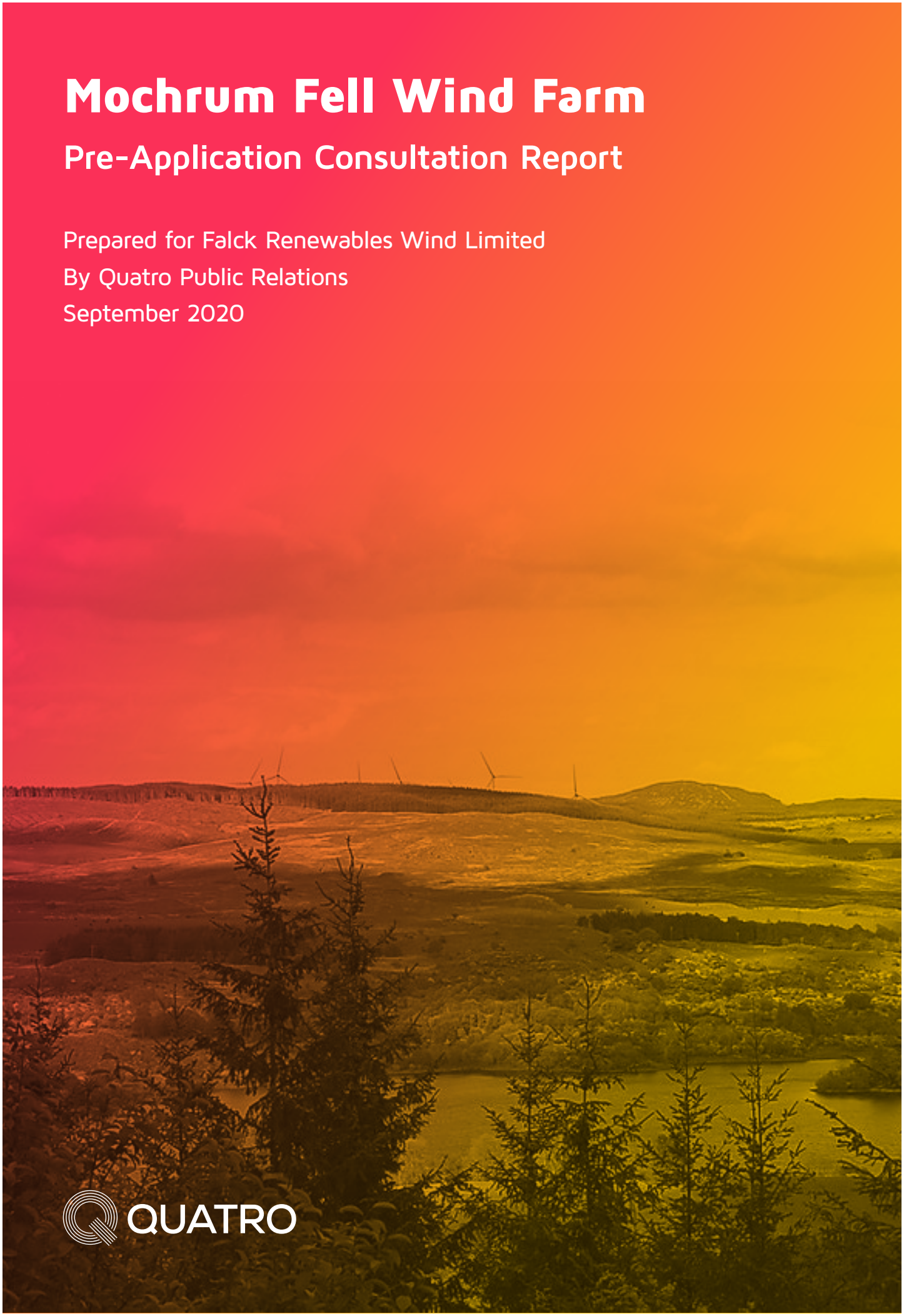

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1. Introduction

Falck Renewables is one of Europe's leading renewable energy companies with an installed capacity of 1,026MW, of which more than 400MW is in the UK. Falck Renewables produces energy from many sources including wind, solar, biomass and waste-to-energy.

Falck Renewables is seeking to increase the blade tip height of the Mochrum Fell wind turbines to up to 149.9m from the previously approved tip height of 126.5m. Increased tip heights will allow the turbines to produce more renewable electricity. As part of the planning application, Falck Renewables will reduce the scheme from eight to seven turbines by removing the most visually prominent turbine, Turbine 5. Other changes to the scheme are considered moderate e.g. minor changes to the access tracks etc.

The planning application consists of the following development components:

- Seven wind turbines with maximum tip heights of up to 149.9 m (consented Turbine 5 is now deleted from the development);
- External transformers next to each turbine;
- Crane foundations at each turbine location;
- One permanent anemometer mast;
- A combined substation and control building;
- Buried electrical and control cables;
- Three temporary construction compounds;
- Drainage works and watercourse crossings;
- Three borrow pits;
- Access tracks and turning areas, including an access track linking the A713 to the site;
- Associated ancillary works and engineering.

The application to increase the turbine tip heights will be submitted to Dumfries and Galloway Council in September 2020. The application will be available to review via the Dumfries and Galloway Council website and also the project website, **www.mochrumfellwindfarm.co.uk**

The proposal is 'EIA' development due to its potential effects on the environment. On this basis, a scoping opinion was generated in August 2020 and an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIA Report) has been prepared to accompany the planning application.

2.Summary of Activities

2.1 Identifying the Consultation Zone

A radial consultation zone of 6km from the centre of the site was set up (Appendix 1). The zone contained 264 addresses to which all materials were mailed.

2.2 Identifying Key Stakeholders

In addition to residents, a list of individuals and community groups were identified as being appropriate to consult. This included the local Member of Parliament, Members of Scottish Parliament, Ward Councillors on Dumfries and Galloway Council, Councillors on the Planning Committee, representatives on the local community councils, and community groups.

2.3 Channels of Communication

In order to disseminate information and allow residents and stakeholders to get in touch, we initially set up:

- A project website at **www.mochrumfellwindfarm.co.uk** (Appendix 2);
- An email account at **info@mochrumfellwindfarm.co.uk**

A community hotline (0330 363 6229) was also set up, although no calls were received to this number over the consultation period.

2.4 Public Exhibitions

The consultation for the project has been undertaken in two stages due to a required change in strategy to the application approach.

Initially, it was considered possible to achieve the changes required by way of a Section 42 application to amend the existing planning permission. However, following pre-application submission, feedback from the local planning authority, and consideration of caselaw, it became clear that the appropriate approach was the submission of a new full planning application. As such, a formal Proposal of Application Notice (PAN) was required together with a second round of formal consultation.

As part of Falck Renewables' commitment to engage with communities and stakeholders for all proposals, they committed to voluntary consultation in relation to the earlier proposed Section 42 application. At this time, two drop-in sessions were held in November 2019, allowing visitors to view the proposals and ask questions of the project team. One was held at Parton Village Hall on 8th November 2019 from 14:00-20:00, and the other at Corsock Village Hall on 9th November 2019 from 10:00-14:00.

2.Summary of Activities (continued)

Awareness of the public consultation was raised in a variety of ways:

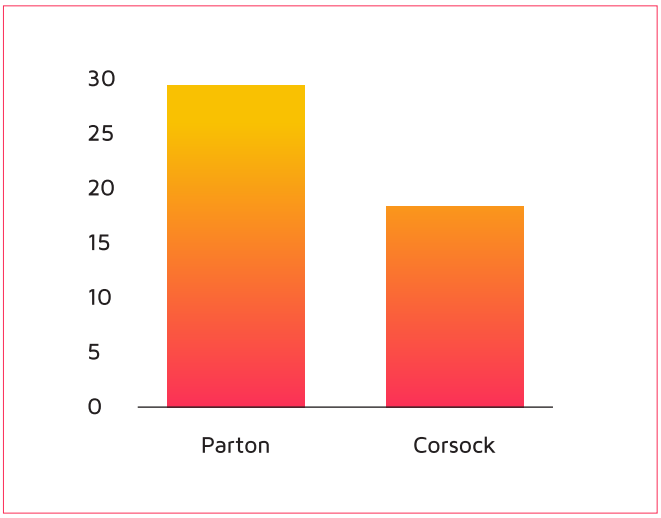
- Letters were sent to elected representatives and key stakeholders (Appendix 3). These were invitations to attend the information session prior to the opening of the public consultation.
- Residential invitations (Appendix 4) were delivered to all dwellings within the consultation zone. Recipients were encouraged to offer their initial feedback or ask any questions by calling the community hotline or emailing.
- Posters (Appendix 5) were sent to commercial and community buildings within the consultation zone for display, as well as spare copies of the invitations.
- A public notice was placed in the Galloway News for publication on 31st October 2019 (Appendix 6).

The exhibition display included informational banners (Appendix 7) and an opportunity to see how the proposed turbines would look from various locations via wireframes.

The exhibition display provided an introduction to the developer, the amended proposal, Zone of Theoretical Visibility, photomontages, and potential community benefit funding.

Attendees were encouraged to provide their views by completing a feedback form (Appendix 8). This could be completed and submitted at the event or submitted by post at a later date.

A total of 47 people attended the public events, broken down below:



2.5 Response to Covid-19

On 23rd April 2020, the Scottish Government published guidance on pre-application consultations during the COVID-19 pandemic, including a temporary suspension on the requirement to hold public events due to the health and safety risk. As a minimum temporary substitute to face-to-face consultation, the Scottish Government required us to carry out an event that is:

- Hosted at a central, free, publicly accessible web location which sets out clearly the pre-application consultation steps being undertaken, the location of information, and the time period for engagement and how do to that. It should:

  - Identify the location of the development site;
  - Present the proposal for the site; and
  - Be as user friendly as possible.

- Live and interactive web-based consultation – suggesting at least one event of 2-3 hours duration with a live question and answer session and links to other online opportunities to make comment, ask questions and receive responses, and that these live events are scheduled to enable public participation.

As such, a new digitally focused process was designed to carry out consultation consistent with Government guidance and social distancing measures. More details on the events that we carried out in response to these new Regulations is set out below.

2.6 Updated Materials

Following a change in branding and the proposals being altered slightly, the website (Appendix 9), informational panels (Appendix 10), and feedback form (Appendix 11) were all updated. The informational panels and feedback form were also uploaded to the website.

2.7 Proposal of Application Notice

When the PAN was submitted on 21st May 2020 to Dumfries and Galloway Council, an advertisement (Appendix 12) announcing this and upcoming consultation events was placed in the Galloway News.

2.8 Social Media

Social media accounts were set up on Twitter **(www.twitter.com/MFwindfarm)** and Facebook **(www.facebook.com/mochrumfellwindfarm).** These accounts were used for advertising purposes (Appendix 13): to generate traffic to the project website, generate feedback on the proposals, and encourage attendance at public consultation events.

2.9 Community Newsletter

A community newsletter (Appendix 14) was produced and mailed out to residents in the consultation zone. This provided details on the proposal, previous consultation steps, details on the community benefit fund, next steps in the consultation process due to COVID-19, information on the developer and contact details.

An advert (Appendix 15) was also placed in the Galloway News when the newsletter was sent out, advertising the upcoming consultation events.

2.10 Q&A Session

A Q&A conference call was held with residents and project team members on Wednesday 24th June 2020 from 19:00 to 20:00. This was an opportunity for residents to learn more about the proposal and ask the project team members any direct questions, whilst allowing for COVID-19 lockdown measures and regardless of residents' access to broadband.

The session was free to join with bundled minutes; callers would be charged by their network operator at standard local rates if they did not have bundled minutes.

The event was joined by one caller, who attended on behalf of the Glenkens & District Trust.

2.11 Virtual Village Hall

A Virtual Village Hall was held on Saturday 27th June 2020 from 10:00 to 12:00. This was an opportunity for the project team to present the proposals remotely, given the COVID-19 lockdown measures, and allow residents to ask questions directly of the team. This was considered to be an innovative approach, given the circumstances, that allowed Falck Renewables to directly engage with and present to residents in place of face-to-face consultation.

For the purposes of presentation, an animation was produced setting out details of the proposals. This animation was later uploaded to the project website for viewing at any time.

The event received nine registrations and was ultimately attended by four members of the public. The level of attendance reflected the level of attendance at previous events, including the face-to-face public exhibitions.

The Virtual Village Hall event was recorded and is still available for viewing at **www.crowdcast.io/e/mochrum-fell-wind-farm**

3. Feedback

3.1 Feedback Summary

In total, 122 feedback forms were received across the consultation period.

29 of the feedback forms were submitted at the public exhibition events in November 2019. A further 93 were received either through the post or online through the embedded feedback form on the project website.

The first chart is relevant only to the feedback submitted following the public exhibition events.

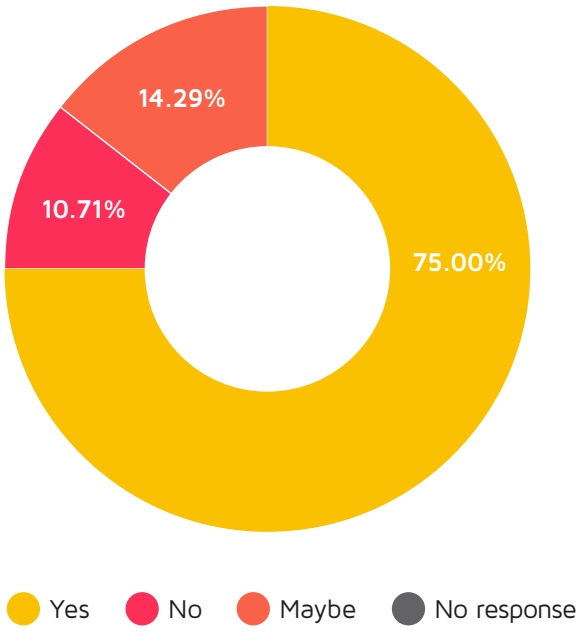
3.2 Further Comments

On the forms, residents were also asked the following two questions:

- Do you have any suggestions or comments for how a Community Benefit Fund could be allocated?
- Please use the space below for any comments further to your responses, or any suggestions on how we could improve our services.

The table of responses to these questions can be found in Appendix 16.

Did you find the information on display useful? Were our team able to answer your questions?



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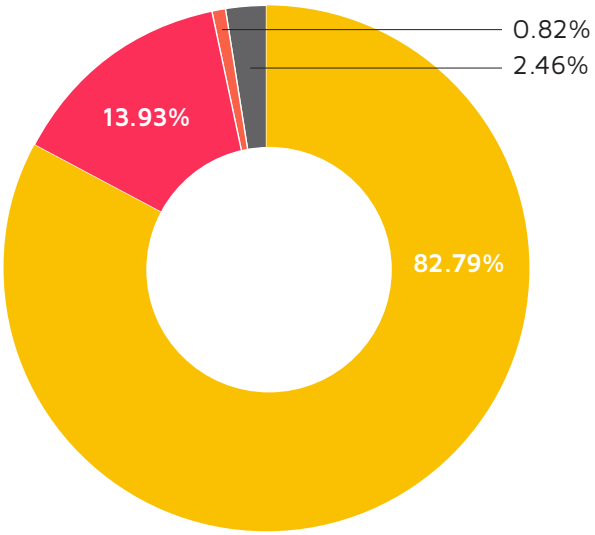
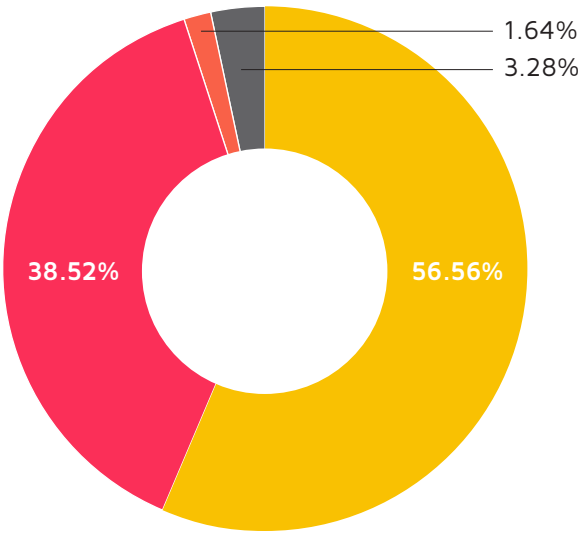
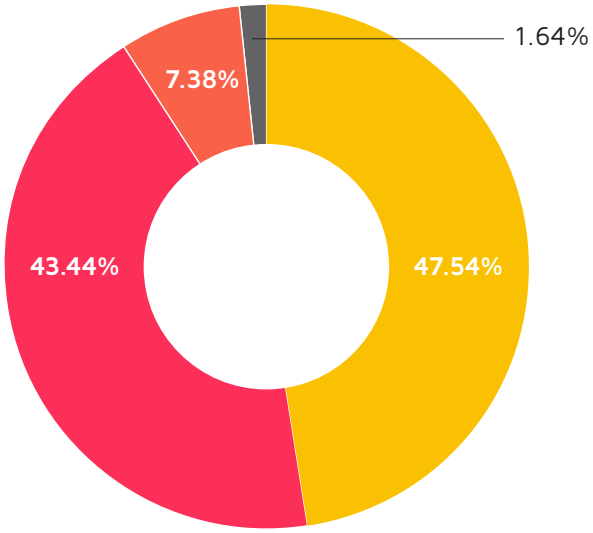


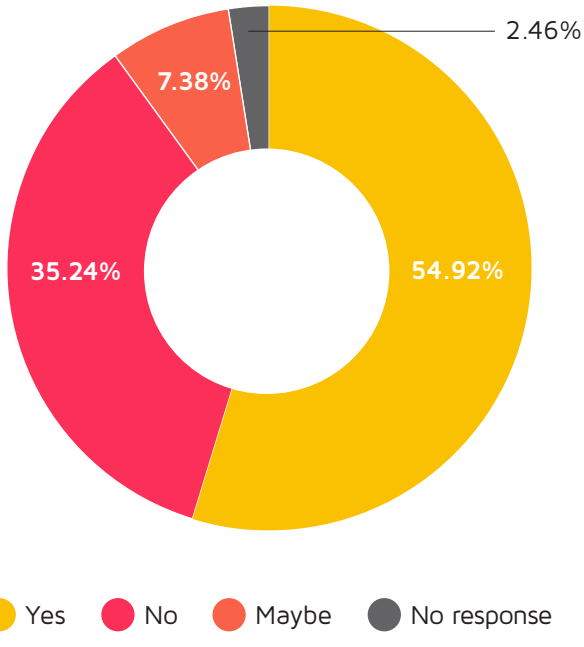
2. Do you think that onshore wind power is a good way to help achieve this?



3. Do you support the principle of the amendment to the Mochrum Fell Wind Farm approved plan?



4. The Scottish Government advocates giving communities the chance to invest in local renewable energy projects. Is this of interest?



4.Conclusions

Considerable engagement has been undertaken in relation to the current planning application, particularly given the circumstances with the emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic. An innovative approach was designed in order to comply with the new Regulations from the Scottish Government in relation to community consultation.

This has allowed the project team to continue carrying out thorough engagement during the national lockdown, allowing residents to learn more about the proposal and communicate directly with the project team regardless of their access to broadband.

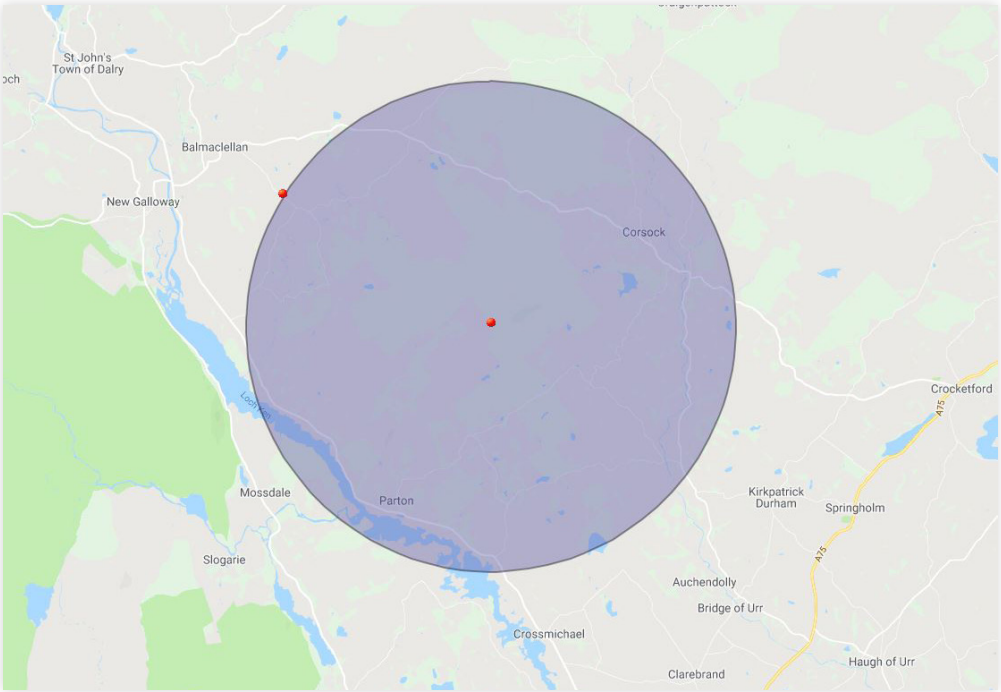
Despite the challenges of consulting during this period, residents were not hindered in their ability to submit feedback and this has been shown through the number of responses that have been received following the lockdown. Some members of the public were appreciative of our efforts to continue engagement and keep them informed of the consultation process in these challenging circumstances.

As can be seen from the feedback in Appendix 16, the majority of comments were based on general points, such as the principle of development or the allocation of the proposed community benefit fund. As such, it was determined by the Applicant that the feedback did not necessitate significant material changes to the current proposal.

Following the submission of the planning application, stakeholders will continue to be engaged with in relation to certain aspects of the proposal, including the allocation of the proposed community benefit fund. Residents and stakeholders will be kept updated on the progress of the application going forward.

5.Appendices

Appendix 1 – Consultation Zone



Appendix 2 – Original website

Appendix 3 – Stakeholder invitation

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MOCHRUM FELL WIND FARM
PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSIONS

DROP IN EVENTS

Parton Village Hall,
Parton,
Dumfries and Galloway
DG7 3NE

Friday 8th November
2pm to 8pm

Corsock Village Hall,
Corsock,
Dumfries and Galloway
DG7 3DN

Saturday 9th November
10am to 2pm

[Address]
[Date]
Dear X,

REVISED PROPOSALS FOR MOCHRUM FELL WIND FARM

I am writing on behalf of Falck Renewables to invite you to attend one of our public information sessions on revised proposals for the Mochrum Fell Wind Farm.

As you will be aware, Scottish Government granted consent for an 8-turbine wind farm at Mochrum Fell in 2016, having found 'no material considerations for refusal'. However, after further and careful consideration of wind resource and turbine options for the site, we are now exploring options to amend the consented scheme.

Falck is currently considering an increase in turbine heights from 126.5m (the height of 7 of the 8 consented turbines) to approximately 150m. This would allow for the removal of the most visible turbine, reducing the overall number of turbines from 8 to 7.

We will be holding two drop-in sessions (details left) in November to inform the local community about the revised proposals.

The events will be an opportunity for residents and stakeholders to find out more about the revised proposals, ask questions and provide feedback, prior to Falck submitting a section 42 application to Dumfries & Galloway Council to amend the consented scheme.

Representatives from the project team will be in attendance to meet you and to answer any questions you may have. Alternatively, if you are unable to attend, we would be happy to arrange an alternative time to brief you.

In the meantime, if you have any queries or would like further details, please contact my colleague [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] or [REDACTED].

We look forward to meeting you.

Yours sincerely,

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Appendix 4 – Residential invitation

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PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSIONS

DROP IN EVENTS

Friday 8th November
2pm to 8pm

Parton Village Hall,
Parton,
Dumfries and Galloway
DG7 3NE

Saturday 9th November
10am to 2pm

Corsock Village Hall,
Corsock,
Dumfries and Galloway
DG7 3DN

Falck Renewables is holding two drop-in sessions in November to inform the local community about its revised proposals for Mochrum Fell Wind Farm. The new plans would see the consented application revised to increase turbine tip heights and reduce the total number of turbines.

The events will be an opportunity for residents to find out more about the revised proposals, ask questions and provide feedback, prior to Falck Renewables submitting a section 42 application to Dumfries & Galloway Council to amend the consented scheme.

REVISED PROPOSALS

In 2016, Scottish Government granted consent for an eight-turbine wind farm at Mochrum Fell near Corsock, having found 'no material considerations' for refusal. However, after further and careful consideration of wind resource and turbine options for the site, amendments to the consented scheme are being explored.

Falck Renewables is proposing an increase in turbine tip heights from 126.5m (the height of seven of the eight consented turbines) to approximately 150m, whilst also removing the most prominent turbine (turbine 5) originally approved. This would reduce the overall number of turbines from eight to seven. These are the only amendments proposed to the consented scheme.

ABOUT FALCK RENEWABLES

Falck Renewables is a leading independent energy business in the UK. We develop, design, build and manage power production plants from renewable sources, with an installed capacity of 1,026 MW in the UK, Italy, United States, Spain and France.

Falck Renewables has a portfolio of 12 wind farms in operation in the UK; ten are located in Scotland, one in Wales and one in the East Riding of Yorkshire in England. Falck Renewables' construction headquarters are located at Dochfour, near Inverness.

CONTACT US

If you would like further information about the proposals or our upcoming events, please contact [REDACTED] on:

T: 01463 714403
E: info@mochrumfellwindfarm.co.uk

The plans shown at the events will also be available online from Monday 4th November on our website.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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Appendix 5 – Event poster

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PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSIONS
Revised proposals for Mochrum Fell Wind Farm

Falck would like to update you on its plans to submit a revised application for Mochrum Fell Wind Farm, west of Corsock.

WHEN /
Friday 8th November,
2pm to 8pm

WHERE /
Parton Village Hall, Castle Douglas,
Dumfries and Galloway DG7 3NE

WHEN /
Saturday 9th November,
10am to 2pm

WHERE /
Corsock Village Hall, Corsock Village,
Dumfries and Galloway DG7 3DN

FIND OUT MORE:
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ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND

Appendix 6 – Advert in the Galloway News (published 31.10.19)

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Revised proposals for Mochrum Fell Wind Farm

Falck Renewables would like to update you on its plans to submit a revised application for Mochrum Fell Wind Farm, north of Parton.

WHEN /
Friday 8th November,
2pm to 8pm

WHERE /
Parton Village Hall, Castle Douglas,
Dumfries and Galloway DG7 3NE

WHEN /
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Appendix 7 – Original exhibition boards

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Our activities include the development, financing, construction and operational management of renewable energy projects.

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AMENDED PROPOSAL

Falck Renewables is seeking to increase the tip height of the Mochrum Fell wind turbines to 149.9m from the already approved tip height of 126.5m.

Increased tip heights will allow the turbines to produce more electricity.

As part of our application, Falck Renewables will reduce the scheme from 8 to 7 turbines by removing Turbine 5 which was the most visually prominent.

No other changes are proposed to the approved project.

The revised application will consist of the following components:

- Construction of 7 wind turbines in the previously consented positions (consented turbine 5 is not proposed to be included within the amendments to design) at a tip height of up to 149.9m
- Construction of access tracks, crane hardstandings and other laydown areas in the previously consented positions
- Construction of a control building / substation in the previously consented position
- 1 permanent anemometer mast in the previously consented position
- Borrow pits and associated infrastructure in the previously consented positions

The Variation Application to increase the turbine tip heights will be submitted to Dumfries and Galloway Council in December 2019 under Section 42 of the Planning Act.

The application will be available to review via the Dumfries and Galloway Council website and also the project website, www.mochrumfellwindfarm.co.uk It is likely to be determined in late Spring 2020.

Falck Renewables accept the proposed development is EIA development and on this basis an EIA Report will be submitted in support of the S42 application.

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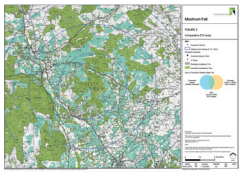
ZONE OF THEORETICAL VISIBILITY

As part of the submission of the Section 42 Variation Application a Zone of Theoretical Visibility (ZTV) study is produced.

The ZTV study indicates locations from where the consented and proposed turbines will potentially be seen.

The coloured areas do not indicate how much or how many of the turbines will be visible and views from the coloured areas may theoretically include the whole of the wind farm, just the tip of one blade, or anything in between.



The study takes account of landform modelling, based on Ordnance Survey data; and buildings and woodland based on Ordnance survey mapping and assumed heights.

In practice, visibility from a specific location may vary from the model shown – either through being screened by localised features such as tree belts; or where views have been opened up by felling. The purpose of the ZTV study is to indicate patterns of visibility; in particular the differences likely to arise from the increased height.

In this case (as can be seen from the ZTV), the study indicates that new areas of visibility would be very limited.

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PHOTOMONTAGES

Photomontages involve the combination of a 3D computer model of the proposed windfarm with a photograph of the present-day view.

They are prepared to detailed technical guidance that sets out standards for accuracy and presentation which ensure that they are "accurate, objective and unbiased" providing "a fair representation of what would be likely to be seen if the proposed development is implemented" in order that people using them can "understand the likely effects of the proposals" (quotes from LITGN05'19 Visual Representation of Development Proposals). Taken from the latest Landscape Institute Guidance.

APPROVED PROPOSED

The photomontages for the approved and proposed development show a number of differences (apart from the change to the turbines). New photographs have been taken in order to ensure that the existing view shown is up to date; and the size of the photomontages are different due to changes in Scottish Natural Heritage visualisation standards.

The photomontages illustrate that the design changes would result in limited differences to the visual effects of the amended proposal to both number and heights of turbines.

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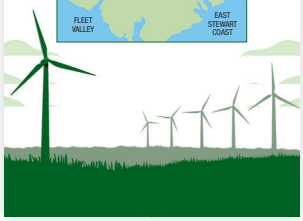
COMMUNITY FUNDING

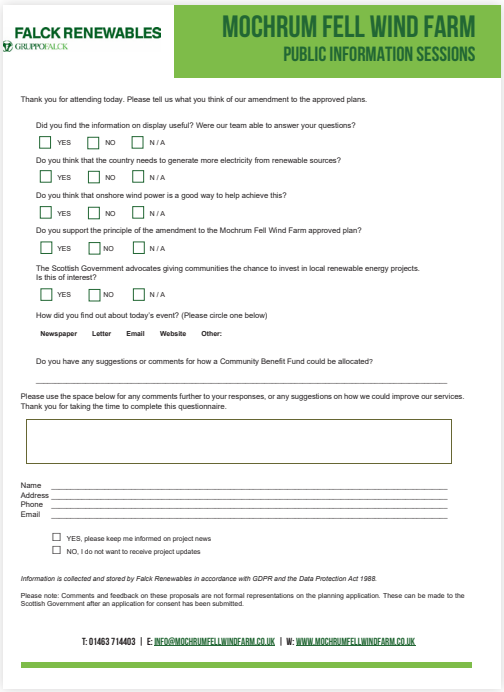
INDICATIVE FUND

	APPROVED	PROPOSED
NUMBER OF TURBINES	8	7
TURBINE CAPACITY	3MW	4.2MW
WIND FARM CAPACITY	24MW	29.4MW
£ PER MW	£5,000	£5,000
COMMUNITY FUND TOTAL	£120,000 (RPI Index Linked)	£147,000 (RPI Index Linked)

The community fund will be shaped in collaboration with local residents and community groups. Outlined below is the suggested funding zone.



Appendix 8 – Original feedback form



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PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSIONS

Thank you for attending today. Please tell us what you think of our amendment to the approved plans.

Did you find the information on display useful? Were our team able to answer your questions?
☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ N / A

Do you think that the country needs to generate more electricity from renewable sources?
☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ N / A

Do you think that onshore wind power is a good way to help achieve this?
☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ N / A

Do you support the principle of the amendment to the Mochrum Fell Wind Farm approved plan?
☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ N / A

The Scottish Government advocates giving communities the chance to invest in local renewable energy projects. Is this of interest?
☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ N / A

How did you find out about today's event? (Please circle one below)
Newspaper Letter Email Website Other:

Do you have any suggestions or comments for how a Community Benefit Fund could be allocated?
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Please use the space below for any comments further to your responses, or any suggestions on how we could improve our services. Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____
Email _____

☐ YES, please keep me informed on project news
☐ NO, I do not want to receive project updates

Information is collected and stored by Falck Renewables in accordance with GDPR and the Data Protection Act 1988.

Please note: Comments and feedback on these proposals are not formal representations on the planning application. These can be made to the Scottish Government after an application for consent has been submitted.

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Appendix 9 – Updated Website (mochrumfellwindfarm.co.uk)

Appendix 10 – Updated exhibition boards

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About Falck Renewables

Falck Renewables and its affiliated companies ("Falck Group") are an experienced worldwide player in the development, construction, purchase and management of wind and solar power projects at all stages of their development.

Falck Group has a proven track record of successfully developing, constructing and operating wind projects across Europe. Falck Group owns a wind and solar portfolio of 1123 MW in operation with over 400MW of onshore wind operational in the UK across 12 sites.

Falck Renewables has UK offices in London and Inverness. Inverness houses our construction team that is engaged directly with pre-construction, construction and post-construction activities. Falck Group's headquarters are in Milan, where Falck Renewables S.p.A is listed on the Milan Stock Exchange.

More details about Falck Group can be found on our website: www.falckrenewables.com

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The Proposal

In 2016, the Scottish Government granted consent for an eight-turbine wind farm at Mochrum Fell near Corsock, having found 'no material considerations' for refusal.

After further assessments, giving careful consideration to wind resource and modern turbine options for the site, Falck Renewables is proposing to submit a new application which will:

- **Increase turbine tip heights from 126.5m to 149.9m to accommodate an increase in rotor diameter from up to 103m to up to 140m;**
- **Remove the most prominent turbine (Turbine 5), reducing the overall number from eight to seven;**
- **Increase the operational life from 25 years to 30 years.**

These are the only amendments proposed to the already consented scheme, other than a minor increase in foundation and crane pad sizes. This will increase the generating capacity from approximately 24MW to 29.4MW, allowing for more clean renewable electricity whilst reducing visual impact from nearby villages.

Previously, Falck Renewables' approach was to seek a Section 42 amendment to the consented application and earlier consultation was carried out on this basis. Following recent case law, and in consultation with Dumfries & Galloway Council, we have decided that the amendments should be carried out via a new full planning application

This means we are required to undertake formal Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) and submit a Proposal of Application Notice (PoAN), setting out the intentions of the application and proposing the consultation strategy.

The PoAN was submitted and registered on 21st May 2020, beginning the 12-week formal process. We are aiming to submit the new application in late August, which will be followed by a minimum four-month determination period.

The application will be available to review via the Dumfries and Galloway Council website and also the project website: **www.mochrumfellwindfarm.co.uk**

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Earlier Consultation

Falck Renewables held two public consultation events on the new proposal in November 2019, one in Parton and one in Corsock. Attended by a total of 47 people, the events raised some interesting points, such as the structure of the proposed community benefit fund.

We would like to thank all who attended the events and took the time to provide feedback. We hope that any future online events will be well received and look forward to further feedback. More details on how you can continue to engage are provided in these information boards.

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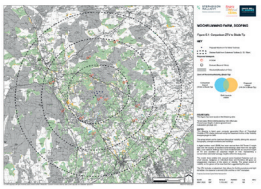
Zone of Theoretical Visibility

As part of the revised application, a Zone of Theoretical Visibility (ZTV) study is produced. This indicates locations from where the turbines could potentially be seen.

The coloured areas on the map below do not confirm how many of the turbines will be visible from those areas, nor how much of each turbine will be visible. As such, the ZTV is simply to be used as an indication of where the turbines could be seen. In practice, visibility from a specific location could vary from the below map, possibly being screened by localised features such as tree belts, or views being opened up by tree felling.



As can be seen from the above map, our study indicates that visual impact from nearby villages would be reduced as a result of the amendments.

The study takes account of landform modelling, based on Ordnance Survey data, as well as buildings and woodland based on Ordnance Survey mapping and assumed heights.

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Community Benefit Fund

Due to the likely increase in generating capacity as a result of the new proposal, should planning be approved, the total amount offered as part of the community benefit fund will increase, providing more opportunities to fund local activities and groups.

	Approved (25 year life)	Proposed (30 year life)
Number of turbines	8	7
Turbine capacity (subject to turbine procurement)	3MW	4.2MW
Total capacity (subject to turbine procurement)	24MW	29.4MW
£ per MW	£5,000	£5,000
Community benefit fund total per year	£120,000 (RPI Index Linked)	£147,000 (RPI Index Linked)
Total community benefit fund over project life	£3.0m (RPI Index Linked)	£4.41m (RPI Index Linked)

The community benefit fund will be shaped in collaboration with residents and community groups, so any input is welcome on how this could be achieved.

Outlined below is the suggested funding zone.

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New Consultation Process

On 23rd April, the Scottish Government provided guidance on pre-application consultations during the COVID-19 pandemic, including a temporary suspension on the requirement to hold public events due to the health and safety risk. As such, we have designed a new digitally focused process to carry out consultation whilst respecting Government guidance and social distancing measures.

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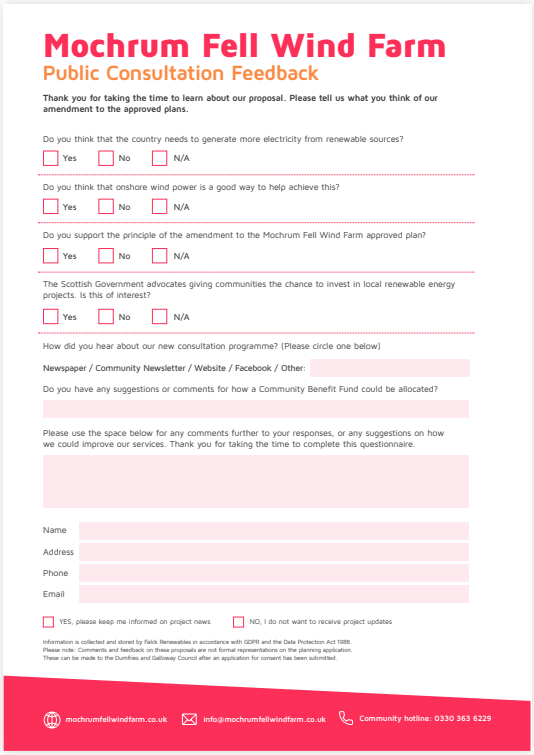
Appendix 11 – Updated Feedback Form



Mochrum Fell Wind Farm

Public Consultation Feedback

Thank you for taking the time to learn about our proposal. Please tell us what you think of our amendment to the approved plans.

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

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

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

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Do you support the principle of the amendment to the Mochrum Fell Wind Farm approved plan?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

The Scottish Government advocates giving communities the chance to invest in local renewable energy projects. Is this of interest?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

How did you hear about our new consultation programme? (Please circle one below)

Newspaper / Community Newsletter / Website / Facebook / Other:

Do you have any suggestions or comments for how a Community Benefit Fund could be allocated?

Please use the space below for any comments further to your responses, or any suggestions on how we could improve our services. Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.

Name

Address

Phone

Email

☐ YES, please keep me informed on project news ☐ NO, I do not want to receive project updates

Information is collected and stored by Falck Renewables in accordance with GDPR and the Data Protection Act 1988.
Please note: Comments and feedback on these proposals are not formal representations on the planning application.
These can be made to the Dumfries and Galloway Council after an application for consent has been submitted.

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Appendix 12 – Proposal of Application Notice advert in the Galloway News (published 21.05.20)

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Proposal of Application Notice
Town & Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997
The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure (Scotland)) Regulations 2008 &
The Town and Country Planning (Miscellaneous Temporary Modifications)
(Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2020
Mochrum Fell Wind Farm Proposal:

Erection of Wind Farm and associated infrastructure at Mochrum Fell (amendment to existing consent for 7 turbines and removal of T5 and increase to 149.9m blade tip).
At: Mochrum Fell Wind Farm, near Corsock, Dumfries & Galloway

A proposal of application notice (PAN) has been submitted to the Council. In light of COVID-19 restrictions consultation is required to be undertaken virtually. The following events and information sources have been set up:

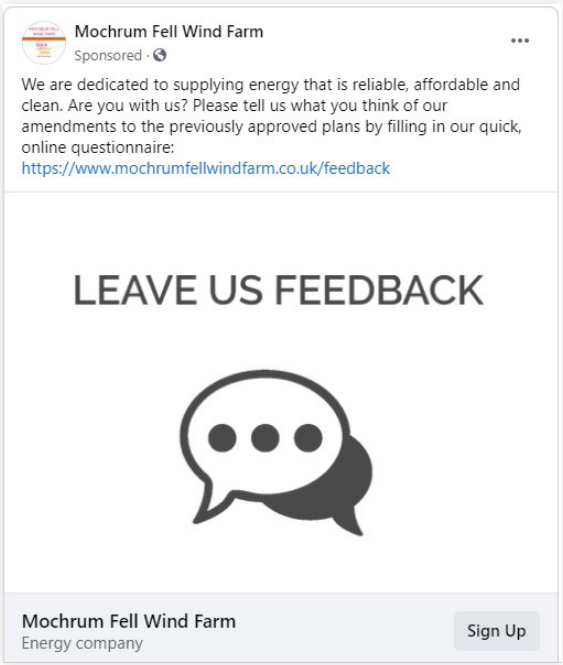
- **A telephone conference event for those with limited access to the internet will be held on 24th June at 7 - 8pm.** Call: 033 3113 3429, Room Number (863152966#) Guest Pin (3500#)
- **A Virtual Village Hall online event to be held on Saturday 27th June 2020,** 10am - 12 noon, Join at: crowdcast.io/e/mochrum-fell-wind-farm/register
- **Information on the proposed development including information boards and a fly through, can be found at:** www.mochrumfellwindfarm.co.uk

Interested parties are invited to participate in these events. The virtual village hall event will enable a real time opportunity to replace the usual public event and will enable opportunities for real time questions and responses, and also offline communication if preferred. The session will be recorded, and comments and queries can be posted for a further 30 days, to 28th July 2020.

Comments on the presentation and information on the website (www.mochrumfellwindfarm.co.uk) are also encouraged and can be made throughout the 12 week consultation period.

The community hotline for all queries is 0330 363 6229 (operational normal office hours).
Comments should not be submitted to the Council at this time as they will not be taken into consideration. Statements made to the prospective applicant and their representatives are not representations to Dumfries & Galloway Council. If a planning application is subsequently submitted, then there will be an opportunity to make a direct representation to the Council at that time.
Further information or queries can be requested by contacting: info@mochrumfellwindfarm.co.uk

Appendix 13 – Examples of social media advertising



Mochrum Fell Wind Farm
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We are dedicated to supplying energy that is reliable, affordable and clean. Are you with us? Please tell us what you think of our amendments to the previously approved plans by filling in our quick, online questionnaire:
https://www.mochrumfellwindfarm.co.uk/feedback

LEAVE US FEEDBACK

Mochrum Fell Wind Farm
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Join us on the 27th of June for our Virtual Village Hall. This event will provide the opportunity for you to hear more about the proposals and have your say. To find out more and register visit:
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Appendix 14 – Community Newsletter

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Community Newsletter
May 2020

Mochrum Fell Wind Farm

The Proposal

In 2016, the Scottish Government granted consent for an eight-turbine wind farm at Mochrum Fell near Corsock, having found 'no material considerations' for refusal.

After further assessments, giving careful consideration to wind resource and modern turbine options for the site, Falck Renewables is proposing to submit a new application which will:

- **Increase turbine tip heights from 126.5m to 149.9m;**
- **Remove the most prominent turbine, reducing the overall number from eight to seven.**

These are the only amendments proposed to the already consented scheme and will increase the generating capacity from approximately 24MW to 29.4MW, allowing for more clean renewable electricity whilst reducing visual impact from nearby villages.

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The PoAN was submitted week commencing 18th May, beginning the 12-week formal process.

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About Falck Renewables

Falck Renewables and its affiliated companies ("Falck Group") are an experienced worldwide player in the development, construction, purchase and management of wind and solar power projects at all stages of their development. Falck Group has a proven track record of successfully developing, constructing and operating wind projects across Europe. Falck Group owns a wind and solar portfolio of 1123 MW in operation with over 400MW of onshore wind operational in the UK across 12 sites.

Falck Renewables has UK offices in London and Inverness. Inverness houses our construction team that is engaged directly with pre-construction, construction and post-construction activities. Falck Group's headquarters are in Milan, where Falck Renewables S.p.A is listed on the Milan Stock Exchange.

More details about Falck Group can be found on our website: www.falckrenewables.com

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Appendix 15 – Advert in the Galloway News (published 16.06.20)

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Revised Proposals for Mochrum Fell Wind Farm

Falck Renewables is consulting on revised proposals for the previously consented Mochrum Fell Wind Farm project, west of Corsock. Due to the ongoing situation with COVID-19, a new digitally focused process has been designed to carry out consultation whilst respecting Government guidance and social distancing measures.

The new consultation process involves a Q&A Conference Call and a Virtual Village Hall, where you will be able to learn more about the proposals and ask the project team any questions.

Find out more about how you can have your say.

Have your say

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Appendix 16 - Feedback

Form Type	Do you have any suggestions or comments for how a Community Benefit Fund could be allocated?	Please use the space below for any comments further to your responses, or any suggestions on how we could improve our services. Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.
At event (Parton)	It should be pooled to build a decent legacy.	I think the photo shop on the photographs is dishonest.
At event (Parton)		The areas affected for communities' benefit should be narrowed to those closest.
At event (Parton)	Electricity price reduction.	
At event (Parton)	Legacy project.	Some argue it's an expensive way to do it
At event (Parton)	Environmental projects e.g. electric car points.	
At event (Parton)	Kept local within 5-10 miles radius (Carsphairn already get plenty wind farm benefits)	
At event (Parton)	Put in a trust so communities can apply accordingly	Possibly a local person to help chat at presentations.
At event (Parton)		Reduce energy bills to all community.
At event (Parton)	I'm opposed to such funds in principle.	
At event (Corsock)	Keep it broad initially/ use a community distribution vehicle/ ensure representation is XXXXXXX	
At event (Corsock)	Invest in Corsock Art Club and any social events to bring community together.	Giving the community the opportunity to invest in a share of the turbine to reduce their own bills. As in France, if you see a turbine from your home then 10% taken off bills.
At event (Corsock)	Use for big projects and housing. Old people's homes to keep people in their own community	
At event (Corsock)	Involve the Glenkens District Trust	

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By post (after events)		With 880 objectors, 500 objections and a unanimous refusal from the planning committee this should never have been passed by the reporter. Please drop the proposal and leave residents, visitors and wildlife in peace.
By post (after events)	C. Benefit Funds are nothing but bribes and are divisive and paltry.	This windfarm should never have been allowed, please drop this proposal immediately. This is not an area for turbines over 80m tall. The ZTV is misleading and inaccurate. Reduced visibility on the circles could not be explained! You were at pains to say that the areas of increased visibility were small but failed to point out that the amount of turbines seen in the existing area would be much greater. For the sake of the residents, tourists, wildlife and a precious landscape please stop this folly now – thank you.
By post (after events)	Should be allocated from a central organisation – currently, all the wind farm money has done is cause all the locals to fall out with each other!	D&G is already saturated with turbines – the landscape cannot support any more. Locals do not want more turbines. They spoil the natural beauty of the landscape and negatively affect tourism – which many people's jobs depend on.
By post (after events)		Use monies over Yorlde to Parton/ local communities to buy electric cars/ and charging points for communal use for local residents at village halls etc. Charging points could benefit locals and visiting tourists etc.
By post (after events)	Actually spend the money on applications instead of admin please!	The turbine height is already too high and too loud for the council's plan for D&G – how can they be approved to be bigger!? The democratic process for this whole wind farm application has been a joke.
By post (after events)	As long as it is allocated fair and equal.	If the local population have to suffer the inconvenience of all the works, please help keep the funds in the right place.
By post (after events)	The company should ensure that any funds distributed are fairly allocated to as many groups as possible.	Insufficient notice for public exhibitions.
Mailout		Divide the allocated windfall by all the designated community councils in the area equally.

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Mailout	Domestic battery storage grants, to help house holders install batteries in their homes.	The increased height (23.4 mtrs) has not been properly represented to residents in Parton village in visual presentation. This in spite of the facts requested by myself. I am therefore not in a position to decide on the principle to support the amendment
Mailout	Better broadband.	Fingers crossed! Get it done.
Mailout		We have more than enough wind farms in D&G. We should instead be using hydro schemes utilising the many rivers in the area.
Mailout	Subsidised energy bills for all in community	
Mailout		Reduce projects in the Corsock area - distribute any such projects elsewhere. Proposals - too many in number, too big. Bad for birds.
Mailout	Develop a short list of ideas, with a public vote to determine priorities.	
Mailout	The monies should be allocated to existing charities which have a perfectly good distribution.	System without introducing yet another layer of cost/ bureaucracy. That said, the whole concept of distributing funds locally is one of bribery and corruption. The exception to question 2 is where a farm is close to market / in an area of no natural beauty.
Mailout		The "online" consultation process is yet another example of the incorrect assumption that the whole country uses the internet (as has been assumed throughout the COVID "fiasco"). The libraries closed very early on leaving approx. 10 million UK residents without access to any digital facility, and effectively without a voice. As you will see from the enclosed (paper) information, it is these 10 million people that are making the greatest contribution to planet sustainability! (Incidentally, wind power is not the best way forward, as it requires fossil fuel as a backup. Nuclear power is by far the most ecological, sustainable, cheapest, cleanest and - contrary to popular opinion - the safest way to produce electricity (see J. Lovelock) and at the rate we are wasting it on internet data and "technology" we'd better do something soon!)

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Mailout	Provide electric charging points by village halls, pubs, etc. and community electric cars for sharing.	
Mailout	Yearly payments.	Think offshore is the way to go.
Mailout	Monies should be used predominantly toward improving domestic energy efficiency. E.g. solar panels etc.	
Mailout	Yes. Could a community benefit fund support a more compromised community, for example if the community that exists within the windfarm was already well resourced - could the benefits go to another less well-resourced community?	
Mailout	In collaboration with residents and community groups.	
Mailout	Pool funds to support worthwhile / sustainable projects (Dragons Den style).	Great job!
Mailout		These turbines are too high. It ruins the views in the beautiful part of the country even more. The benefits are too marginal.
Mailout	Through an independent body with local advisors.	Wind farms should not be built on peat as disturbing the peat releases CO2 and therefore defeats the objective. Also, peat provides a unique habitat, which should not be destroyed. And peat retains water, reducing flood possibilities.
Mailout	Corsock Village Hall.	Please liaise with Corsock Community Council as much as possible.
Mailout	N/A	Our property will be blighted by your wind farm. Will we be compensated? Your questionnaire is biased in your favour.
Mailout		Increase of turbine size by almost 50% must go to an inquiry unless rejected by D&G Council and Scottish Government.

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Mailout	Capital projects i.e. helping finance a convalescence home.	I feel the new Mochrum application is too high and will therefore so dominate our lovely countryside. Why not more hydro power?
Mailout	Community small business and start ups	
Mailout	No	I object to the industrialisation of wild places and will not be fobbed off with a so called "community benefit fund." i.e. a bribe!
Mailout	Not directly to community councils	It is horrendous that those directly affected receive no compensation. Horrendous.
Mailout		Get more up!
Mailout	CBF is nothing more than a pittance and a bribe dividing communities.	Renewable energy targets have been reached. This scheme is not needed. The energy it could produce is negligible compared to the devastating effect on the landscape and environment. Please abandon the scheme.
Mailout	Annual amount to each community and the rest used in grant form for same communities.	I think if you used the same distribution system as is done by Harestanes Wind Farm. It is a win-win all round.
Mailout	Reduced energy tariffs for local residents.	To preserve visual amenity, turbines do not exceed 100m in height. More emphasis on using Scottish-based manufacturers.
Mailout	A proper walkway to the top of Mochrum Hill.	
Mailout	Community funds need to be better allocated - there should be a central repository that can redistribute funds based on need because the sums of money are too great for local communities to cope with. £4.4m over the life of the project is more than the parish councils can usefully spend.	All wind farms should be offshore. The increase in turbine height is to compensate for the removal of subsidies. These things are too big for the local environment.
Mailout		Email would be better way of communication.

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Mailout	To individual projects, not just through community councils.	Create an awarding body that can be accessed by individuals, assessed by the project's merit.
Mailout		The additional height impacts visibility from the important view across Corsock Loch.
Mailout	No.	Am very supportive of the wind farm proposal.
Mailout	Via the Glenkens District Trust.	The community has already made it clear that we don't want another windfarm as we already have Blackcraig Wind Farm.
Mailout	Don't give to the landowner or community. Make the power cheaper for all!	D&G only has the environment to create incomes. These projects are destroying our lives and livelihoods. Build them in an industrial setting.
Mailout	Free power to people within ten miles of it, but not the landowner.	
Mailout	We are just being bribed with our own money.	The blight of the Galloway hills with wind power factories (not wind "farms") has gone far enough. They are not wanted.
Mailout	Give local businesses rebate off their electricity bills, say within a certain radius of a % of their total annual usage, not just a flat fee. Also community share scheme and dividends given out to local homes. I personally would like some funds for our local curling clubs to help get new members started.	
Mailout	It should be dealt with via the Glenkens and District Trust.	I believe community ownership and domestic scale of all onshore windfarms should be at the centre of decision making.
Mailout	No.	By changing the original planning application, Falck are getting the too-high wind turbines they originally wanted but by devious means. The original plan should be adhered to but without the most prominent turbine, so that is 7 turbines at 126.5m.
Mailout	Considering ideas.	Would the managers and staff like this on their doorstep in such a beautiful place. We were too late to oppose the first proposal.

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Mailout	No, because it should never happen!	
Online	No.	I fully support the proposal. We need more environmentally sound power generation to take place. Thanks!
Online	The community would benefit if the wind farm was not built.	There are already hundreds of wind turbines in the area and are not as effective as they are sold to be. This is not the answer for greener energy.
Online	Use the fund to create or adapt current walking routes/tracks/paths in the region to be wheelchair accessible. D&G is a beautiful area, yet there are ridiculously few places that people in wheelchairs can actually get to enjoy it (viewpoints etc).	What was the collision risk analysis outcome for birds and bats for the project? Raptor species such as red kites are prevalent around that particular area.
Online	Why not call it what it is, a community bribe?	We don't want or need another windfarm here or anywhere else in this country, especially when you expect the electricity consumer to stump up for it. The need for dispatchable back-up effectively means that you are keeping us dependent on fossil fuels, namely gas.
Online	I don't want to see any more wind farms in this area.	Take your wind farms to another country that wants them. Scotland has more than enough. Your company is planning on ruining yet another beautiful scenic area of Dumfries & Galloway.
Online	N/A	Dumfries and Galloway as a region has more than its fair share of windfarms. It has a disproportionate number. There is no indication from windfarm companies what will happen once these sites have been decommissioned or need to be replaced. The carbon footprint of each turbine is immense from the forestry roads that need to be constructed to the turbines being manufactured abroad and transported and most wind farm workers are not local to the region at all. We know they pick this area because there aren't enough people to complain about what's happening and that came from a former Natural Power employee.

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Online	I have no problem with offshore wind farms but here in Galloway they are spoiling our countryside, I understand there needs to be more renewable energy generated but Galloway has very few jobs for the young but we do have beautiful landscape so we get lots of tourists and it's a very popular region for photography and wildlife watching but over the years there has been more and more people complaining about how many wind turbines are spoiling the scenery to a point where some websites are advising photographers to ignore Dumfries and Galloway due to the fact of all the turbines, the area relies on tourists visiting and spending money at local businesses, we don't have tourist venues like zoos and theme parks here but we did have the most unspoilt bit of Scotland but this is slowly being ruined by turbines. Why can't they re-invent waterwheels to generate power? Surely it can't be as expensive to produce as loads of wind turbines and it would save all of our precious landscape, rivers don't rely on windy days so would work 24/7 and be easier to maintain, we have lots of rivers in Scotland so the waterwheels could be hidden away from view yet still be generating renewable energy..... waterwheels played a major part in the industrial revolution so why can't they do it again but this time make them even more efficient using modern materials and design/technology? I went to Northumberland recently and one thing I noticed was no windmills spoiling the views and the people in charge there decided not to spoil their scenery because they like us rely on tourists visiting for the wildlife and scenery.	See my comments above regarding modern waterwheels using modern materials and technology so the whole of Scotland can take advantage of the many rivers, even going through the big towns.....you couldn't put a great big windmill in the middle of a town but you could put a waterwheel that doesn't rely on wind power so would run 24/7 and be easier to maintain, think about the industrial areas in Scotland like Glasgow and Aberdeen they have big industrial sites next to the rivers it could generate power for the factories etc. no need for windy days. Wind turbines are fine if they are offshore and don't spoil the landscape.....they aren't exactly an eyesore, but the visitors here are always complaining about how they have spoilt their views and spoil their photography. Many of our local businesses rely on wildlife watchers and photographers without them they would close down.

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Online		We do not need any more wind farms spoiling our countryside. There is so much water in Scotland, surely more hydroelectric power could be generated.
Online	Our area is one of outstanding natural beauty with many rare native breeds which energy companies think is fine to cover in monstrosities. Do it in your own area and leave our corner of Scotland alone, we have more than enough of those horrible things and stop using money to bribe community councils into agreeing to site them.	See above.
Online	Effectively you're getting the electricity consumer to subsidise rural communities. Why on earth should they?	Because of the need for parallel back-up, intermittent unreliable wind power effectively ties us in to continuing fossil fuel use. It also leads to increasing grid instability and is already costing us a fortune in constraint payments. We do not need more, not here in Galloway nor anywhere else in this country. You should drop this whole unwanted and unnecessary scheme and just leave.
Online	Turbines are an eye sore, was going to give us cheaper electric, didn't happen. The only people that made money was the landowners and the Spanish companies erecting the eye sores.	
Online		We don't want any more wind farms in our area.
Online		Whilst I am all for energy from renewable sources, the main problem is that the country does not have the current storage capacity to hold the current energy produced, never mind any additional capacity produced. We also keep filling the countryside with unsightly wind farms when we should be looking at all new house builds having to have mandatory solar panels in order to gain planning consent as this would have as much benefit without the destruction of rural landscapes.
Online	No more windfarms in Scotland.	No more wind farms in Scotland. Is that a clear enough message for you?

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Online		Wind farms are a waste of money.
Online	Reforesting areas. Develop tourism.	
Online	Additional environmental and interpretative improvement to Loch Ken (targeted to increase tourist potential). Assistance with youth apprenticeships and employment in the Ken valley, focussed on rural employment/contracting.	
Online	Reduction of energy costs.	
Online		Instead of blighting the countryside with more turbines when we already have more than our fair share in Dumfries and Galloway, and they're of no benefit to us anyway i.e. we don't get to use the electricity, try getting everyone to just use less electricity!
Online	Fund not needed.	A wind farm in this area of natural beauty is a bloody outrage.
Online	Community benefit funds do not reach the community who is blighted. In fact their existence blights us further because each member of the local community has to travel 28 miles per week in the car to have a chance of accessing any benefit which is always less than the cost of the diesel to get there. The renewable sector and governments need to think again. Local people have had enough of this nonsense. The continued abuse is unbearable. I hope your planning application fails. If you want to benefit the locals then buy them out and let them move on. Right now, the whole sector is operating with the upmost cruelty. This is a blighted community. Don't insult us with your benefit charm.	Start behaving like decent human beings.

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Mailout	Use for energy efficiency projects or low carbon technology for local buildings and transport.	Employ local people to build and maintain and manage site. Maybe an apprentice from area?
Mailout	I do not agree with wind farm developers giving money to local communities.	Site all new windfarms offshore.
Online	For "Community Benefit Fund" write "bribe". Money given by these projects to communities doesn't give any benefits to those communities compared to the huge damage done them by these bird-mincing horrors. Most employment in D&G is from farming, fishing, forestry and tourism. All of which are damaged by these windfarms, which destroy our priceless and irreparable environment. We don't want your money; we don't want your windfarms.	See previous reply. By not building these horrors.
Online	As long as all environmental factors are considered and the contract to minimise environmental damage on the site I agree with this project. One key area that would greatly benefit this region is renewable jobs. There are a lot of ways that our local environment can support the regeneration of this area. One of the main problems with this area is the number of holiday homes which do little for the local economy and do not support communities. Personally think that any objection from caravan parks should not be listened to on these grounds as the holiday parks where people purchased caravans and use for a minimum of three weeks a year has a significantly negative effect on the local economy where they use resources but do not contribute.	As you're probably aware, wind developments actually increase visitors to areas. Can this possibly be an opportunity to put in a walkway across the site and at the same time enhancing the local environment with careful and well thought out modifications to the landscape.

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Online	If it could be allocated to updating community households to make them more environmentally friendly, such as insulation, solar panels, rainwater collection, grey water systems, double glazing.	It would also be great if electric car points could be installed, safe cycle ways to encourage commuting to work, electric bike schemes and possibly a community biogas composter?
Online	Providing further environmental additions to homes in the area through grants.	The approval of this is a no brainer and has taken far too long.
Online		I think the proposal has been well thought out and is going to be a huge benefit in terms of increasing renewable energy in the area, as well as contributing to reducing dependency on fossil fuels nationally.
Online		I fully support the amendment, it will allow more efficient cost-effective generators whilst reducing the quantity, which in turn has less impact on the environment. Not only does the windfarm generate clean energy it will increase jobs, bring money and resource to the area (i.e. work force during construction and throughout the operation) and so any reasonable amendment, as proposed, should be supported to ensure the commercial viability of the project and thus safe guarding the immediate, and long term, investment and its benefits that will be generated.
Online	For the advancement of visitors and tourism in the immediate community to build and support the creation of jobs and employment.	

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