

Crossdykes Wind Farm Update

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Viewpoint from Corrie Common ¹

Muirhall Energy is an independent renewable energy company based within a small, rural community in South Lanarkshire.

Our approach to development is rooted in the belief that local people are critical to the success of our projects and should therefore share in the benefits that they bring.

After a period of consultation with residents from neighbouring communities, local representatives and statutory consultees we have submitted a planning application to Dumfries and Galloway Council for a wind energy development at Crossdykes approximately 4km northeast of Corrie located within an area of upland grazing.

The planning application will be advertised in the local press and will be available to view on the D&G Council website.

Copies of the Environmental Statement will be available for viewing locally at: Corrie Village Hall, Boreland Village Hall, Tundergarth Village Hall, Eskdalemuir Community Hub, Langholm Library and Lockerbie Library.

A formal period of consultation will also commence where you can comment on the proposals. We would be delighted if you could support the plans ².

The project has been thoroughly and sensitively designed to relate to the local landscape and is:

- Within Dumfries and Galloway Council's Potential 'Area of Search for Large Scale Wind Energy Developments'
- Outside of any international, national, regional or local environmental designations
- Outwith the recommended 15km Eskdalemuir 'Exclusion Zone'.

PROJECT STATISTICS



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Number of turbines



130m

Maximum height



27,985

Homes supplied ³

Community Funds

With your support, our proposed development will create real opportunities for local businesses, groups and projects in the communities close to the wind farm. Should we receive planning consent an annual fund of £240,000 will be put in place for the long term benefit of neighbouring communities. We have met with a number of Community Councils and community groups to discuss how the project could benefit those living in the surrounding area.



Supporting Young People in Employment Training

Muirhall is keen to support Dumfries and Galloway Council's ambitions to help young people into employment and training. Tourism and hospitality are widely recognised as important sectors to the Dumfries and Galloway economy and therefore we are proud to announce a new partnership with 'Springboard' – a charity dedicated to promoting hospitality and tourism as the career of choice throughout the UK, by helping unemployed people improve their prospects.

Working together, Muirhall and Springboard have created a custom-built programme for both pre and post-planning:

Pre-Planning

Two 'Introduction to Hospitality' programmes for two local high schools (12

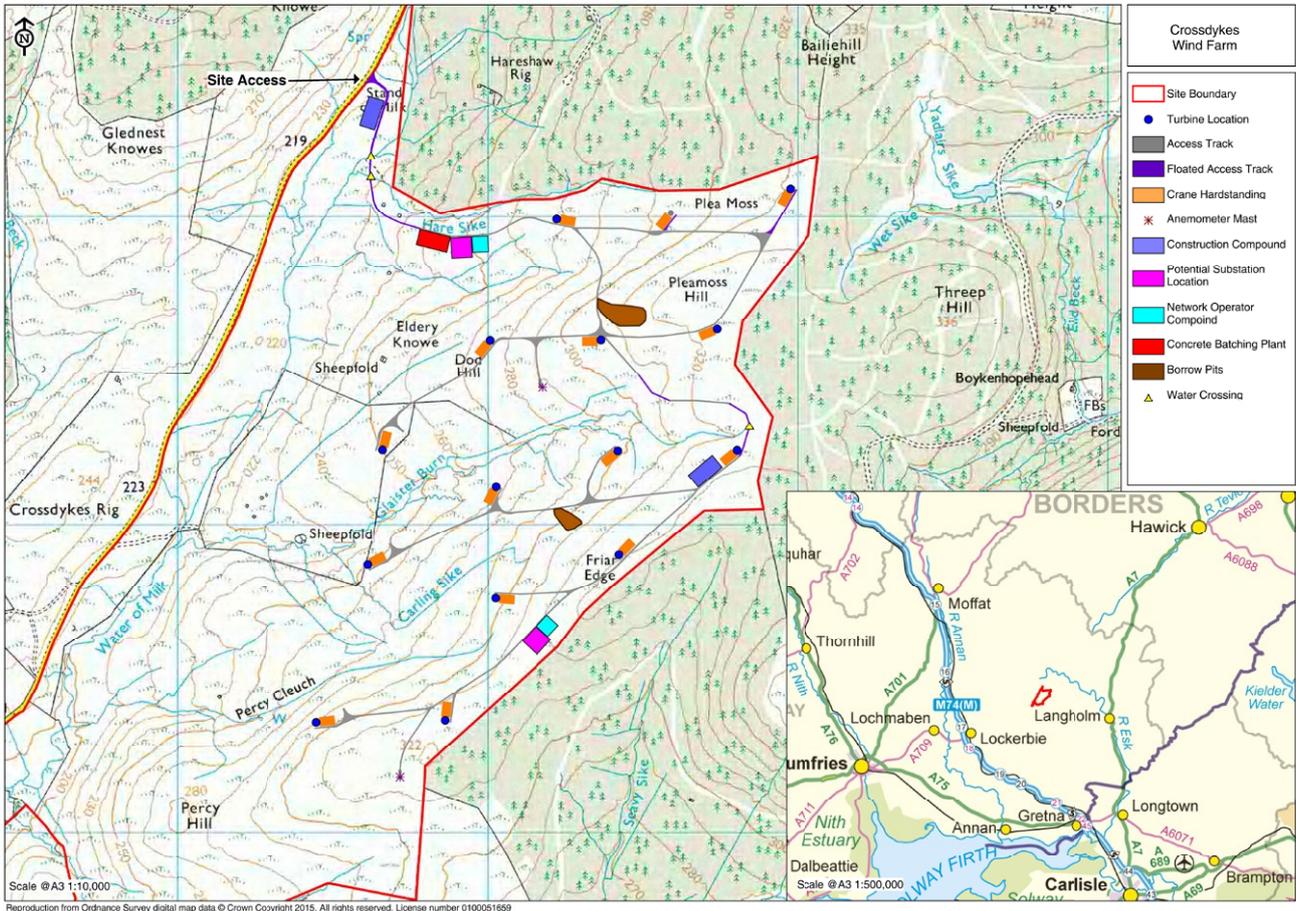
pupils from each). This is a 3 day immersive programme delivered out in the hospitality industry to help participants understand the roles in the industry and its value to the local economy. These programmes will continue post consent.

Post-Planning

Two programmes (iWISH and Our Restaurant) will be run on an annual basis for young and unemployed people in the Annandale & Eskdale area. These will provide skills, recognised qualifications and fully supported work placements for up to 20 people over a period of 7 and 8 weeks respectively; and will be on offer for an initial 5 year period which will be reviewed thereafter depending on success.

¹ This is a computer generated visualisation produced as part of the Environmental Statement. ² Any representation should be made to Dumfries and Galloway Council.

³ Average domestic consumption will vary over time due to changing energy habits and variations in climate. However the annual UK average domestic household consumption is 4,192kWh. (Accessed 29/04/2015. Available from URL: <http://www.renewableuk.com/en/renewable-energy/wind-energy/uk-wind-energy-database/figures-explained.cfm>).



VALUE TO THE D&G ECONOMY ¹

£25.8m	£7.5m	£3.1m	£6m
Estimated expenditure in the region ²	Estimated contribution to non-domestic business rates ²	Estimated value of contracts available during construction	Community investment ²

¹ Figures based on Garrad Hassan Onshore Wind Study (2010). ² Over the 25 year lifetime of the wind farm.

Local Contractors

We are members of the Dumfries and Galloway Renewable Energy Partnership (DG-REP) which is a local authority led initiative to help ensure that local business community is best placed to maximise economic and employment benefits from the development of the renewable energy sector in D&G.

- reinforced-steel manufacturers
- site managers
- accommodation and catering
- clearing and water solutions
- local stone quarries
- fencing
- drainage

If you have a local business which could support the development of the wind farm we'd like to hear from you. In particular the services needed include:

- construction companies
- electrical contractors
- plant hire
- concrete producers

If you aren't already registered with DG-REP please visit the website for more information: www.dgrenewable.co.uk

Community Ownership

The development at Crossdykes wind farm would bring a unique opportunity for the local community to own up to 10% of the proposals. This is a new model that we are working closely on with Local Energy Scotland who are a Scottish Government body set up to help deliver community ownership of renewables projects. Discussions to date with a number of community groups have been very positive and we are keen to hear from anyone else who is interested.

If you would like to find out more, please contact us via the details below.

We are also progressing on a separate proposal at Loganhead, approximately 4km northwest of Langholm. A planning application for this site is most likely to be lodged later in the year.

Further information on the proposal is available at: www.muirhallenergy.co.uk/projects

In the meantime if you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us:
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