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## **A fair wind for Hopsrig Wind Farm**

### **Scottish Government Reporter Signs Off 'Carefully Sited and Designed' Proposal**

Buccleuch and renewable energy company Muirhall Energy have been granted consent for the Hopsrig Wind Farm.

The outcome of the appeal to the Scottish Government concluded that the wind farm would contribute to Scotland's overarching objective of sustainable economic growth.

Hopsrig alone would deliver some £240,000 in community funds each year to be invested into the local community; and with the addition of Muirhall's neighbouring sites at Crossdykes and Loganhead, the community stands to benefit from over £600,000 per year.

Over and above, Muirhall will offer the local community the opportunity to buy a 10% stake in the project, which could deliver further funds to invest in local projects and initiatives.

The wind farm comprises 12 turbines and is located 7km north-west of Langholm, in a site which has previously been identified by Dumfries and Galloway Council as part of an 'Area of Greatest Potential' for large scale wind farm development.

John Glen, Chief Executive of Buccleuch said:

"We and our partners worked extremely hard to develop a proposal that can be accommodated within the landscape and aligned with the local authority's vision for the area. We now look forward to working closely with the local communities and other bodies to deliver significant economic benefit to the area as the wind farm progresses.

Alastair Yule, Senior Development Manager, Muirhall Energy, said:

"Having partnered with Buccleuch on this exciting project, we are delighted to have now received consent.

We have developed strong relationships with communities in this area over a number of years, and we now want to ensure that residents benefit from the success of the project.

There is still a lot of work that needs to be done before the wind farm will be built; but we have a policy of favouring local suppliers on all of our projects and hope that local businesses will get involved as we look forward to delivering the wind farm."