

# Artfield Forest Wind Farm

**S36 Planning Submission** 

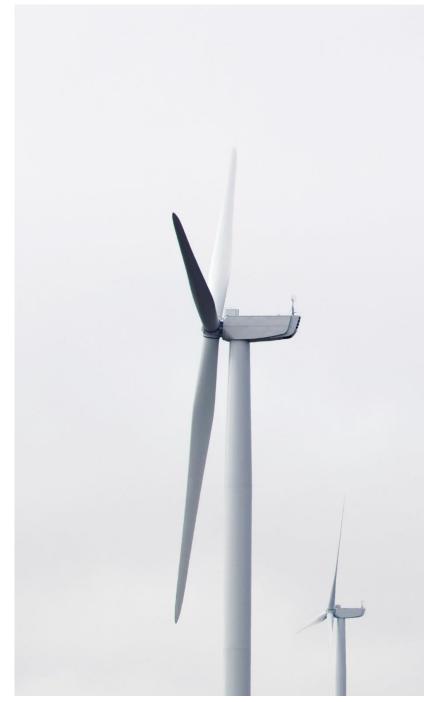
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# **Planning Submission**

- On 24 March 2021 a Section 36 Planning Application for Artfield Forest Wind Farm was submitted to the Energy Consents Unit (ECU)
- The application went live on the ECU website on 7 April 2021
- This presentation provides an overview of:
  - the project submitted to planning, and
  - the key changes during the development period.
- You can view the full Planning Application documents at:
  - <u>www.energyconsents.scot</u> under the application reference ECU 00003245
  - <u>www.artfield-forest.co.uk</u>
  - All documents, including The Non Technical Summary (NTS) of the EIA report are available online and provides a summary of the EIAR documents.
- Thank you for engaging with us during the development period and helping shape the project.







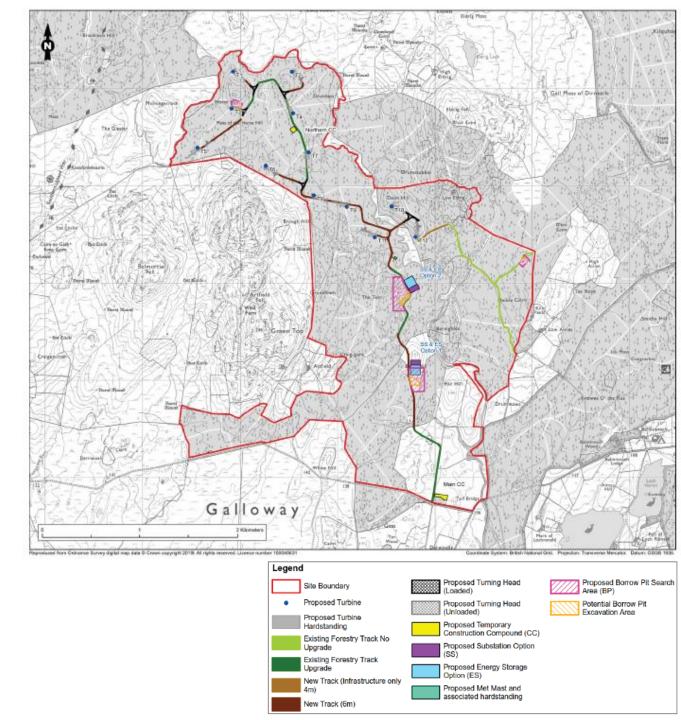
# **Planning submission**

The project we submitted is located:

 8 km northwest of Kirkcowan and 15 km west of Newton Stewart.

The project we submitted comprises of:

- 12 wind turbines
- Up to 180 metres to blade tip height
- An installed capacity of over 50MW's, expected to be 67.2MW
- Energy storage opportunity
- 30 year operating period



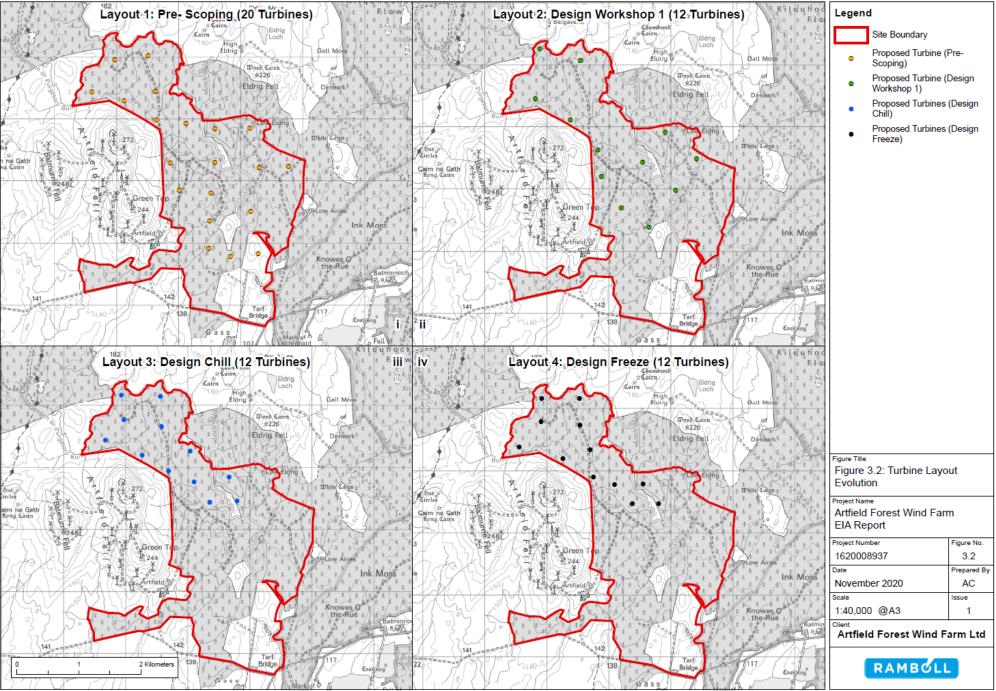
## Why the site was chosen

- Located in area with good wind speeds
  - The site includes the location of the previously consented Gass Wind Farm. There was no economically viable route to market for their proposal.
  - Statkraft have developed this entirely new application, a larger scheme across a wider land holding.
- Existing site use
  - The site is currently used primarily for commercial forestry.
  - The management of the forest, by periodic felling and replanting, means the site is considered of limited nature conservation value.
- Identified by Local Authority as an Area with potential for wind farm development
  - The site is not within any formal landscape designations and has been identified as an area with potential for wind farm development by Dumfries and Galloway (October 2019).
- Surrounding area
  - The site has good access for turbine deliveries and is relatively distant from settlements.

### How the site has changed over the development period

- Reduction in the number of turbines
  - The scheme has reduced from 20 to 12 turbines
- Turbine locations amended:
  - Located further north within the site, further away from residential properties and local roads
  - Easterly turbines have been removed to reduce the cultural heritage impact on Wood Cairn

These changes have been made following environmental studies and consultation feedback and are illustrated on the next slide.



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Coordinate System: British National Grid. Projection: Transverse Mercator. Datum: OSGB 1938.

### **Project Timeline**

#### May 2020

Project submitted for a Scoping Request.

### March/April 2021

Section 36 application submitted to the ECU.

Statutory consultation period for statutory consultees and other interested parties to formally comment on application begins.

#### 2021/2022

Dumfries & Galloway Planning Application Committee expected to consider the application in late 2021/early 2022.

Planning decision expected from the ECU in Q4 2022.

### May 2020

Consultation and engagement with community and throughout development period.

#### April 2021 onward

Continued community engagement regarding the project (i.e. providing project updates and progressing Community Benefit discussions not material to the Planning Process).

### 2024/2025

If consent granted, construction begins 12 -18 months after consent.



# **Making a Representation**

- Representations for the project can now be made to the Energy Consents Unit (ECU)
- Representations can be made through the ECU website:
- www.energyconsents.scot/Register.aspx;
- email to <u>representations@gov.scot;</u>
- post to the Scottish Government Energy Consents Unit, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 5 Atlantic Quay, 150 Broomielaw, Glasgow G2 8LU
- See the website for more information on the detail to include in any representation.
- Members of the public and interested groups can submit a representation until 19 May 2021, although Ministers may consider representations received after this date.









# **Ongoing Engagement**

- If you have any questions or queries on the project please do get in touch.
  - <u>Ruth.semple@statkraft.com</u>
  - John.wallace@statkraft.com
- As the project is in the Planning Process, we hope to progress discussions on other aspects of the project:
  - Community Benefit Fund
  - Shared Ownership opportunity
  - Potential for improved Broadband
- Potential local suppliers for the project are encouraged to register their interest on our <u>website</u>.







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