

# Berry Burn Extension Newsletter

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## Airvolution Joins Statkraft

We are pleased to announce that wind farm developer Airvolution has officially joined Statkraft. Project Manager Mícheál Ó Broin and the team, who have been developing plans to extend the Berry Burn Wind Farm, are now Statkraft employees and will continue to work on this project as it progresses.

## Public Engagement

Since public exhibitions were held in March this year the team has been refining the project, taking into account feedback from more than 65 people who attended those events, as well as from ongoing discussions with a wide range of local and national groups and organisations.

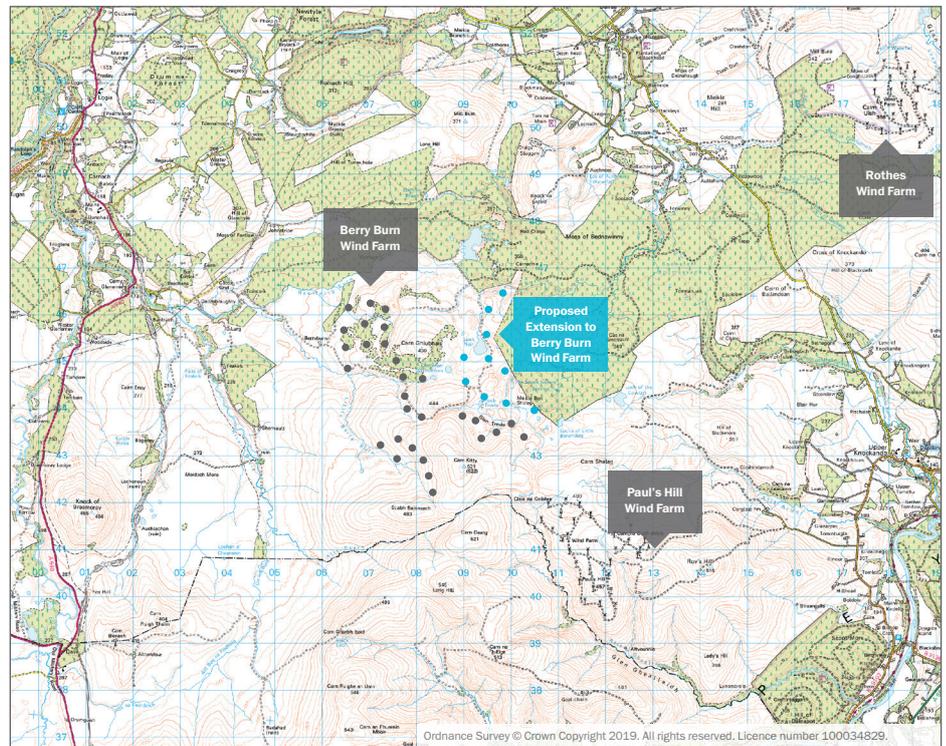
See what was on display at our exhibitions:

[www.berryburn-extension.co.uk](http://www.berryburn-extension.co.uk)

We will be hosting more exhibitions soon to show how the project has evolved before submitting a planning application<sup>(1)</sup> to the Scottish Government.

## Berry Burn Wind Farm

The existing 29-turbine wind farm on the Altyre Estate has been operational since 2014, providing power for the equivalent of around 44,000 homes<sup>(2)</sup> per year, delivering almost £1m to over 100 local groups and initiatives through a Community Benefit Fund.



### OUR EXTENSION PROPOSAL INCLUDES:

- Adding up to 10 turbines to the existing wind farm
- A maximum blade tip height of 150m
- Additional community funding for local projects and initiatives
- Maximising opportunities for shared ownership, education and training, as well as local business investment

(1) Because the application is for an extension to an existing wind farm, our proposal will be submitted as an application to the Scottish Government under Section 36 of the Electricity Act.

(2) Based on UK average household consumption of 3,781 kWh pa



The development team with Paul Wheelhouse (5th from left)

## Project Timeline Update

Independent on-site surveys have helped us understand the ecology of the site and how the extension could help to deliver a biodiversity gain. However, this work was brought to a halt when wildfires tragically spread across Moray, including through the Berry Burn Wind Farm.

Survey work has resumed but we now expect to submit an application early next year.

Before we submit our application, we will hold public exhibitions to present an updated proposal to the public.

## Moray Fires

We would like to thank the emergency services and volunteers for their tremendous work and bravery in fighting the fires and ensuring the safety of local residents.

**Statkraft is Europe's largest generator of renewable energy and currently operates three onshore wind farms in Scotland.**

## Energy Minister Welcomes Statkraft to Scotland

We were pleased to host Scotland's Energy Minister, Paul Wheelhouse MSP, at our new Scottish HQ in Glasgow to celebrate the coming together of Airvolution and Statkraft. This coincided with the Scottish Government setting the most ambitious climate change targets in the world.

## Connecting Communities with Wind Farms

We have recently announced a commitment to investigate the potential to improve broadband connectivity near our development sites in Scotland.

By investing in feasibility studies at the early planning stage for our future projects, we identify the potential to enhance wireless broadband provision where we have wind farms. Where communities are already developing their own broadband initiatives, we would look for ways to support that.

Please tell us your views on broadband.

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## Keep in Touch

We would like to keep you informed about our proposals and future consultation activity.

Sign up for project updates, ask questions and have your say: [www.berryburn-extension.co.uk](http://www.berryburn-extension.co.uk)  
Or Phone: 0330 363 6229.

Thank you to those who have engaged with us so far and attended our events. We look forward to continuing our conversations with you as we develop our proposals.

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