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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Overview

1.1.1 Ramboll UK Limited (Ramboll) and Statkraft UK Ltd have prepared this Pre-Application Consultation Report (PACR) for Craig Watch Wind Farm Limited ('the Applicant'). The PACR will accompany an application ('the Application') for consent under S36 of the Electricity Act 1989 for the proposed Craig Watch Wind Farm ('the Proposed Development'). The PACR details the consultation measures undertaken by the Applicant the feedback received and any resultant modifications to the Proposed Development.

1.1.2 The Applicant recognises that it is very important to ensure that communities located close to a development proposal are afforded appropriate and meaningful opportunities to comment on the proposals before they are finalised in accordance with good practice guidance. A timeline of all consultation undertaken is provided in Appendix 1.

1.2 The Proposed Development

1.2.1 The Site is located on land located approximately 8 km south east of Dufftown, Moray in Scotland. The Site straddles two local authority boundaries: Aberdeenshire Council (AC) and Moray Council (MC).



Figure 1: Site Location

1.2.2 The Proposed Development will comprise up to 11 wind turbines with a maximum tip height of 200 metres (m) and an installed capacity of over 50 MW.

1.2.3 The main components of the Proposed Development includes:

- Up to 11 wind turbines, each up to a maximum tip height of 200 m;
- Associated permanent turbine foundations and crane;

- A permanent free-standing meteorological mast including associated foundation and hardstanding;
- A total of approximately 9.4 km of on-site tracks with associated water crossings, passing places and turning heads of which 2.18 km would be formed through upgrading existing tracks. Additionally, a total of approximately 760 m of on-site emergency access track;
- A main Site entrance for use during construction and operation, designed to accommodate abnormal indivisible loads required for turbine component delivery as well as to provide parking for component deliveries;
- A substation compound, including an Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) (if required) and control building (if required). In terms of appearance the BESS would be comparable to the on-site substation. The footprint of the BESS would fall within the substation area;
- Two temporary Site construction compounds;
- A network of on-site buried electrical cables connecting the turbines to the on-site substation;
- Engineering operations which include, for example development of turbine foundations, access tracks, and peat excavation and restoration work; and
- Associated ancillary works, including:
 - Habitat management plan areas, forest felling and replanting;
 - Extraction of rock from borrow pits (if suitable); and
 - Concrete batching plant.

1.2.4 Further information is provided in EIAR Volume 2: Chapter 2: Development Description.

1.3 The Applicant

- 1.3.1 The Proposed Development is being proposed by Craig Watch Wind Farm Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of Statkraft UK Ltd. Statkraft is a global company in energy market operations. Statkraft is Europe's largest generator of renewable energy, with 4,800 employees across 19 countries and its Scottish headquarters are in Glasgow.
- 1.3.2 In Scotland, Statkraft operates five onshore wind farms, including Berry Burn in Moray. The Applicant is committed to setting up a Community Benefit Fund worth £5,000 per MW of installed capacity for Craig Watch Wind Farm in line with the Scottish Government's guidance. Example initiatives delivered using these funds include upgrading local sports facilities, supplying equipment for Early Years and Schools programmes, refurbishing community halls and supporting local businesses to expand. As with similar projects, the Applicant will support the local community to identify or create an independent mechanism for awarding community benefit funds in the local area.
- 1.3.3 This Proposed Development, if consented, would provide annual community fund of £5,000 per MW during the operational life of the Proposed Development. Based on a total installed capacity of 66 to 77 MW the total community funding would be £330,000 to £385,000 per year, which would equate to approximately £10.9 to £12.7 million for a 33 year project lifetime.
- 1.3.4 Statkraft recognises the importance of the economic benefits to Scotland and the rest of the UK from investing in onshore wind generation. It is expected that the Proposed Development would further economic opportunities within the region and would contribute significant income to support local services through business rates. Statkraft is a member of the Moray Chamber of Commerce, the Aberdeenshire and Grampian Chamber of Commerce and the Aberdeen Renewable Energy Group (AREG) and would work with these organisations to share employment opportunities and organise meet-the-buyer events.

- 1.3.5 It is estimated that, during the construction phase, the Proposed Development will be worth approximately £66 million to £77 million. Of that approximately £27.65 million (36%) is expected to be spent within Scotland (national) and approximately £9.23 million (12%) is expected to be spent within Aberdeenshire and Moray (local authority area)¹.
- 1.3.6 Over the last 10 years, Statkraft has invested over £200 million in renewable energy infrastructure in Scotland. Statkraft is fully committed to the Scottish and UK renewable energy sector and a net-zero economy.

1.4 Public Consultation Guidance and Legislation

- 1.4.1 Permission for the Proposed Development is being sought under a Section 36 application which does not carry a statutory requirement for Pre-application Consultation (PAC). However, the Applicant recognises the benefits of carrying out early consultation during the planning process and considers producing a PACR as best practice.
- 1.4.2 The Scottish Government's Planning Advice Note (PAN) 3/2010 – Community Engagement Planning with People², while not applicable to this development type, has been used as a framework and guide for carrying out the PAC engagement activity for the Proposed Development.
- 1.4.3 In response to the COVID-19 pandemic the Scottish Government provided development planning and engagement regulations through 'The Town and Country Planning (Emergency Period and Extended Period) Regulations', which was in force until 31 March 2021. The document provided advice on consultation and engagement, whilst there was a ban on public gatherings and the need for physical distancing. It stated that stakeholders should be engaged digitally and the consultation engagement should involve information in user-friendly format on a free, publicly accessible website. Also, that engagement should be enhanced in non-digital communication too, which may include placing articles in newspapers circulated locally, expanding contact with community councils, or letters to households in areas where there are significant proposals for change. It also specified that mechanisms for people to obtain copies of the engagement materials offline, as well as the ability for them to submit comments by post should be made clear in materials. These regulations have been adhered to during the initial public consultation.
- 1.4.4 The Applicant intends to submit an application to the Energy Consents Unit, under section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 in June 2022. The Applicant will continue to provide virtual and physical (letters etc.) means of consultation to enhance engagement.
- 1.4.5 For the Proposed Development, engagement activities have concentrated on community councils and development trusts within approximately 10 km area of the Site located within Aberdeenshire and Moray as the host local authorities to the Proposed Development. Regardless of the Council Administration area, all residential properties and business within this area of the Proposed Development received mailed notifications and freepost reply cards to seek views on the Proposed Development (see Appendix 2).
- 1.4.6 Residents and businesses in a wider area were informed of the project and proposals through adverts placed in local media, including the Huntly Express, the Press & Journal, the Northern Scot, the Banffshire Advertiser, the Banffshire Journal and the Banffshire Herald. Collectively these outlets have a circulation of more than 35,000 based on available figures from the Audit Bureau of Circulation³.
- 1.4.7 During the pre-application stage of the Proposed Development, the aim has been to enable the local community and those with an interest in the proposal a clear opportunity to provide comment and feedback prior to submitting a planning application. The report sets out the background and details

¹ Department of Energy and Climate Change, Renewable UK (2012), Onshore Wind: Direct and Wider Economic Impacts.

² Scottish Government, 2010. Planning Advice Note 3/2010: Community engagement. Online. Available at: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/pan-3-2010-community-engagement/>

³ Audit Bureau of Circulations (ABC), "Reports and Data Analysis". Online. Available at: <https://www.abc.org.uk/data/data> [Accessed 05/05/22]

of the pre-application public exhibition process carried out by the Applicant in the preparation of the Section 36 application and how the feedback received has resulted in any modifications to the Proposed Development.

1.5 Report Structure

1.5.1 Following the introductory section, the remainder of this report comprises the following sections:

- Section 2 Consultation Measures: Describes the various types of consultation undertaken for the Proposed Development;
- Section 3 Virtual and Public Exhibition Dates: Describes the consultation process undertaken for the Virtual Exhibition in March and Virtual and Public Exhibition in November 2021;
- Section 4 Engagement After Public Exhibition and Consultation Period;
- Section 5 Response to consultation comments; and
- Section 6 Conclusions: Describes how the consultation process has influenced the design of the Proposed Development.

2. CONSULTATION MEASURES

2.1 Consultation Measures Review

2.1.1 The Scottish Government's Planning Advice Note (PAN) 3/2010 – Community Engagement Planning with People² which provides guidelines for PAC have been used as a framework for the engagement activity for the Proposed Development.

2.1.2 PAN 3/2010 stipulates that community engagement should be meaningful and proportionate and take place at an early stage to influence the shape of proposals. PAN 3/2010 uses National Standards for Community Engagement, developed by Communities Scotland, as its structure.

2.1.3 It further states, "Effective engagement with the public can lead to better plans, better decisions and more satisfactory outcomes and can help to avoid delays in the planning process. It also improves confidence in the fairness of the planning system."

2.1.4 This provided a useful framework to help plan, monitor and evaluate community engagement in relation to this development.

Standard	PAN 3/2010 Standard	Activities Undertaken
1	Involvement: Identify and involve the people and organisations who have an interest in and are the focus of the engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The community councils and elected representatives for the Proposed Development were identified and contacted with information about the Proposed Development; • Offer was made to Community Councils to host virtual meetings or an introductory meeting on the Proposed Development; • A dedicated project website with contact details was set up; • Virtual exhibitions were held from 14 to 24 March and from 4 to 24 November 2021; • In-person consultation events were held on 16 and 17 November with events in Dufftown and Glass; • For both virtual and in-person consultation events, 1,353 residences and business within 10 km of the Site were invited to attend; and

Table 2.2: An overview of Community Engagement Planning with People – Consultation Stages		
Standard	PAN 3/2010 Standard	Activities Undertaken
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project leaflet was sent to 1,353 residents within 10 km of the Site.
2	Support: Identify and overcome any barriers to involvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interested parties were able to communicate with the project team via interactive website, email, letter and telephone; Virtual Public Exhibitions were made easily accessible via the dedicated website; Direct mail with freepost feedback form was sent to 1,353 residents; and The exhibitions were advertised in seven local publications.
3	Planning: Gather evidence of need and resources to agree purpose, scope and actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The scope of the statutory and non-statutory consultation was set out in the Scoping Report; and Correspondence with Community Councils and other relevant stakeholders included the proposed approach to public engagement.
4	Methods: Agree and use methods of engagement that are fit for purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information presented on the Proposed Development's dedicated website; Methods of engagement outlined in Scoping were issued to Community Councils; and Two virtual public exhibitions were held, one of which included in-person consultation events, providing residents and interested groups an opportunity to meet and interact with the project team, allowing discussion and feedback.
5	Working Together: Agree and use clear procedures that enable participants to work together effectively and efficiently	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of virtual meetings, in-person meetings (when possible), feedback forms and attendance at exhibitions (both virtual and in-person) were encouraged; and Project contact information was provided on all public documentation, including a dedicated website; and Received feedback from interested parties was considered in the project design.
6	Sharing Information: Ensure necessary information is communicated between the participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interaction opportunity at virtual exhibition and follow up with any questions to provide further information; Follow up with queries after Community Council presentations; and Consultation Report for Community Councils and the public was provided following feedback from community engagement events.
7	Working with Others: Work effectively with others with an interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interactions and comments from residents and community councils were followed up and responded to individually.
8	Improvement: Develop the skills, knowledge and confidence of the participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experienced team, including project managers, an EIA team representative and a landscape architect attended the public consultation event (November 2021) to provide information about the project and answer queries posed by the visitors.
9	Feedback: Feedback results to the wider	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct responses to every feedback form (if GDPR allowed) were issued;

Table 2.2: An overview of Community Engagement Planning with People – Consultation Stages		
Standard	PAN 3/2010 Standard	Activities Undertaken
	community and agencies affected	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dialogue with individuals with responses to specific queries was undertaken, for any queries posed before or during the consultation process; and • Consultation Report for Community Councils and the public (published on the project's website) was provided following feedback from community engagement events.
10	Monitoring and Evaluation: Monitor and evaluate whether engagement achieves its purpose and meets the national standards for community engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compliance with COVID-19 legislation and follow best practice as set out in PAN 3/2010

2.2 Pre-application Meetings

2.2.1 Statkraft submitted the ECU Pre-application Advice Form on 15 October 2020, allowing the project to be allocated. A follow-on meeting was held on 28 October 2020 at which Craig Watch Wind Farm and the initial proposals were introduced. On 30 October 2020, in advance of the Scoping Request and contacting the communities, Moray Council and Aberdeenshire Council were contacted to introduce the Craig Watch Wind Farm proposal. A short presentation with maps of the Site and the redline boundary was included with the introduction letter. Furthermore, the opportunity to discuss by phone or video calls was offered. The letter and presentation are included within Appendix 3. Additionally, the following Community Councils and organisations were contacted on 30 October 2020:

- Dufftown and District Community Council (Host);
- Strathbogie Community Council (Host);
- Strathisla Community Council;
- Tap o' Noth Community Council;
- Huntly Community Council;
- Cabrach Trust; and
- The River Deveron District Salmon Fishery Board.

2.2.2 The community council letter and presentation are included within Appendix 4.

2.3 Scoping

2.3.1 A Scoping Report (ECU00002177) was submitted to the Energy Consents Unit on 20 November 2020 for the construction and operation of the Proposed Development. A Scoping Opinion was requested under the terms of regulation 12 of the Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulation 2017, as amended ('the EIA regulations').

2.3.2 The Scoping Report went live on the Energy Consents Unit website on 23 November 2020 with Statutory and Non-Statutory consultees consulted as part of the formal scoping process.

2.3.3 This PACR outlines the engagement with Community Councils and other community stakeholders. Summaries of the statutory consultees' responses are provided in EIAR Volume 4: Technical Appendix 1.1: Consultation Register.

2.4 Community Councils and Organisations

2.4.1 As the Site is located within two separate local authority areas and is adjacent to areas in which several active development trusts are working, care was taken to make sure that all relevant community and local organisations were kept informed of progress.

2.4.2 Following the offer of a meeting in the initial introduction letter of 30 October 2020, an introductory meeting with Dufftown and District Community Council took place on 18 January 2021. Statkraft presented information about the project timeline, proposals and sought their feedback on the approach to consultation and engagement with the public. The Craig Watch Project Introduction presentation is provided within Appendix 5. Following the suggestion that Statkraft contact the River Deveron District Salmon Fishery Board to discuss any potential concerns regarding the water table and salmon breeding areas, a virtual meeting was held on 20 January 2021.

2.4.3 Ahead of the first round of the exhibition, Statkraft wrote to Community Councils to confirm the details of the March public consultation, inviting the organisations to meet online with the project team and offering the opportunity to attend a virtual consultation event in the future. Similar follow-up invitations for the second exhibition were issued on 2 November 2021. The letter can be found in Appendix 6.

2.4.4 The following Community Councils were contacted on 3 March and 2 November 2021.

- Dufftown and District Community Council (Host);
- Strathbogie Community Council (Host);
- Strathisla Community Council;
- Tap o' Noth Community Council;
- Huntly Community Council;
- Dufftown and District Community Association;
- Cabrach Trust; and
- Glass Community Association.

2.4.5 Several community organisations took up the opportunity to meet with Statkraft ahead of the second exhibition to find out more about the proposal. These organisations and the dates of the meetings are listed as follows:

- Dufftown & District Community Association - 14 July 2021;
- Glass Community Association & Strathbogie Community Council - 14 July 2021;
- Dufftown & Mortlach Memorial Trust - 26 October 2021; and
- Cabrach Trust - 27 October 2021.

2.4.6 Members of the local community were able to attend the meeting with Glass Community Association and Strathbogie Community Council after it was promoted by the host organisations. This provided an additional opportunity for the development team to informally engage with the community at large and take on feedback in-person ahead of the second exhibition.

2.4.7 Issues raised by the community organisations included the number of wind farms in the local area, the impact on biodiversity, previous experience with windfarm construction traffic and uses for the community benefit fund.

2.4.8 In October 2021, Dufftown and District Community Council ceased to be constituted after Community Councillor numbers fell below the level required to meet quorum. As a comparable organisation covering the same local area, albeit without the same statutory basis, Statkraft continued to engage with the Dufftown and District Community Association as well as continuing to engage with Ward Councillors for the area.

2.5 Elected Representatives

- 2.5.1 Introductory letters to Local Ward Councillors for Speyside Glenlivet (Moray) and Huntly, Strathbogie and Howe of Alford (Aberdeenshire) Wards were sent on 30 October 2020. The project team responded to some follow-up questions and held an online meeting in January 2021 with a Speyside Glenlivet Ward Councillor to discuss aspects of the project in more detail. Following the introductory letters of October 2020, local ward Councillors for Speyside Glenlivet and Huntly, Strathbogie and Howe of Alford, the constituency and regional Members of Scottish Parliament (MSPs) and the local Member of Parliament were written to on 3 March 2021 to inform them of the proposed plans and details of the March 2021 public consultation with the purpose to highlight the exhibition and to invite them to take part. These letters are provided in Appendix 7a. Following this, letters and e-mails were sent to the local MSPs and MPs on 2 November 2021, informing them of the details of the second public consultation in November 2021 and inviting them to attend. These letters and e-mails are presented in Appendix 7b.
- 2.5.2 Following the Council Election on 5 May 2022, newly elected ward councillors were contacted to introduce the project team and provide information on the scheme. These documents are presented in Appendix 7c.

2.6 Website

- 2.6.1 To maximise public awareness of the project at a time when the project team were unable to meet with local residents and stakeholders directly due to COVID-19, the project website (www.craigwatch.co.uk) was set up earlier than usual in the project development, at the same time as the Scoping Request was submitted. The website provided easy access to all the Proposed Development information and provided a way for the Project Team to be contacted while it was not possible for them to be present in the community due to COVID-19.
- 2.6.2 The project website included short video introductions of some of the team members, an FAQ section, project maps, details of Statkraft's local supplier register, a timeline of the project and contact details. Additionally, news items were posted highlighting project-related events and Statkraft news stories relevant to the development of wind power projects.
- 2.6.3 From publication of the website on 24 November 2020 to 1 May 2022, the following levels of activity were recorded:
- More than 2,400 unique visits were recorded to the website;
 - Project documents were downloaded more than 500 times – with the Scoping Report and the March 2021 brochure being the most popular downloads ;
 - 137 views of the project introduction video by the Project Managers - John Wallace and Jessica Antas; and
 - 108 views of the FAQs.

2.7 Virtual and In-Person Public Exhibitions

- 2.7.1 Public exhibitions were held in March and November 2021. Due to Scottish Government guidance on essential travel and public events, the events running from 5 to 31 March 2021 were held as online events, while the events from 4 to 24 November 2021 were held as hybrid events with both online and in-person elements. In-person events took place on 16 and 17 November 2021.
- 2.7.2 Further information about the Exhibition is presented in the Section 3 of the report.

3. PUBLIC EXHIBITIONS

3.1 Background

- 3.1.1 In line with the guidance issued under the regulations in relation to COVID-19 pandemic the first public exhibition was held online via a dedicated consultation website set up for this purpose.
- 3.1.2 The online public exhibition was held from 4 to 25 March 2021 at www.craigwatch.co.uk.
- 3.1.3 The easing of Scottish Government regulations and guidance regarding COVID-19 through 2021 allowed for the second Craig Watch public exhibition to be held as a hybrid online and in-person event. The event was publicised in various ways to ensure as many local residents knew about the Proposed Development and could engage in the planning process.
- 3.1.4 The second online exhibition ran from 4 to 24 November 2021 and could be accessed at www.craigwatch.co.uk.
- 3.1.5 For both exhibitions, a variety of channels were used to publicise the event, allowing the local communities to engage online, via phone, email or post.
- 3.1.6 In-person events were held at:
- Mortlach Memorial Hall, Dufftown – 2 pm to 6 pm, 16 November 2021; and
 - Glass Community Hall, Haugh of Glass – 3 pm to 7 pm, 17 November 2021.
- 3.1.7 The exhibition content reflected the changes made to the project based on the scoping responses from stakeholders and consultees, further environmental studies and inputs from the first public consultation. The exhibition also provided relevant information on community funding and a platform for discussion on further ideas for the use of the community benefit fund in the local area.

3.2 Community Council Invite and Notification Letter to Virtual Public Exhibition

- 3.2.1 Host and neighbouring Community Councils received a letter ahead of the start of both exhibitions, inviting them to take part and asking them to share details of the online consultation and events with their members and residents.
- 3.2.2 Community Organisations were also requested to share details of the event to help reach a wider audience.

3.3 Ward Member and Elected Representative Invite and Notification Letter to Virtual Public Exhibition

- 3.3.1 Letters were issued to Ward Councillors in Moray and Aberdeenshire at the start of both exhibition periods to highlight the consultation and inviting them to take part (see Appendix 6).

3.4 Newspapers and Social Media Adverts

- 3.4.1 Public notice of the first public exhibition was given in the Huntly Express on 4 March 2021, in the Press & Journal and Northern Scot on 5 March 2021 and in the Banffshire Advertiser, the Banffshire Journal and the Banffshire Herald on 9 March 2021 (see Appendix 8a). The local newsletter for the Dufftown area, the Speirin's, carried a half page advert for the consultation in the Spring 2021 edition (see Appendix 8a).
- 3.4.2 A link to the project website was posted on Facebook on 21 March 2021 and was promoted to people within the project area using paid-for advertising. The advert received more than 47,000 impressions with 413 clicks through to the project website (see Appendix 8a).
- 3.4.3 Following the March 2021 exhibition, an advert was posted in the Speirin's Summer 2021 edition, thanking locals for their feedback (see Appendix 8b).
- 3.4.4 Public notice for the November public exhibition events was given in the Huntly Express on 4 November 2021 and The Press and Journal and Northern Scot on 5 November 2021. The local

newsletter for the Dufftown area, the Speirin's, carried a half page advert for the consultation in the Autumn 2021 edition (see Appendix 8c).

- 3.4.5 Newspaper adverts included details of the online consultation, the freephone number and an email contact address. The adverts for the second exhibition additionally included details of the in-person events.

3.5 Exhibition Invitation to Households and Businesses

- 3.5.1 Ahead of both exhibition periods, a newsletter, a feedback reply card and a freepost envelope (Appendix 9a (March 2021) and 9b (November 2021)) were mailed to 1,353 households and businesses, covering an area of 102.55 square miles around the project location. This area covered Dufftown and Cabrach to the south, as well as surrounding properties (see Appendix 2 for invitation distribution area). This introduced the project and invited members of the public to provide feedback and ask questions online, by post or via the telephone.

3.6 Online and Offline Feedback Forms

- 3.6.1 The invitation to the online exhibition provided residents of the 1,353 homes the opportunity to provide feedback on the project (see Appendix 9a and 9b). The 'hard copy' of the feedback card was accompanied by a freepost envelope. Details of the consultation website, where feedback could be entered via an online form with identical questions was also provided on the leaflet..

3.7 Verbal Communication

- 3.7.1 A freephone project hotline continues to be available to residents to speak to a member of the Project Team. During the exhibition period the option to request a call back was also provided. The phone number was included in all adverts and letters.

3.8 Digital First Approach – Virtual Exhibitions

- 3.8.1 A separate website was set up to host the Virtual Exhibitions, which could be accessed any time over the exhibition period, via a link from the Proposed Development project website. The March and November virtual exhibitions sought to replicate the type of information and materials available at a physical exhibition but in a readable and accessible format. See Appendix 10a (March 2021) and Appendix 10b (November 2021) for Brochure that was available online. This included:

- Exhibition boards - information that you would usually find at a village hall exhibition online. This covered: (1) Information on the developer; (2) An overview of the Proposed Development, including layout and timeline; (3) Several key viewpoints - visualisations based on the EIA Scoping layout; (4) An overview of the Environmental Impact Assessment process; and (5) Local Benefits and Investment opportunities, including Community Ownership Information and Broadband feasibility study;
- Pre-recorded videos introducing the project and some of the project team;
- Extensive FAQ section on the project to help inform residents when they arrive on the consultation website (A summary of questions and Statkraft's responses are provided within Appendix 11 (March and November 2021));
- Multiple key viewpoints with 'sliders' to see the current landscape and then a photomontage of how the landscape would look with the Proposed Development were presented during the November 2021 public and virtual exhibitions to allow residents to compare and contrast the current landscape with that of the proposed project (see Appendix 12);
- Live Q&A sessions - giving residents the opportunity to have live interactive chat with the project team – these took place on 15 March 2021, 2 pm to 4 pm; 24 March 2021, 4 pm to 6 pm; 11 November 2021, 5 pm to 7 pm; and on 25 November 2021, 4 pm to 6 pm. This ensured time slots in the late afternoon and evening to provide members of the public with the best opportunity at which to attend;

- Request an appointment - A 'ring back' service to allow members of the public to have a dedicated chat with our team at a date/ time suitable to them; and
- An opportunity to leave comments through online feedback forms.

3.8.2 During the March exhibition period, the online exhibition site received:

- A total of 605 visits with 62 people visiting multiple pages;
- Thirty-three (33) people visited the FAQ;
- Thirty-six (36) people downloaded a project document; and
- The online survey was completed 19 times.

3.8.3 During the November exhibition period, the online exhibition site received:

- A total of 137 visits with 18 people visiting multiple pages;
- Two people visited the FAQ;
- Two people downloaded a project document; and
- The online survey was completed 11 times.

3.8.4 The reduction in numbers compared to the previous online exhibition is due to the fact that this event was also held in person.

3.9 In-Person Exhibitions

3.9.1 In-person community drop in sessions were held at Mortlach Memorial Hall in Dufftown, Moray on 16 November 2021 and Glass Village Hall, Glass in Aberdeenshire on 17 November 2021.

3.9.2 The aim of the public exhibitions was to provide an opportunity for the community to view the Proposed Development and give valuable feedback on the project.

3.9.3 The exhibition consisted of six display boards describing the project, a range of high-quality visuals showing the projected view and an interactive display run by project consultants from Ramboll.

3.9.4 The interactive display allowed visitors to see the wireframe projected view of the Proposed Development from any location in the local area, allowing visitors to get more insight into the visual impact of the development from out with the specified viewpoints. While the interactive display lacked aspects such as screening foliage, several visitors were pleased that the impact was less than expected from their properties or preferred viewpoints. These discussions also allowed the project team to highlight the screening effects of existing forestry.

3.9.5 Visitors were encouraged to engage with members of the project team, as well as to leave written feedback. Reply cards and freepost envelopes were also available for anyone who wished to return their feedback later. These were identical to the reply cards sent by post with the addition of a question asking for feedback on the exhibition itself.

3.9.6 The exhibition at Mortlach was attended by 15 people, with a further 11 visitors attending the exhibition at Glass Community Hall. Approximately 50% of visitors had booked in advance – capacity at the halls was sufficient that everyone who arrived was able to visit the exhibition without the need for queuing.

3.10 Health and Safety Measures

3.10.1 To ensure the health and safety of visitors and staff, additional measures were put in place to reduce transmission of COVID-19. This included separately gathering visitor details for track and trace, maintaining airflow and arranging the exhibition space to allow for one-way visitor flow around the room and physical distancing. Visitors were requested to book a one-hour arrival timeslot to help ensure that venue capacities were not exceeded.

3.10.2 All staff wore masks throughout the exhibition and visitors were requested to wear masks if they were able to. A supply of disposable masks, gloves and hand sanitiser was provided.

4. ENGAGEMENT AFTER VIRTUAL PUBLIC EXHIBITION AND CONSULTATION PERIOD

4.1 Further Consultation Events

4.1.1 Prior to the submission of the Craig Watch application, Statkraft held an opening event for the Keith Greener Grid Park, to which several stakeholders were invited. This event allowed for demonstration of the local investment brought by renewable energy projects as well as the innovative technology being deployed by Statkraft and partners to ensure sustainability of the power grid.

4.2 Letters/ E-mails to Feedback Card Respondents

4.2.1 All but one of the individuals who left comments and asked questions via the feedback forms (online or offline) have been responded to directly (where GDPR has allowed - for individuals who ticked the box not to be contacted in their feedback form, we have included general responses on our website). One individual provided an illegible email address, and no alternative means of contact preventing a response. Please see Appendix 11 for examples of responses to these communications.

4.3 Community Councils

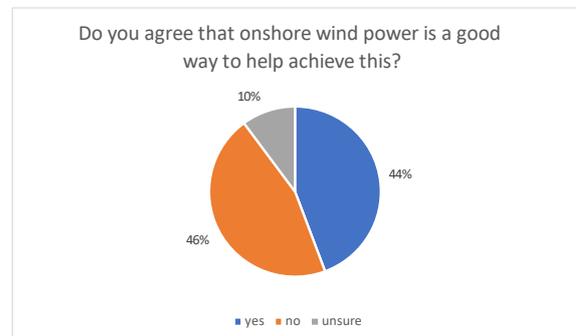
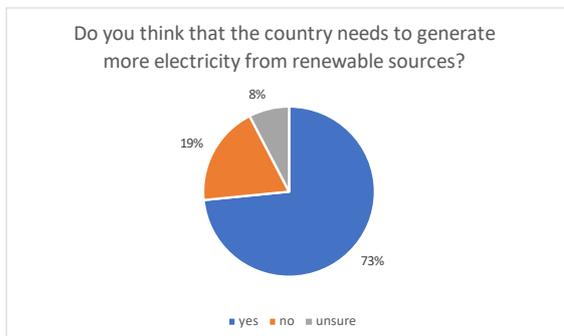
4.3.1 The project team provided updates for the Community Councils, as well as further opportunities to meet to discuss the project. Further meetings with the Councils and Community Organisations will be offered to progress local interest in shared ownership or broadband feasibility studies, as well as to steer the use and delivery of the community development fund if the project is consented.

4.4 Feedback Report

March 2021

4.4.1 Over 605 webpage views on the separate, dedicated website, set up to host the virtual public exhibition website, were recorded, with several online forms completed. A total of 60 (4.4%) feedback forms were received and 19 online forms completed. The online and postal feedback form contained several questions. These included more generic questions related to renewable energy generation, as well as project specific questions. The proportion of 'Yes', 'No' and 'Unsure' answers to each question are illustrated in Figure 4.1.

4.4.2 From the 60 feedback forms returned, 73% agreed that the country needs to generate more electricity from renewable sources, with approximately 44% believing that onshore wind is a good way to help achieve this. The online feedback reflected support for renewable energy, with 68% supporting the need for more renewable generation but with support for onshore wind at 33%.



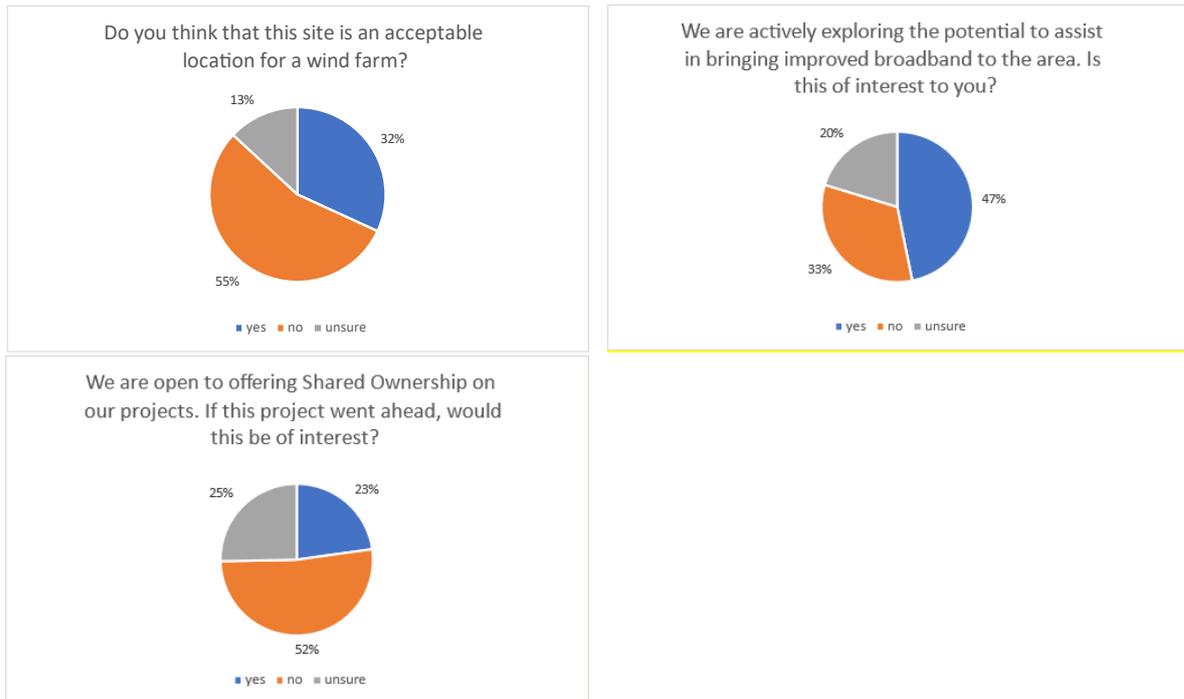
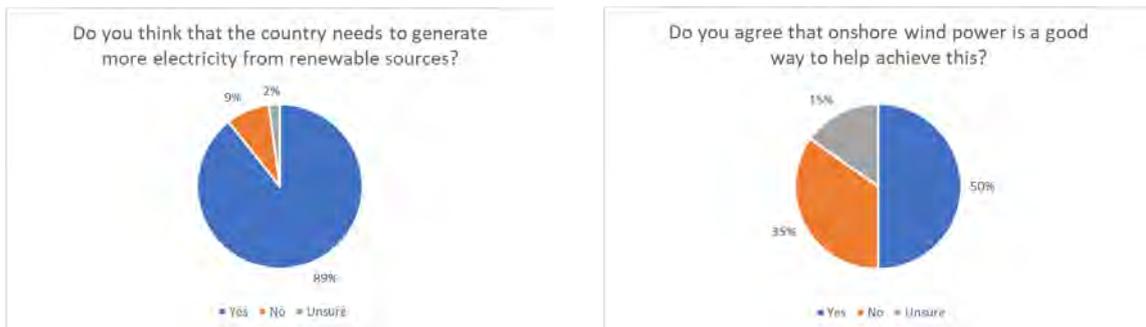


Figure 4.1: March 2021 Consultation Pie Charts

November 2021

4.4.3 Reply cards were sent to 1,353 business and residential addresses. Of these, a total of 30 (2.2%) responses were received. The consultation website received more than 300 unique visitors over the three week consultation period, with a further seven online reply forms completed. The majority of visitors to the website – 176 people – accessed the site directly. In total there were 51 interactions including call backs, online forms, feedback forms and emails. The online and postal feedback form contained several questions. These included more generic questions related to renewable energy generation, as well as project specific questions. The proportion of 'Yes', 'No' and 'Unsure' answers to each question are illustrated in Figure 4.2. From all completed response forms, on- and offline, 89% of respondents agreed that more energy needed to be generated from renewable sources, with 50% of respondents agreeing that onshore wind power was a good way to achieve this goal.



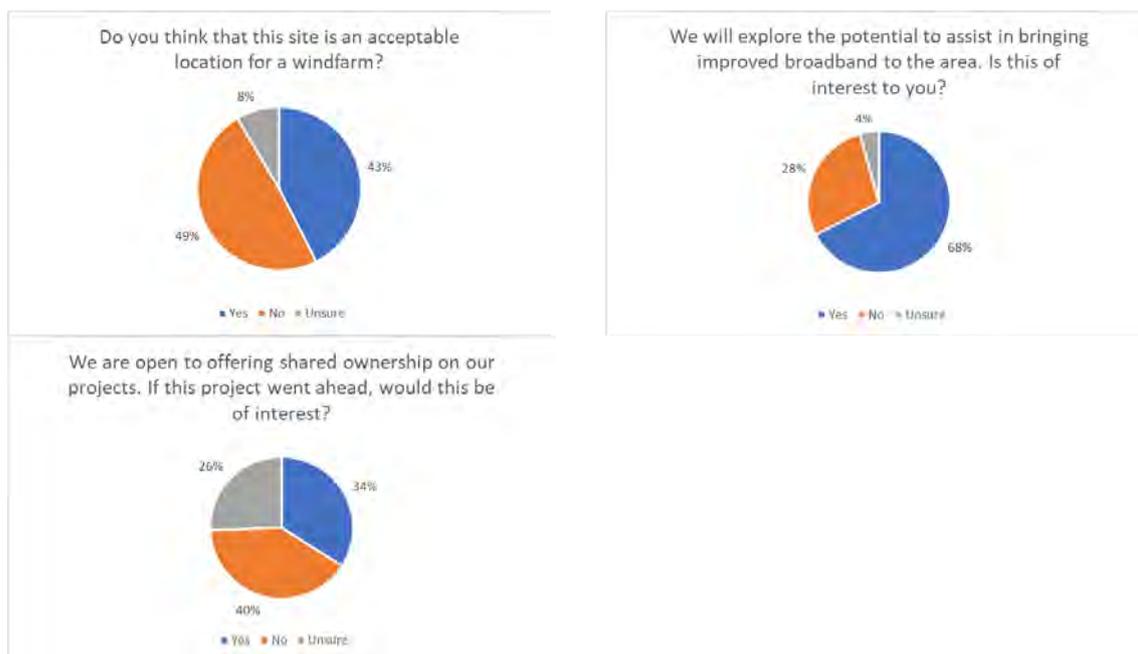


Figure 4.2: November 2021 Consultation Pie Charts

- 4.4.4 Topics and questions raised through the consultation have been addressed in the EIA Report for the Proposed Development.
- 4.4.5 Following the March 2021 consultation and November 2021 consultation, a copy of the Feedback Reports was sent to local Community Councils and elected representatives in July 2021 and February 2022, respectively. A copy of the full reports can be found within Appendix 13a (March 2021) and Appendix 13b (November 2021).

5. RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION COMMENTS

5.1 Key Issues Raised during the Consultation

- 5.1.1 The public consultation and engagement programme for the project was adapted to cope with the restrictions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Members of the local community have been provided with several opportunities to engage with the project and several ways to provide feedback.
- 5.1.2 A summary of comments can be found in Table 5.1 below. Supportive comments focused on the project being in a good location, good for the local communities and in favour of harnessing renewable energy. Negative comments focused on the cumulative impact of the Proposed Development and potential habitat/ wildlife impact. Some respondents who took an overall negative view of the proposal recognised that the community would potentially benefit from aspects of the project.
- 5.1.3 Several respondents noted the opportunities that the community benefit fund or community broadband would offer. Support for improved broadband was strong, with one business owner noting that improved broadband would make their business easier to run and help them meet the expectations of their customers.
- 5.1.4 Ideas put forward for the community benefit fund included supporting people to meet their heating and energy needs and helping to support local community facilities. While there were comparatively few specific suggestions for the community benefit, exhibition visitors were aware of benefits which had been delivered through other projects in the local area. General comments raised on feedback

forms during the virtual exhibitions and online meetings/ calls, pre- and post-exhibition, along with Statkraft's responses to these are also provided in Table 5.1 below.

5.2 Responding to Issues Raised

5.2.1 Table 5.1 below outlines the comments received and the Applicant's response to the main queries and issues raised during the March and November Consultation periods.

Table 5.1: Comments Received and the Developer's Response		
Topic	Comment Received	Applicant's Response
Cumulative Impact	There are too many wind farms in this area	<p>Moray Council's Onshore Wind Energy Supplementary Guidance (2020) indicates that the location of the Proposed Development may be appropriate, with some scope to accommodate large scale turbine developments.</p> <p>As part of our work towards the application for S36 consent for the project, we have undertaken substantial analysis into the landscape and visual considerations in the vicinity of the development. We continue to develop the project with the aim to find the right balance between maximising the electricity output and carefully siting and designing the proposal to relate to the existing landscape, including other wind developments.</p> <p>Our analysis shows that less than 10% of land in Scotland is suitable for onshore wind farms. To find out more about what makes a site suitable for onshore wind, you are invited to join a webinar hosted by Future Net Zero on 29 June where our Head of Development will go through the steps in new site searching. Check our website for details.</p>
Onshore vs Offshore	Wind turbines should be offshore	We need a mix of all types of renewable energy generation. New-build onshore wind is presently the most cost effective way to generate new electricity, out of all forms of electricity.
Visual Impact	I don't like the look of onshore wind farms	We appreciate not all people like the look of wind turbines, but they are very much part of the answer to increasing our carbon-free electricity generation and decreasing the need for fossil fuels. The UK Government has surveyed attitudes towards different types of electricity generation since 2012 and the results consistently show around 75% support for onshore wind (BEIS Attitudes Tracker ⁴). If there is concern about a specific view please let us know and we'll try to provide suitable illustrations at our next consultation event later this year.
Environmental Considerations	Wind turbines are bad for the environment [construction, peat disturbance, use more carbon than they save]	<p>All wind farm applications are required to report their "carbon payback period" in the Environmental Impact Assessment. This is determined using a Scottish Government calculator which takes into account all emissions from the manufacture of the turbines, including any peat disturbance, as well as the construction and decommissioning phases. This figure is usually in the range of 1-2 years, and part of the work we do during the development phase is to get that number as low as possible.</p> <p>We were finalists in two prestigious industry awards for our efforts at Berry Burn Extension in Moray in maximising habitat improvements to deliver a</p>

⁴ UK Government, 2021. BEIS Public Attitudes Tracker: Autumn 2021. Online. Available at: [BEIS Public Attitudes Tracker: Autumn 2021 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/beis-public-attitudes-tracker-autumn-2021) [accessed 02/02/2022]

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		biodiversity gain. For example, rewetting peat and reducing the impact of future wild fires.
Community Benefits	What is the benefit to locals?	<p>There are several ways our projects can bring local benefits, and we are always open to discussing how this can be tailored to each area.</p> <p>The construction phase provides a significant opportunity for local businesses to get involved - we had over 80 businesses complete our local suppliers register for the construction of our Keith Greener Grid project.</p> <p>The operation of a wind farm brings significant local investment. Statkraft commit to delivering a community benefit fund with all new wind farms at £5,000 per MW installed per year, as per Scottish Government guidance. The exact amount will depend on the number and type of turbines installed, but as a guide, this is around £25,000 per turbine per year over the operating period of the wind farm.</p>
Construction and Transport	What is the transport route for the turbines? Are the roads suitable for this construction and ongoing access?	<p>We are confident a suitable access route can be proposed, and this is part of our detailed planning work.</p> <p>A Traffic Management Plan will be agreed with Moray and Aberdeenshire councils prior to construction commencing.</p>

6. CONCLUSIONS

6.1 Key Outcomes

6.1.1 Feedback from consultations at the scoping stage and virtual exhibition meetings have helped inform the iterative design process of the Proposed Development, as outlined in EIAR Volume 2: Chapter 3: Design Evolution and Alternatives. The key issues raised and the way they have been addressed are summarised below:

Cumulative and Visual Impact

6.1.2 Based on public feedback and technical studies, the Proposed Development has reduced in size from 18 turbines at scoping to 11 at the point of exhibition and submission. The turbine array has been carefully considered through extensive modelling resulting in turbine movement and adjustment. The turbine array positioning reflects the wider pattern of development in the area by locating turbines within the northern portion of the Site, 'infilling' between the surrounding cumulative development and increasing the separation from key landscape features, the nearby Auchindoun Castle, residential properties, and transport corridors.

Environmental

6.1.3 Environmental queries raised during the consultation phase have been addressed by the Environmental Impact Assessment, with reference to relevant academic or technical studies.

- 6.1.4 Constraints mapping, which was informed by environmental studies, has resulted in a reduction of proposed turbines from 18 to 11. Placement of the turbines and areas of hard standing was also carefully considered to reduce peat disturbance and impact on deep areas of peat. Other environmental considerations such as ecology, ornithology and water quality also resulted in the movement of turbines to reduce environmental impacts as far as possible.
- 6.1.5 The infrastructure layout of the Proposed Development was carefully considered and numerous design iterations were produced as a result of environmental constraints. The Proposed Development has been designed to incorporate the minimum amount of new tracks and upgrading as much of the existing tracks as possible to minimise habitat alteration.

6.2 Community Engagement Following S36 Application Submission

- 6.2.1 Statkraft, on behalf of Craig Watch Wind Farm Limited, is committed to continuing engagement with the surrounding communities and residents throughout the S36 process and will continue to respond to any feedback or queries received from the community.
- 6.2.2 Given the support for shared ownership and broadband, it is intended to continue discussions on these areas with the surrounding community councils. Likewise, as the project progresses to construction and operation, there will be ongoing engagement with the community to find the best ways that the community benefit can be delivered.
- 6.2.3 The Applicant will continue to follow all Scottish Government advice in relation to COVID-19 and will offer conference calls, video calls to the community councils and interested residents and groups once the application is submitted.
- 6.2.4 The S36 application documents will also be published on the project website www.craigwatch.co.uk. The website will also continue to be updated with progress i.e., such as any planned events.

APPENDICES

APPENDIX 1 CONSULTATION ENGAGEMENT TIMELINE

Date	Activity
15/10/20	Statkraft submits Pre-application Advice Form to Scottish Government Energy Consents Unit
28/10/20	Project team meet with Scottish Government Energy Consents unit to introduce initial proposals
30/10/20	Moray Council and Aberdeenshire Council contacted to introduce the project
30/10/20	Host and surrounding community councils, Cabrach Trust and River Deveron District Salmon Fishery Board contacted to introduce the project
30/10/20	Ward Councillors, MSP and MP contacted to introduce the project
18/01/21	Consultation meeting with Dufftown and District Community Council (presentation included in Appendix 5)
03/03/2021	Email sent to community councils and organisations with information about the first public exhibition
03/03/2021	Email sent to local councillors, MSPs and MP with information about the first public exhibition
05/03/2021	First exhibition period begins
15/03/2021	Online live chat event, 2 pm to 4 pm
24/03/2021	Online live chat event, 4 pm to 6 pm
14/07/21	Project team meet with Dufftown & District Community Association and with Glass Community Association & Strathbogie Community Council
26/10/21	Project team meet with the Dufftown & Mortlach Memorial Trust to discuss feedback ahead of the second exhibition
27/10/21	Project team meet with the Cabrach Trust to discuss feedback ahead of the second exhibition
02/11/2021	Email sent to community councils and organisations with information about the first public exhibition
02/11/2021	Email sent to local councillors, MSPs and MP with information about the first public exhibition
02/11/2021	Mailing sent to 1,353 homes and businesses within 10 km of the project site
04/11/2021	Second project exhibition website goes live
11/11/2021	Online live chat event, 5 pm to 7 pm

Date	Activity
16/11/2021	Drop-in public exhibition – Mortlach Memorial Hall, 2 pm to 6 pm
17/11/2021	Drop-in public exhibition – Glass Village Hall, 3 pm to 7 pm
25/11/2021	Online live chat event, 5 pm to 7 pm

APPENDIX 2
MAP OF CONSULTATION MAILING AREA FOR CRAIG WATCH WIND FARM



GEOLIST© REPORT

To: Statkraft Uk Ltd, Alison Hood

Selection ID: 5170 -HB

Date: 01/03/2021

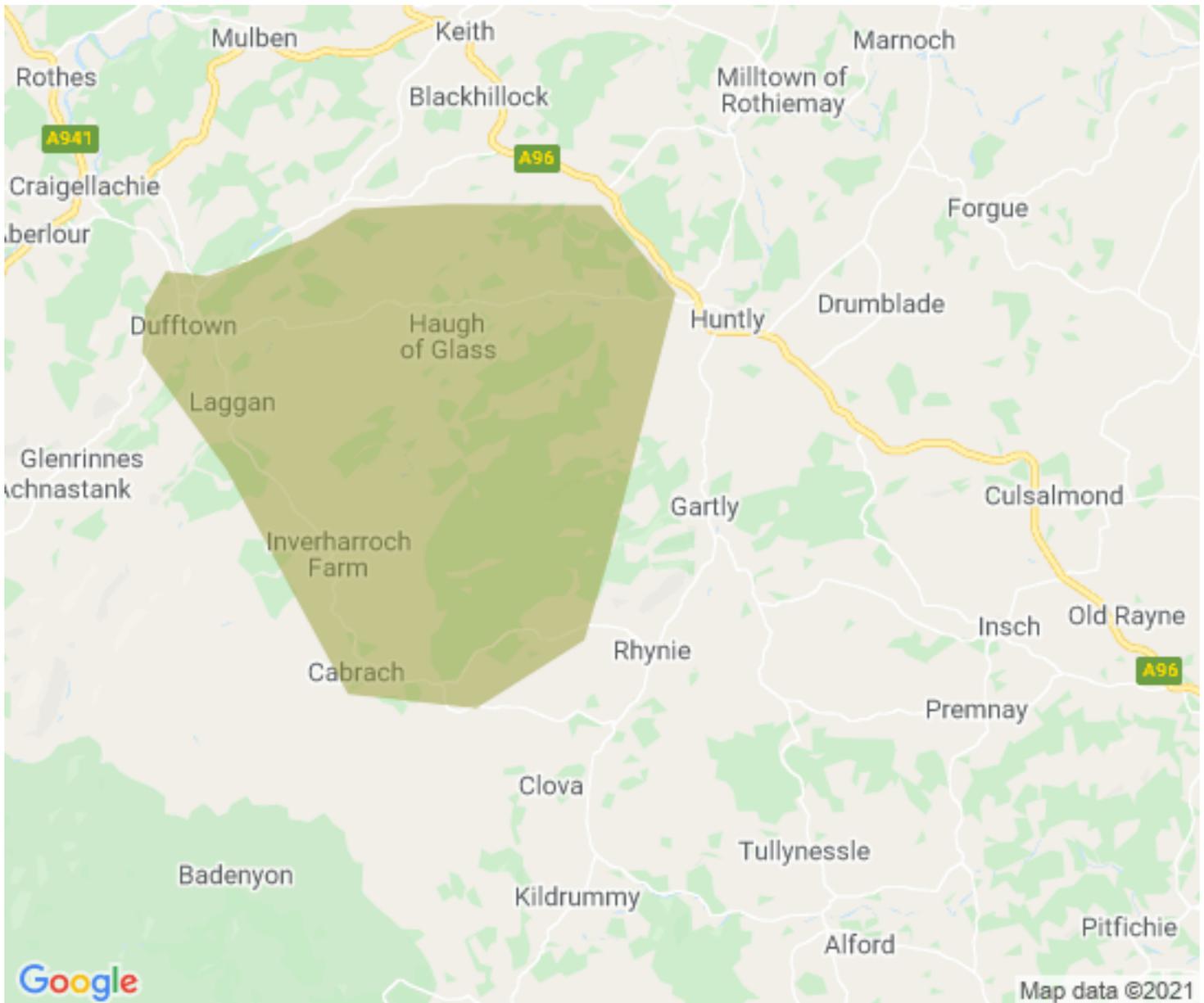
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YOUR SELECTION

Selection Name: craig watch
Selection Type: Polygon
Created By: Alison Hood
Selection Size: 102.55 square miles
Status: Authorised Data – 01/03/2021

YOUR COUNTS

Households	1286
Businesses	67
Total	1353



**APPENDIX 3
MORAY COUNCIL, ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL AND ENERGY CONSENTS
UNIT LETTERS INTRODUCING STATKRAFT, CRAIG WATCH WIND FARM
SENT OUT IN OCTOBER 2020**

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Craig Watch Wind Farm Proposal

Dear [REDACTED],

We are writing to introduce Statkraft UK Ltd and our proposals for a wind farm called Craig Watch Wind Farm, located approximately 8km southeast from Dufftown.

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About Craig Watch

The proposals for Craig Watch Wind Farm are at an early stage of the design process. We think there is potential for up to 18 turbines, up to 200m high to tip. The proposed wind farm site straddles Moray and Aberdeenshire planning authorities, with approximately two-thirds of the turbines expected to be located within Moray. The proposals may reduce in scale as our environmental consultants progress their studies and feedback is received from statutory consultees and the local community.

Consulting Early

Next month we plan to submit a Scoping Request to the Scottish Government and to begin noise monitoring at various locations around the site. We want to make sure you have heard from us directly, have our contact details and have an opportunity to find out more about us and the project.

We have a history of engaging early with local communities and have confidence that we can still do that despite face-to-face meetings not being possible at this time due to Covid-19. We have written to Dufftown and District, Strathbogie, Tap O Noth, Strathisla and Huntly Community Councils to introduce ourselves and offer a phone or video call to introduce the project team and receive any early feedback.

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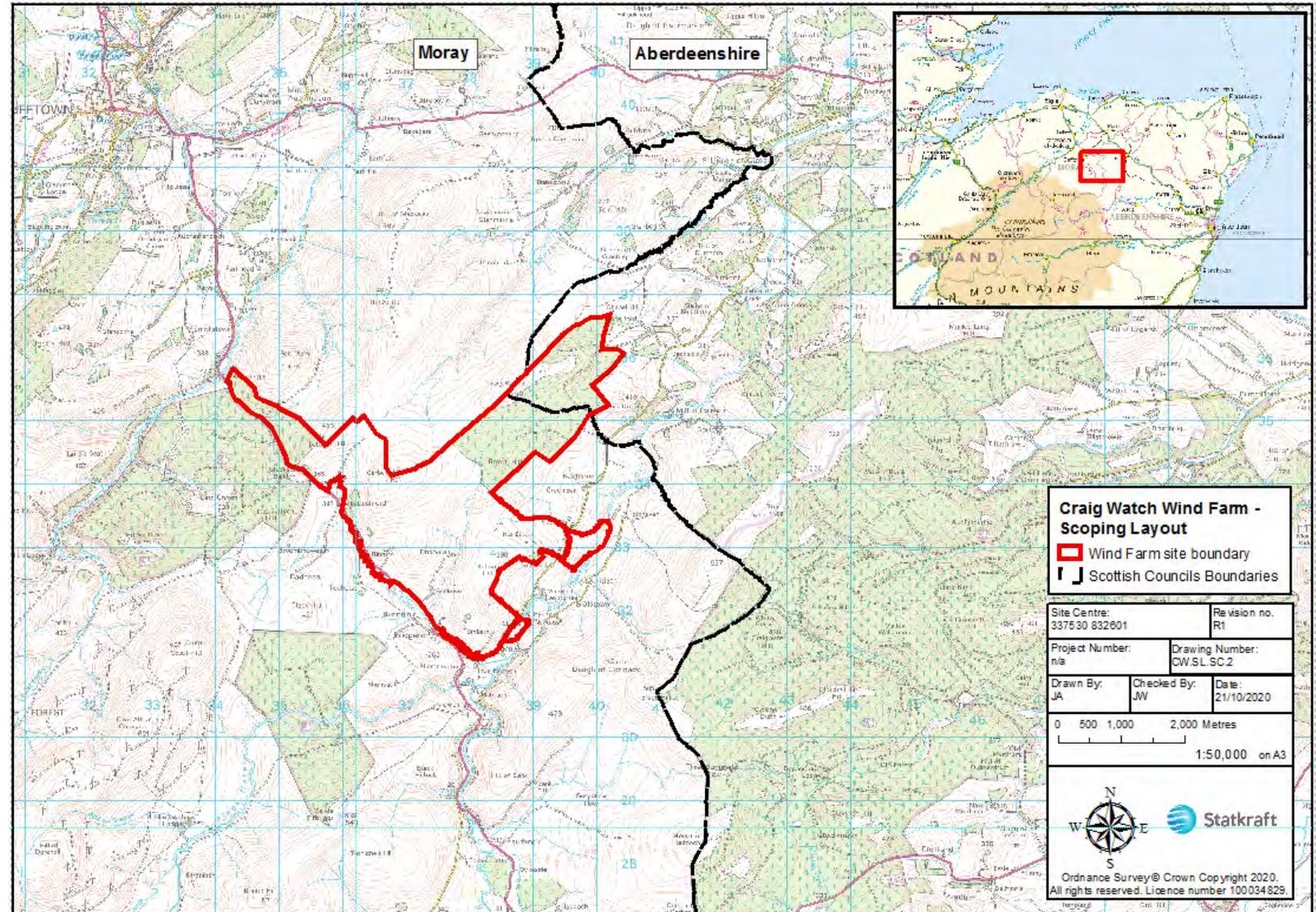
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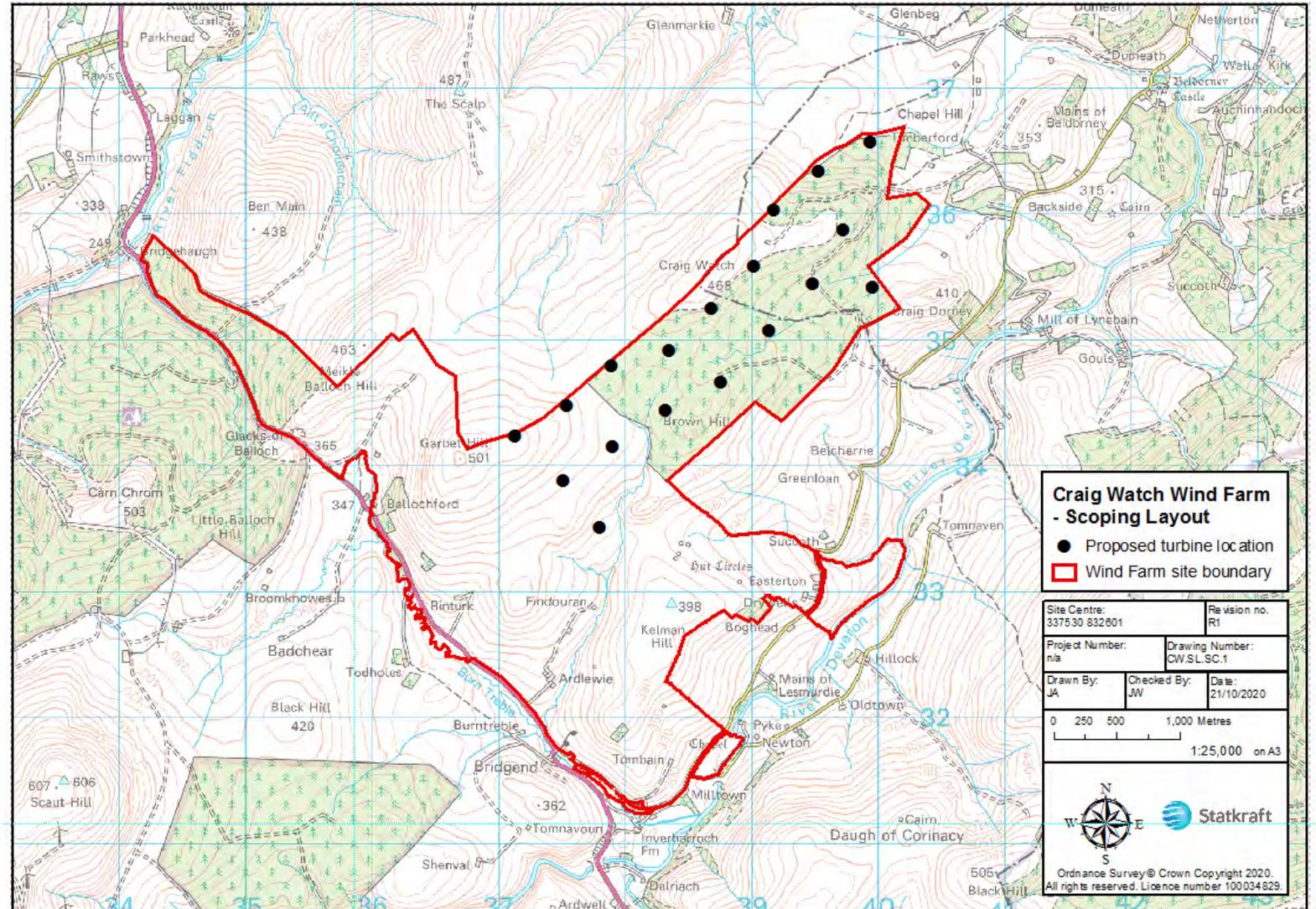
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About the Site

Layout Design

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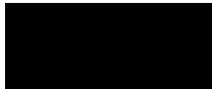
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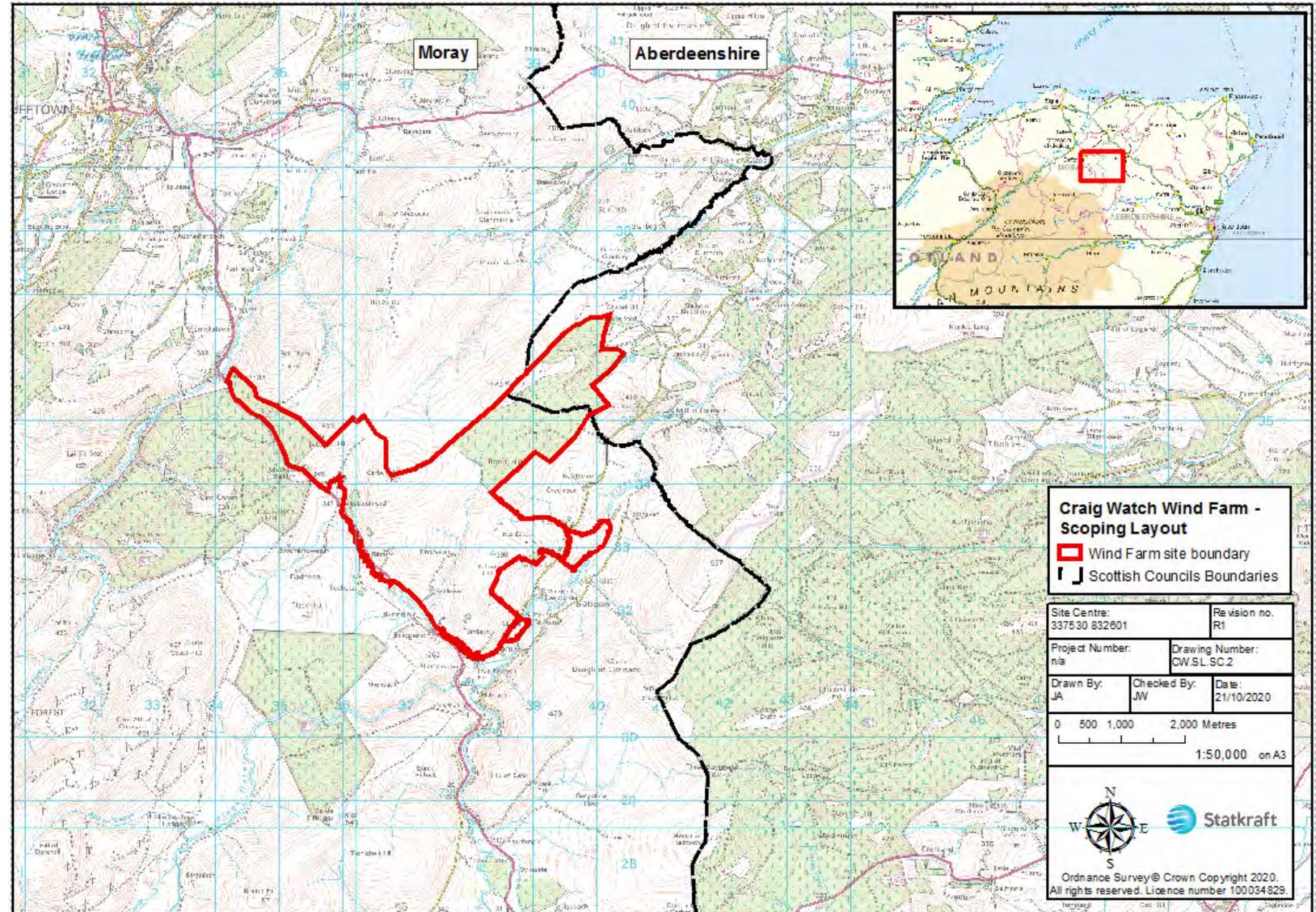
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APPENDIX 5
DUFFTOWN AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL PRESENTATION



Craig Watch Wind Farm

DUFFTOWN AND DISTRICT
COMMUNITY COUNCIL

18 JANUARY 2021



Agenda

1. Introductions
2. About Statkraft
3. Project Overview
4. Project Timeline
5. Consultation & Engagement
6. Community Benefit / Shared Ownership

Introductions

John Wallace

Project Manager, UK Wind and Solar



Jessica Antas

Project Developer, UK Wind and Solar



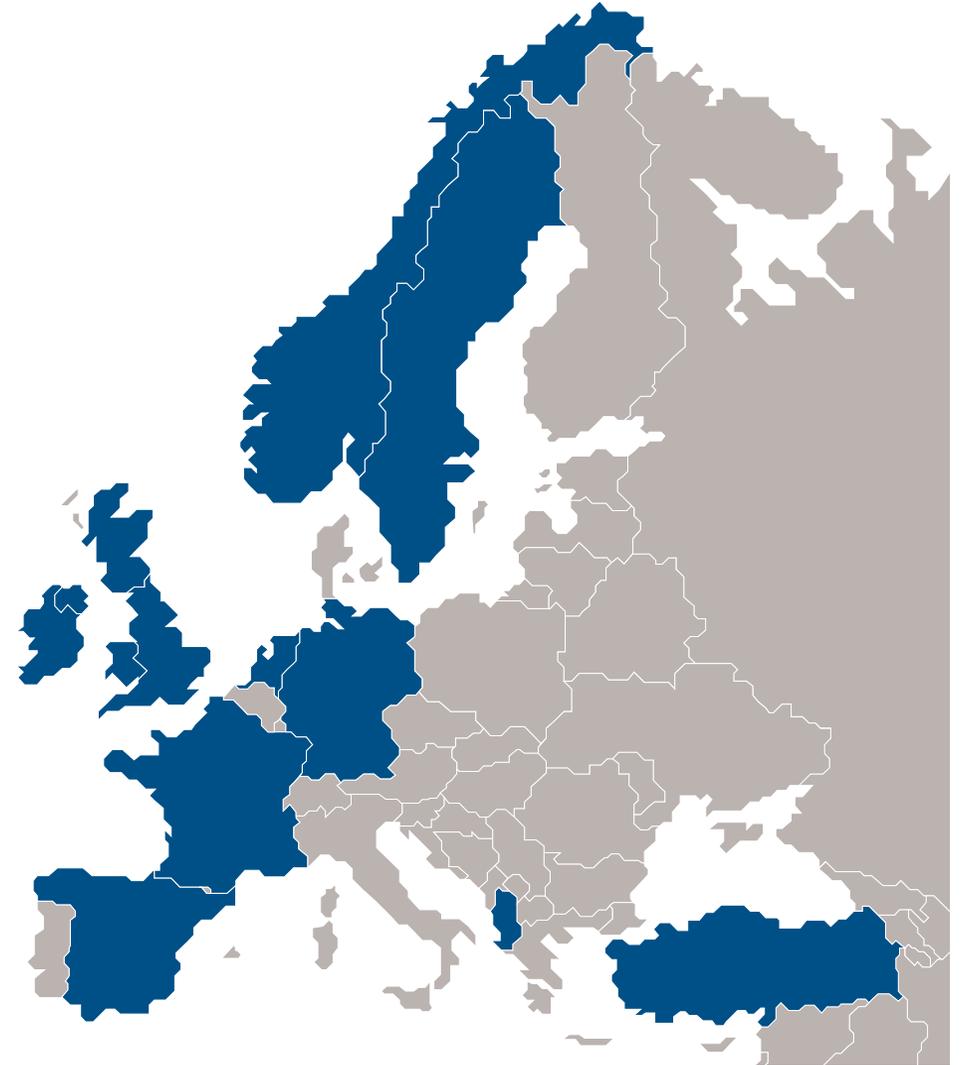
Alison Hood

Communications Manager, UK Wind and Solar



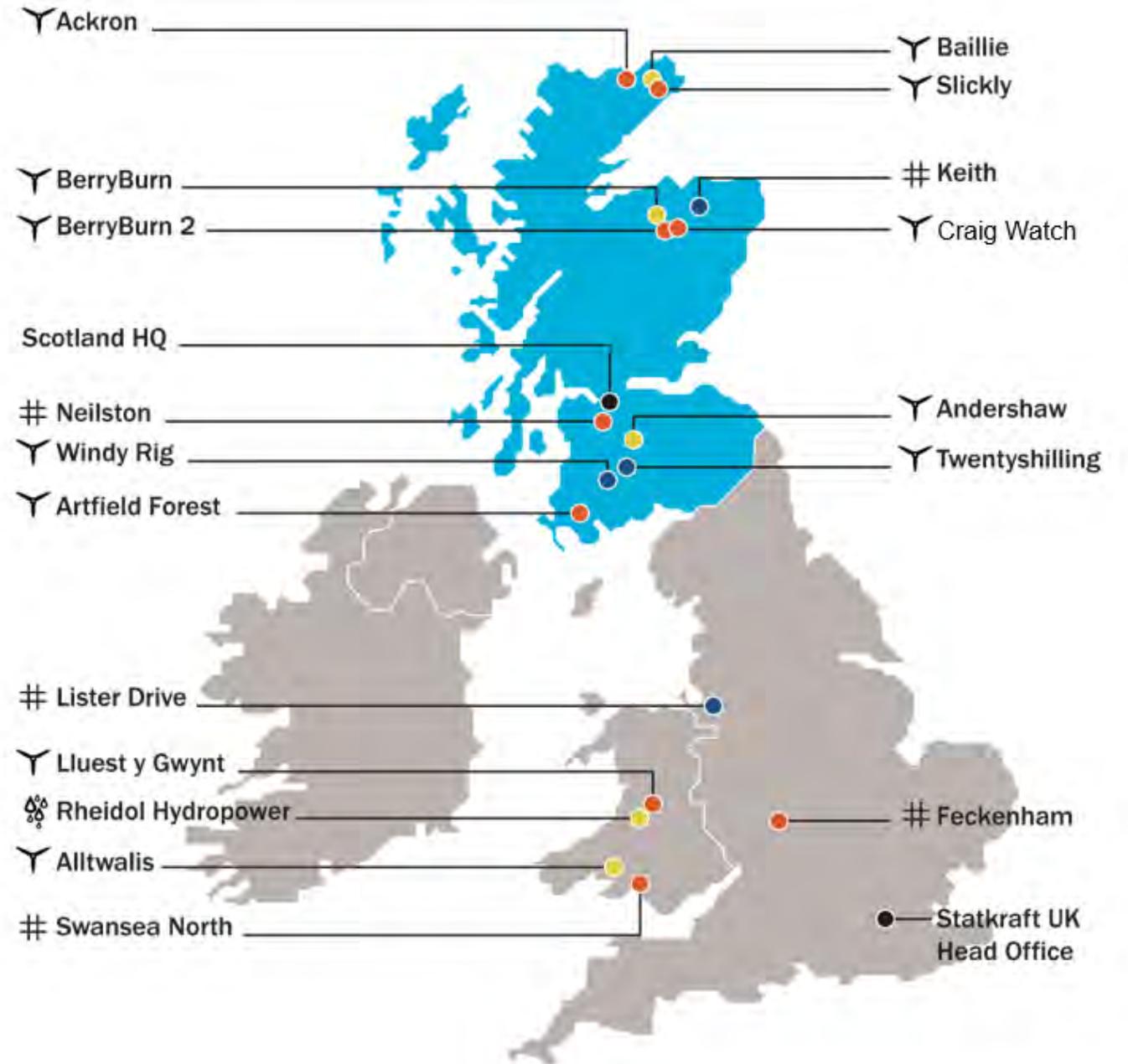
About Statkraft

- Europe's largest renewable energy producer
- A 100% state owned utility, with origins in Norwegian hydro power 125 years ago
- 4,000 employees in 17 countries
- Operating in the UK since 2006
- Recently acquired Solarcentury and EV charging business
- Contract with National Grid to develop innovative Greener Grid Parks



About Statkraft

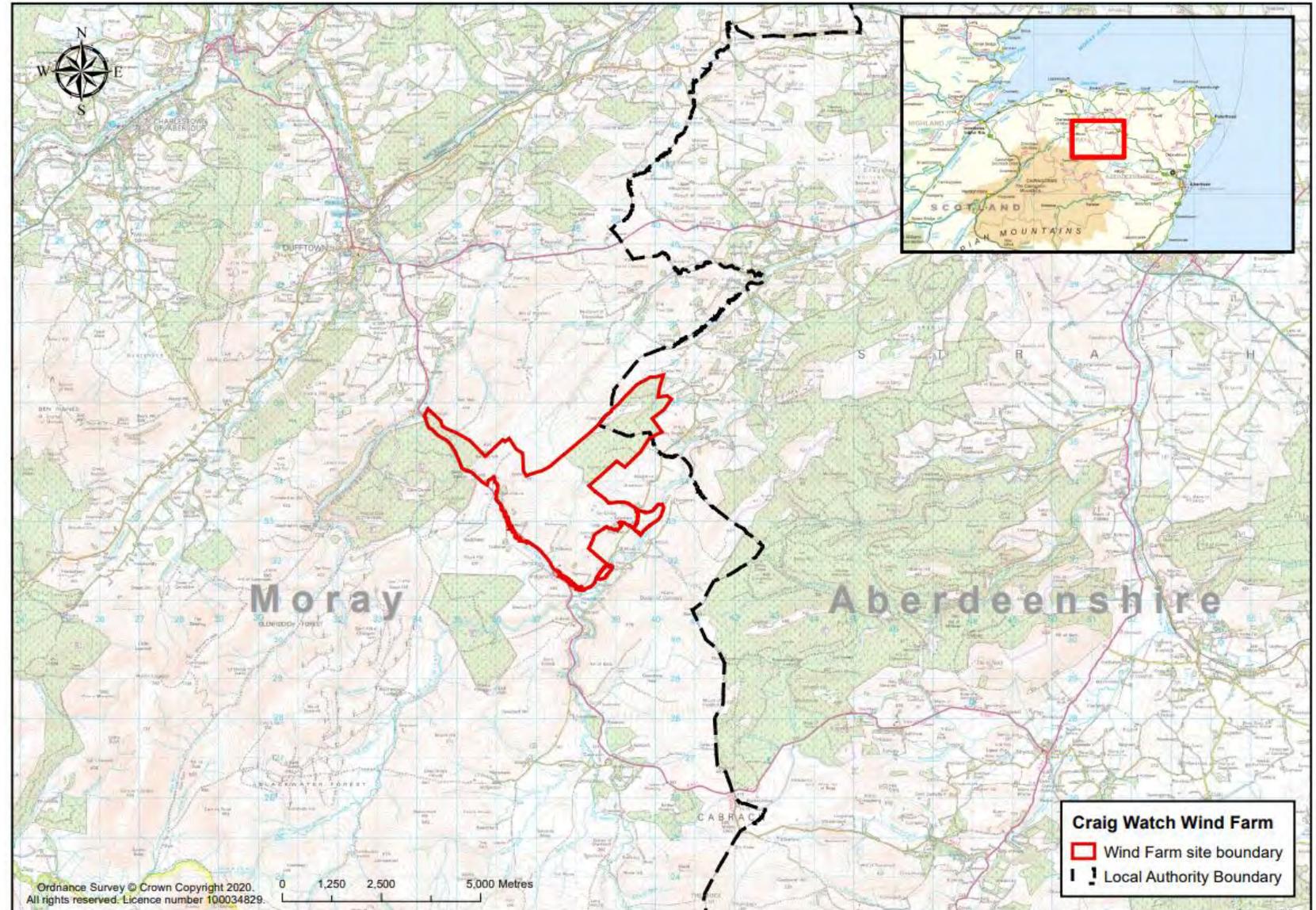
- Operational
- Construction
- Development
- Offices
- Wind
- Greener Grid Park™
- Hydro



About the Site

Site Location

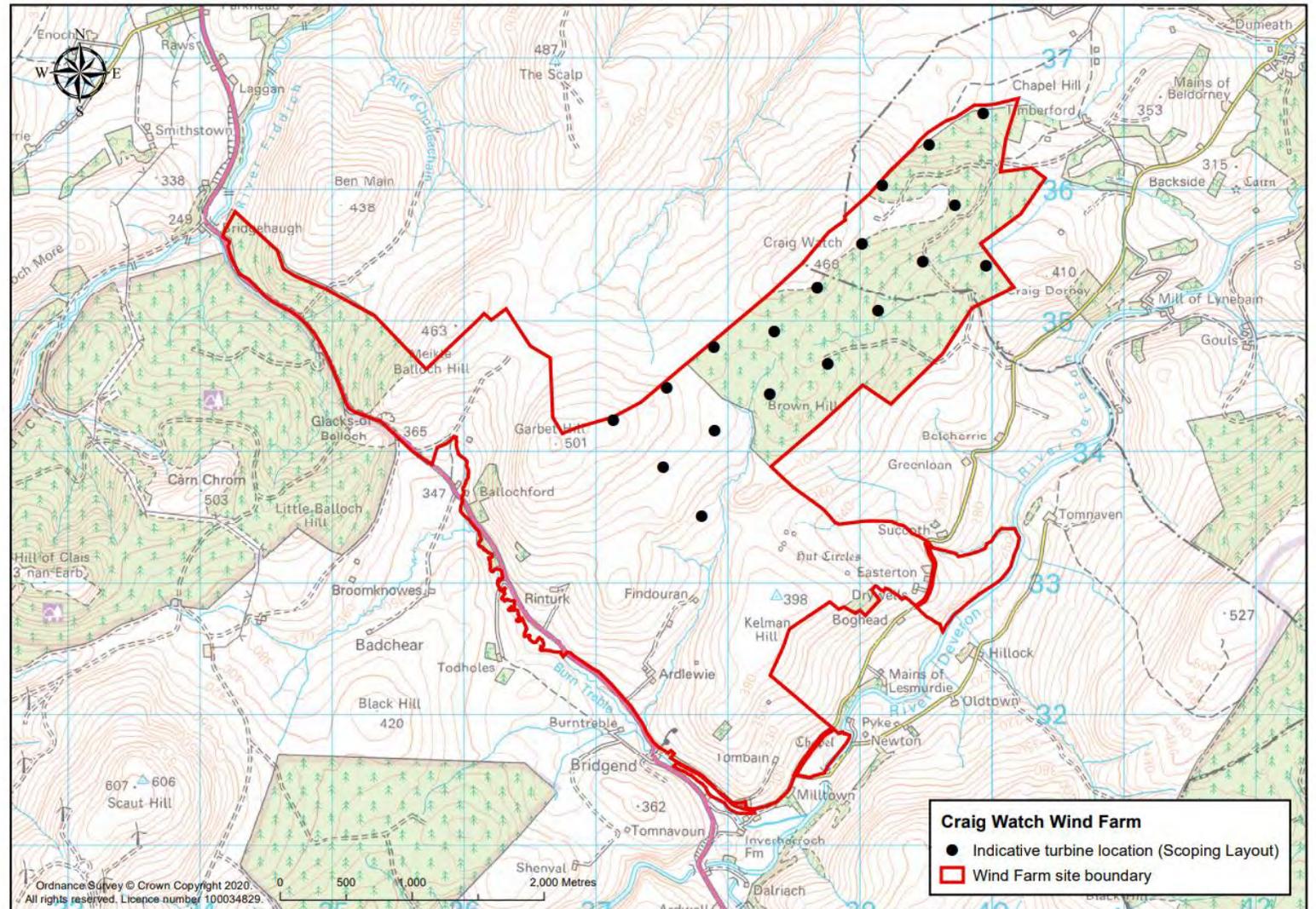
- Located approximately 8km southeast from Dufftown
- Site straddles Moray and Aberdeenshire Council boundaries
- Located across Dufftown and District and Strathbogie Community Councils



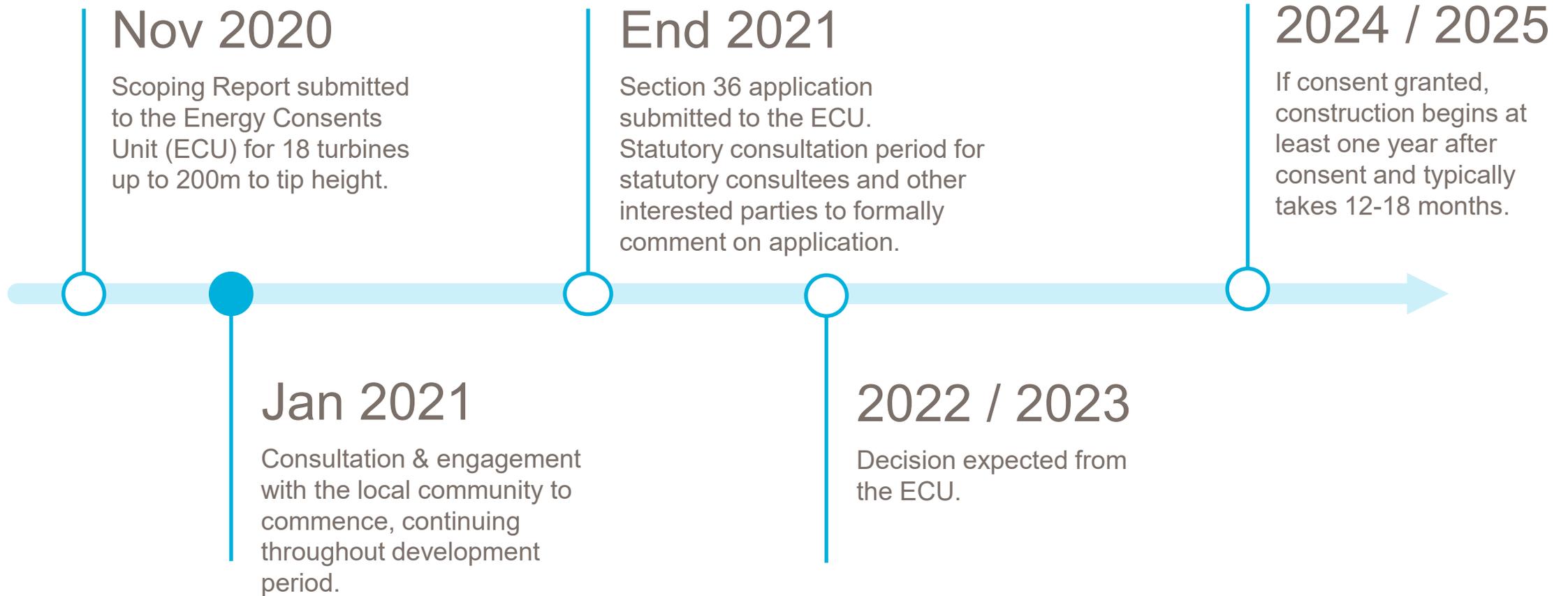
About the Site

Layout Design

- Scoping Layout submitted to Scottish Government for a maximum of 18 wind turbines and up to 200 metres tip height (>50MW capacity)
- Site studies ongoing with full project team, including landscape and visual, noise, cultural heritage and other environmental topics
- Turbine numbers, tip heights and locations are still to be fixed
- Project size to be determined as studies are undertaken and consultation feedback received

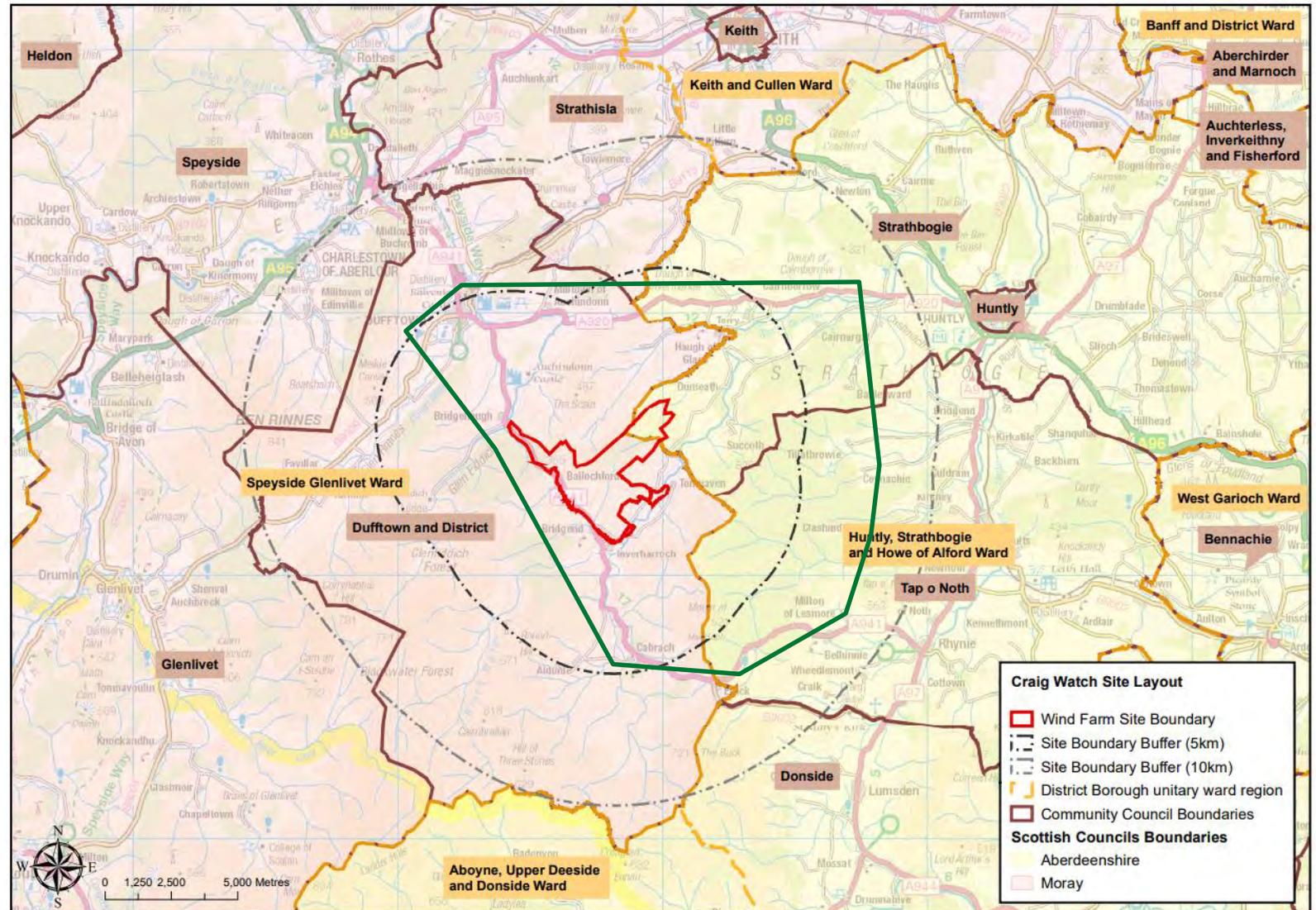


Project Timeline



Consultation & Engagement

- Consultation area feedback
- Suggestions for individuals, groups to contact, and improving engagement with hard to reach groups?
- How do the Community Council want to engage throughout planning?



Community Benefits

- Community Benefit Fund
 - funds deliver £5,000 per MW installed as per Scottish Government recommendation
- Shared Ownership
 - keen to progress the opportunity for locals to have a financial interest in our projects
- Potential for improved Broadband
 - fund a feasibility study at an early stage to gauge the potential opportunity
- Local supply chain
 - work with groups such as the Aberdeen & Grampian Chamber of Commerce to increase awareness of opportunities



Thank you

ANY QUESTIONS?

The Craig Watch Team

John Wallace



Jessica Antas



Alison Hood



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**APPENDIX 6
EXAMPLE OF PUBLIC EXHIBITION INVITATION TO LOCAL COMMUNITY
COUNCILS**

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OUR REF.:

PLACE/DATE:

Craig Watch

2nd November 2021

Craig Watch Wind Farm – Consultation: 4th – 26th November 2021

Dear Members of Strathbogie Community Council,

We hope you are keeping safe and well.

We are writing to update you on our proposals for Craig Watch Wind Farm located approximately 8 km southeast from Dufftown. I have also taken the opportunity to provide information on our next round of consultation for the proposal.

About Us

Statkraft is Europe's largest generator of renewable energy, with origins going back 125 years in Norwegian hydro power. In the UK we operate a hydro power plant and four onshore wind farms and are a leading provider of Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs). We are also involved in solar farm development and electric vehicle charging infrastructure. In addition, we are proud to have been appointed by the National Grid to assist on grid flexibility and to help them achieve their ambition to operate a zero carbon electricity system. Our Scottish offices are in Glasgow, and we have 4,500 employees across 18 countries.

Project Update

We first announced our interest in developing a wind farm located approximately 8 km southeast from Dufftown, straddling Moray and Aberdeenshire Council boundaries, in November 2020. In March this year we exhibited the project at its early stages via an online public consultation website, in line with the Covid-19 restrictions in place at the time. Since then we have refined the design and invite you to view our plans before they are submitted to the Scottish Government in 2022.

Since our March 2021 virtual exhibition, we have listened to feedback to shape the development. The number of turbines has reduced from 16 to 11, removing the most visually prominent turbines and protecting peatland habitats.

We are committed to a Community Benefit Fund that delivers, £5,000 per megawatt (MW) installed per year as per Scottish Government recommendations. If consented, the project will generate £363,000 per year for local groups and initiatives based on 72.6 MW of installed capacity.

We are open to offering Shared Ownership on our projects if there is local interest. We are keen to hear views on enabling the community to have a financial share in the project.

November Consultation

At Statkraft, we believe that proactive public consultation is an integral element of the planning process. It is essential that the local community and other stakeholders be given the opportunity to view the proposals and importantly, feedback their views directly to the project team.

In addition to our online consultation, we will be taking a hybrid approach to our next round of consultation with both face-to-face drop-in sessions and a virtual exhibition which will include two live interactive chat sessions.

The virtual exhibition will be hosted on our dedicated project website and will go live on 4th November 2021 (www.craigwatch.co.uk). The website will contain information on the proposals and include a comment form so that feedback can be provided to the project team.

As part of the virtual exhibition we will also be hosting two live chat sessions from our project website (www.craigwatch.co.uk), where members of the project team will be available for a question and answer session via interactive text. These will take place on:

- **Thursday 11th November (5pm-7pm)**
- **Thursday 25th November (4pm-6pm)**

We appreciate that not everyone will have access to the online consultation material, so we are writing to over 1,300 homes and business with a freepost reply card so that they can view the project information and provide feedback offline. We will also be holding two drop-in sessions which you will be able to register at www.craigwatch.co.uk or by calling 0800 772 0668. These will take place on:

- **Tuesday 16th November (2pm-6pm): Mortlach Memorial Hall, Albert Place, Dufftown, AB55 4AY**
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Whilst we have stated a date by which we would like comments returned (Friday 3rd December), we will continue to consult with the local community moving forward.

All of this feedback will be used by Statkraft, in conjunction with the various technical and environmental studies undertaken as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process, to help shape and inform the project.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch with our adviser Steven Livingston on [REDACTED] or by email at [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

John Wallace

Project Manager, UK Wind and Solar

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Project Developer, UK Wind and Solar

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Craig Watch

PLACE/DATE:
3 March 2021

Craig Watch Wind Farm – Consultation

Dear [REDACTED]

We hope you are keeping safe and well.

You will recall that we wrote to you last year regarding the proposals for Craig Watch Wind Farm. We can now confirm the details for the upcoming public consultation on this project.

At Statkraft, we believe that proactive public consultation is an integral element of the planning process and it is essential that the local community and other stakeholders be given the opportunity to view the proposals and importantly, feedback their views directly to the project team. As you will appreciate, the current situation regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19) does not allow for traditional public exhibitions to be held, therefore in accordance with Scottish Government guidance, we will be holding an online public consultation for the proposals.

The online consultation will be on our dedicated project website and will go live on the 5th March (www.craigwatch.co.uk). We will exhibit information on the project and include a comment form so that feedback can be provided to the project team.

We will also be hosting two live chat sessions from our project website, where members of the project team will be available for a question and answer session via interactive text. These will take place on:

- Monday 15th March (2pm-4pm)
- Wednesday 24th March (4pm-6pm)

We appreciate that not everyone will have access to the online consultation material, so we are writing to over 1300 homes and business with a freepost reply card so that they can view the project information and provide feedback offline.

Whilst we have stated a date by which we would like comments returned (31st March), we will continue to consult with the local community moving forward and are planning to host a second consultation event later this year.

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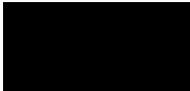
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**APPENDIX 7A
MSP LETTERS INTRODUCING STATKRAFT, CRAIG WATCH WIND FARM
AND AN INVITATION TO THE MARCH 2021 PUBLIC EXHIBITION**

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Craig Watch

PLACE/DATE:
3 March 2021

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Craig Watch Wind Farm – Consultation

Dear [REDACTED],

We hope you are keeping safe and well.

We are writing to introduce Statkraft UK Ltd and our proposals for Craig Watch Wind Farm located approximately 8km southeast from Dufftown. I have also taken this opportunity to provide information on our consultation plans over the next few weeks.

About Us

Statkraft is Europe's largest generator of renewable energy, with origins going back 125 years in Norwegian hydro power. In the UK we majority own a hydro power plant and four onshore wind farms and we are also involved in electric vehicle charging infrastructure. We are proud to have been appointed by the National Grid to assist on grid flexibility. Our Scottish offices are in Glasgow, and we have 4,000 employees across 17 countries.

About Craig Watch

Craig Watch Wind Farm, which straddles Moray and Aberdeenshire local authorities, has the potential to accommodate up to 16 turbines, with a blade tip height of up to 200m.

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Jessica Antas

Project Developer, UK Wind and Solar



**APPENDIX 7B
MSP LETTERS INTRODUCING STATKRAFT, CRAIG WATCH WIND FARM
AND AN INVITATION TO THE NOVEMBER 2021 PUBLIC EXHIBITION**

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Craig Watch

2nd November 2021

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Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch with our adviser Steven Livingston on 0141 264 2831 or by email at steven.livingston@libertyone.co.uk.

Yours sincerely,



John Wallace

Project Manager, UK Wind and Solar



Jessica Antas

Project Developer, UK Wind and Solar



From: [Skinner Seumas](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [UK Projects](#)
Subject: Craig Watch Wind Farm - Second Exhibition Report
Date: 04 February 2022 09:12:44
Attachments: [Craig Watch Consultation Report November 2021.pdf](#)

Dear [REDACTED] MSP,

I hope this email finds you well.

I am writing with an update on Statkraft's Craig Watch windfarm proposal following our Second Public Exhibition held from 4th to 26th November. As you may recall, with the relaxation of Covid-19 restrictions, we were pleased to be able to hold in-person drop-in events at Mortlach Memorial Hall and Glass Community Hall on the 16th and 17th of November respectively. We wish to thank everyone who took the time to come and meet us and/or returned the feedback forms to let us know their views on the project.

Since the exhibition we have written to, either by letter or email, everyone who returned a reply card and indicated that they wished to be kept up to date on the project. As per the first exhibition, we have produced a Consultation Feedback Report. This is attached for your information and will be available shortly on the project website www.CraigWatch.co.uk

As noted at the exhibition we plan to submit the application for early in 2022. When the application is submitted there will be an opportunity for interested parties to submit a formal response to the Scottish Government (as this is a Section 36 application). We will write to you again when the application is submitted and we will upload application documents on to our project website.

Finally we wish to thank the community for engaging with us to date and should you have any queries in the meantime please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

Seumas

Seumas Skinner

Community Liaison Manager, UK Wind & Solar

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**APPENDIX 7C
NEWLY ELECTED WARD COUNCILLORS LETTER INTRODUCING
STATKRAFT, CRAIG WATCH WIND FARM**

From: [Hood Alison](#)
To: [Derek.Ross](#) [REDACTED]
Cc: [Wallace John](#)
Subject: RE: Craig Watch Wind Farm - Consultation
Date: 22 March 2021 21:48:00
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Dear Cllr Ross,

Thank you for taking the time to hear about our Craig Watch Wind Farm proposals from John and myself. I promised to come back to you on some further information, see below. We will keep you informed as the project progresses, and please do not hesitate to get in touch should you have any questions or wish additional information.

Scotland's Renewable Status

This [BBC Scotland article](#) summarises the significant progress Scotland has made towards generating 100% of its electricity needs from renewables. It also sets out the challenge ahead for meeting all of Scotland's energy needs, to include heating and transport.

Investment

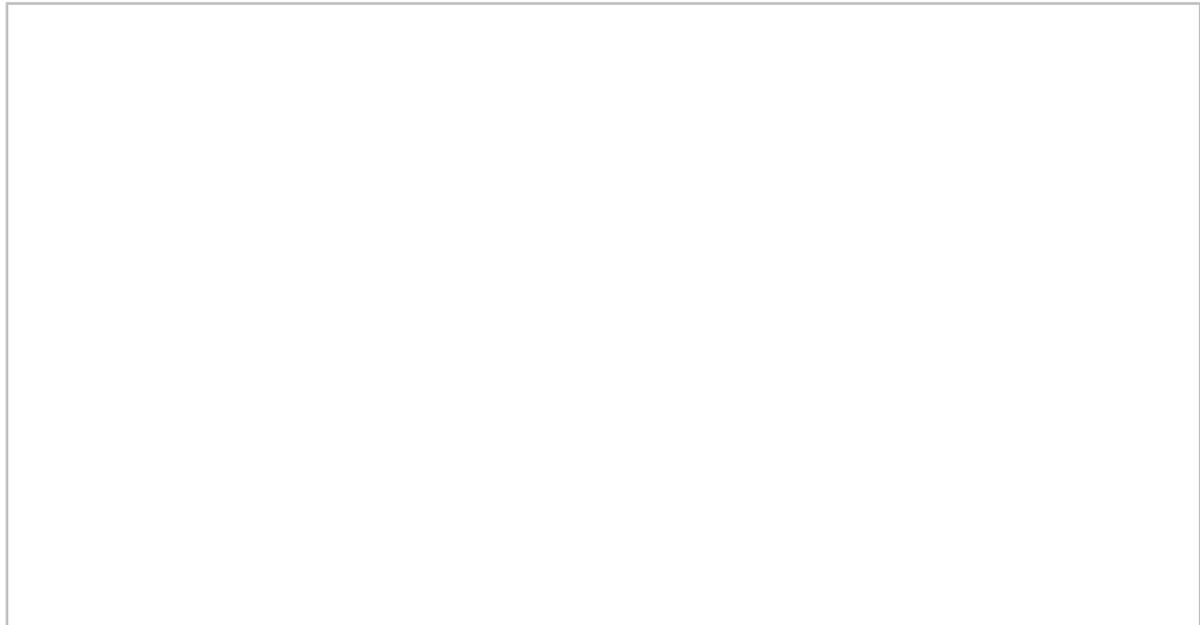
There are several ways our projects can bring local investment and I wanted to highlight some of these.

As you will appreciate, construction provides a significant opportunity for local investment, and we actively seek to maximise this – we had over 80 businesses complete our [local suppliers register](#) to be involved in the construction of our Grid project at Keith.

The ongoing operation of a wind farm also brings significant local investment, for example, the Berry Burn Wind Farm has delivered over £1.2 million in community funding, over half of this has gone to business, culture and sport, and it continues to benefit local projects to the tune of £170k each year. In addition, Moray Council collects approx. £720k each year from Berry Burn through its Business Rates. Lastly, we also have a maintenance team who live in the vicinity. As we are fully aware, there can always be improvements and we welcome suggestions of how our projects can positively impact our neighbours and local community – this is how we have come to investigate the opportunity for our projects to bring improved broadband infrastructure.

BEIS Attitudes Survey

A Government survey was started in 2012, and has tracked support of different forms of renewable technology, among other things. The graphics below are from the [Wave 33 report](#).



I also mentioned an upcoming webinar which aims to explain why wind turbines are suitable for only a limited number of locations, and I will send you a link when that is confirmed.

Yours sincerely,
Alison

Alison Hood

Communications, UK Wind & Solar

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Statkraft Internal

From: Wallace John

Sent: 04 March 2021 11.04

To: Derek Ross <[REDACTED]>

Subject: RE: Craig Watch Wind Farm - Consultation

Great, speak then.

John

Statkraft Internal

From: Derek Ross <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 04 March 2021 10.33
To: Wallace John <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Craig Watch Wind Farm - Consultation

Yes no problem.

Kind Regards
Derek Ross
Councillor (Speyside Glenlivet)

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

----- Original message -----

From: Wallace John <[REDACTED]>
Date: 04/03/2021 10:15 (GMT+00:00)
To: Derek Ross <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: Craig Watch Wind Farm - Consultation

Morning Derek,

Sorry I can't make 10am tomorrow morning. Would 10.45am work for you?

Kind regards,
John

Statkraft Internal

From: Derek Ross <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 04 March 2021 09.43
To: Wallace John <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Craig Watch Wind Farm - Consultation

Dear John

10am works for me.

Kind Regards
Derek Ross
Councillor (Speyside Glenlivet)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

----- Original message -----

From: Wallace John <[REDACTED]>
Date: 03/03/2021 19:26 (GMT+00:00)
To: Derek Ross <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: Craig Watch Wind Farm - Consultation

Evening Derek,

Thanks for your email.

How about a telephone call on Friday afternoon? Let me know a time which works for you.

Kind regards,
John

From: Derek Ross <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 03 March 2021 18.21
To: Wallace John <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Craig Watch Wind Farm - Consultation

Please get in touch.

Kind Regards
Derek Ross
Councillor (Speyside Glenlivet)

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

----- Original message -----

From: Wallace John <[REDACTED]>
Date: 03/03/2021 17:34 (GMT+00:00)
To: Derek Ross <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Craig Watch Wind Farm - Consultation

Dear Cllr Ross,

Please find attached a letter outlining our consultation plans for Craig Watch Wind Farm over the next few weeks.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,
John

John Wallace

Project Manager, UK

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**APPENDIX 8A
MARCH 2021 PUBLIC NOTICE ADVERTS: NEWSPAPER AND SOCIAL
MEDIA**



Statkraft

Yesterday at 08:31 · 🌐



The first online consultation for a proposed wind farm 8km south east of Dufftown is now live! Find out more and have your say! The consultation ends 31 March.



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Online Consultation

[Learn More](#)

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public notices

MORAY COUNCIL (SCHOOL STREETS) ELDON

(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)

EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER 2021

Statutory order granted on 5 March 2021. Moray Council, under the powers conferred on it by the provisions of the Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended and of all other enabling powers and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 8 to that Act and having regard to the statutory requirements of the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedural) (Scotland) Regulations 1999. The Order will be experimental and will normally only be in operation for a period of six weeks, 18 months.

The effect of the Order will be to: (i) Prohibit the driving of motor vehicles on the following lengths of road in Eldon from 8.45 am to 9.10 am and 2.40 pm to 3.10 pm

Deerburgh Terrace, Elgin From a point 0 metres clockwise from the proposed eastern kerbline of Main Place for a distance of 180 metres (or any other lesser) distance.

Anderson Crescent, Elgin From the junction with the northern kerbline of Deerpark Terrace for a distance of 0 metres (or any other lesser) distance.

School Brae, Elgin From a point 5 metres clockwise from the junction with the eastern kerbline of New Road for a distance of 100 metres (or any other lesser) distance.

Beaich Street, Elgin From a point 2 metres clockwise from the proposed eastern kerbline of Anderson Crescent for a distance of 100 metres (or any other lesser) distance.

Pond Park Place, Elgin From the junction with School Brae for a distance of 100 metres.

Parkway, Elgin From the junction with Pond Park Place for a distance of 100 metres.

The experimental Order has been made to improve road safety and to assist in the implementation of the proposed traffic management measures for the School and Enclosure Access Trial. The restrictions will reduce congestion and limit the number of vehicles permitted to travel on these roads at the beginning and the end of the school day. The Order will only be in force on Monday 20 March 2021 and remain in place for a period not exceeding 18 months, at times, indicated by signing signs.

The order will apply to all vehicles except the following:- (i) Transported School children (ii) Residents with Permits (iii) Essential Care Providers (iv) School and District Buses (v) School and District Staff (vi) Deliveries and Deliveries vehicles.

The Council will in due course be considering whether the provisions of the Experimental Order should be made permanent.

Any objection may be made to the Council's decision to make a permanent order within a period of 8 weeks from the date the Experimental Order comes into operation. Off the Experimental Order is subject to a subsequent order of modified duration to section 10 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 from the date that variation order of modification comes into force. Objections must be made in writing to Senior Engineer, Transportation, Moray Council, Elgin, Northferry, or directed to the relevant authority, and must be received by the authority on or before the date that the variation order of modification comes into force. Support for the measures can also be sent to the same address or email address.

A copy of the Experimental Order along with details of the measures will be available at the following addresses:- www.moray.gov.uk or www.northferry.co.uk. Any person wishing to object to the proposed Experimental Order or any of its provisions on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the relevant legislation, must make their objection known to the Council within 8 weeks from the date of the proposed Experimental Order via the same application for the purpose to the Council of Session.



TRANSPORT SCOTLAND

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION REFURBISHMENT OF A96 FOCHABERS OLD BRIDGE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT DETERMINATION UNDER SECTION 55A OF THE ROADS (SCOTLAND) ACT 1984

The Scottish Ministers give notice that they have determined that the project to undertake bridge deck refurbishment on the A96 Fochabers Old Bridge is a relevant project within the meaning of section 55A of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 (the 1984 Act) and falls within Annex I of Directive 2011/92/EU on the assessment of certain public and private projects on the environment, but that having regard to:- (a) the selection criteria contained in Annex III of that Directive, namely:

- (i) the use of natural resources, in particular land, soil, water and biodiversity;
(ii) the production of waste;
(iii) pollution and nuisances;
(iv) the risks to human health (for example due to water contamination or air pollution); and
(v) areas classified or protected under national legislation; Natura 2000 areas designated by Member States pursuant to Directive 92/43/EEC and Directive 2009/147/EC.
(b) the results of the Environmental Screening Assessment under section 55A(2) of the 1984 Act and the Assessment under regulation 48 of the (Transportation (Natural Habitats, etc.) Regulations) 1994 ("the 1994 Regulations") concluded that, with mitigation, there would be no likely significant effects on the River Spey Special Area of Conservation, River Spey Site of Special Scientific Interest, Lower River Spey - Spey Bay Special Area of Conservation, Lower River Spey Site of Special Scientific Interest, Moray and Nairn Coast Special Protection Area and the Moray and Nairn Coast RAMSAR.
(c) the information set out in the Record of Determination dated 20 January 2021, available at https://www.transport.gov.scot/transport-network/roads/road-orders-and-records-of-determination/963027

The main reasons for the conclusion that no Environmental Impact Assessment is required are:

- (a) There is no requirement for in-water works;
(b) The 1994 Regulations Assessment has shown that there is enough information and assessment evidence to conclude that the proposed scheme will not likely cause a significant effect on the connected environmentally sensitive sites, either alone or in combination with other projects or plans; and
(c) Works are limited to bridge deck refurbishment and will not damage, modify, or alter the character or footprint of the Category A listed Fochabers Old Bridge.

The features of the project which are envisaged to avoid or prevent significant adverse effects on the environment are: (i) With good practice pollution prevention measures implemented, there is a negligible risk of a pollution event; and any potential impact for the works are expected to be temporary, short-term, and limited to the construction phase; (ii) There will be no impacts on vehicle travellers, and measures will be in place to limit any short-term impacts on non-motorised users. The works will provide a permanent safety improvement for all utilising the bridge; and (iii) Measures will be in place to ensure appropriate removal and disposal of waste, with the waste hierarchy being applied at all times.

S R LEES A member of the staff of the Scottish Ministers Transport Scotland, Roads, Buchanan House, 58 Port Dundas Road, Glasgow G4 0HP



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Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1987
 Notice Under Section 4(3B)

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The applicant has applied for the proposed development, without compensation.

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Proposal: Formation of Quarry for Extraction of Stone and Access Track – APP/2021/0278

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The application(s) for planning permission and other related consents may be examined online at <http://publicaccess.moray.gov.uk/eplanning> or <https://www.tellmescotland.gov.uk> Access to these is available at the Access Point, High Street, Elgin, 9am to 5pm, Mon to Fri and public libraries.

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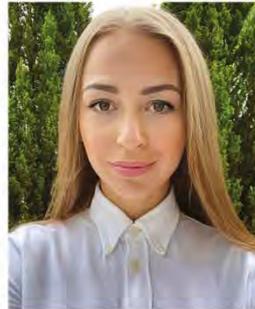
Thank you to all residents and interested groups who took the time to visit our online consultation between 5 - 31 March.

Feedback at this stage of the project helps us to design a better overall project, and we are taking all comments into account as we refine the design over the summer.

We've updated our project website to show the answers to some frequently asked questions. If you have a question that isn't listed, please contact us.

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**APPENDIX 8C
NOVEMBER 2021 PUBLIC NOTICE ADVERTS: NEWSPAPER AND SOCIAL
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4th - 26th of November 2021**

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Two face-to-face drop-in sessions with the project team will be held on the following dates:

Tuesday 16th November (2pm-6pm): Mortlach Memorial Hall, Albert Place, Dufftown, AB55 4AY

Wednesday 17th November (3pm-7pm):
Glass Village Hall, Glass, AB54 4XY

Please register your attendance at
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You will also be able to join live chat sessions with the project team on the website on the following dates:

11th November between 5pm-7pm

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Jenny Smith will join NHS representatives, Kate Brough and Moira Mitchell alongside Ronnie Whyte and Dennis Scott at the steps of the Stewart's Hall when the parade passes at noon following the service in Huntly Parish Church.

Sheena Arthur is co-ordinating arrangements



for the remembrance parade which had to be called off last year due to Covid restrictions.

Mrs Arthur said: "We are really pleased to be able to have the parade as people had been asking if it would go ahead. All the usual organisations have said they will take part, but we must ask people to gather outside the Ex-Servicemen's Club and not come in.

"Due to ongoing restrictions, we cannot offer refreshments after the parade for those who take part, and we hope people understand that. The main thing is we are able to have the parade and people can pay their respects."

The parade, lead by Huntly Pipe band will leave from the Ex-Servicemen's Club at 10am and make its way to the war memorial.



The Huntly Community Council raised an issue of dangerous buildings – especially the Huntly Hotel which has broken stonework, loose wires and vegetation growing out of it (far right, top, centre and bottom).

Pictures: Daniel Forsyth



'Lives are at risk'

Councillor's warning over state of buildings in town centre

By Pat Scott
pat.scott@hnmmedia.co.uk

A MEMBER of Huntly Community Council has branded the appearance of the town centre as shocking.

Businessman, Ian Little told the group's recent meeting that some buildings were in need of urgent attention or a serious accident would take place.

The community council's own meeting could not be held in the Stewart's Hall after a piece of loose masonry fell from the side of the building earlier in the day, narrowly missing someone who had just attended the vaccination clinic.

Contractors were called in to check for more defects and the building is now scheduled for re-pointing next year.

Mr Little urged the community council to place on record its concern over the condition of some

properties, or it could risk being held liable if someone was injured or killed by falling masonry.

Mr Little said: "We need to minute our concern, otherwise if something happens the community council will rightly get the blame."

Mr Little particularly directed his comments at the empty and increasingly derelict Huntly Hotel.

He continued: "A slate off the roof of a three or four-storey property like that would kill someone if it hit them. But the Huntly Hotel is not unique, there are six or seven buildings like that in the town.

"Aberdeenshire Council's own buildings are not in a good state of repair – windows and gutters on them need repaired and cleared.

"The council is not setting a good example, and I expect Covid will be blamed. I own two shops which I have to maintain and I am liable – if something was to happen I would be sued. Insurance would not pay

up if a property is not maintained."

Fellow member John Porter said he suspected that The Huntly Hotel would not be insured.

According to Aberdeenshire Council, dangerous and defective buildings are the responsibility of the owner, but where owners fail to take required action or emergency action is required, the local authority can take appropriate steps to resolve defects.

Dangerous or defective buildings can be reported by calling 01467 534333 during office hours or 03456 08 12 03 in an emergency.

A spokesman said: "We will take

any necessary action to make safe any buildings or part of a building which has become dangerous. If practical, we will contact the property owner and give them the chance to undertake the required works. When this is not possible, we will instruct a contractor to either undertake the work or secure the site to prevent access to or around the affected property. The costs incurred will be recovered from the property owner."

In terms of the authority's own buildings he added: "We have a contract in place to undertake all essential reactive maintenance. For more major lifecycle replacement works, prioritisation is aligned to available budgets and condition assessments, operational requirements, building usage and health and safety assessments."

Ownership of the Huntly Hotel could not be established to allow them to comment.

A slate off the roof of a three or four-storey property like that would kill someone if it hit them.

Ian Little



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FARMING

Good demand for gimmers

By David Porter
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STORE lambs were dearer on the week at Thainstone taking into account the fact that there were a big percentage of lean lambs showing signs of the recent wet weather.

The breeding sheep ring saw a late surge with good gimmers still in demand from buyers as Aberdeen and Northern Marts sold 4355 store and breeding sheep including Island consignments.

Store lambs (2395) averaged £80.52 and sold to £113 for Texel crosses from Sunnyside, Meikle Wartle.

Ewe lambs (180) averaged £86 and sold to £109 for Texel's from Easter Aquhollie, Rickarton.

Shetland consigned store lambs (1117) sold to £98 firstly for Lleyn crosses from Bretta, Dunrossness.

Orkney consigned store lambs (192) sold to £95 (twice) firstly for Suffolk's from Laithe, Tenston and then for Continental's from Redland, Firth.

Breeding sheep (429) averaged £109.52 and sold to £175 for Texel cross Gimmers from Burnheads, Deskford.

Breeding rams (42) sold to £500 for a BFL Shearling from Newton of Crathie, Ballater. Leading prices per head-



Trading at Thainstone has continued at recent strong rates for sellers of quality animals.

Ewe lambs: Tex- Regina Croft, Kintore £108; Mule- Heatherhouse, Tankerness £107; TexX- Pitprone, Glenkindie £106; Cross- Fawells, Keith-hall £98; Suf- Hilton, Lumphanan £97; Lleyn- Hilton £96; Suf- Caltterin Brig, Upper Lenshie £93.

Store lambs: Tex- Delnabo, Glengairn £106; Bel- Tillylodge, Newe £106; TexX- Pittenkerrie, Glassel £105; Cont- 91 Main St, Newmill £104; Suf- Mains of Arnage £100; ContX- West Cranloch, Ythan Wells £99;

BelX- Mid Clochforbie, Fisherie £99; SufX- Prony, Ballater £97; Cross- Hillview, Brae of Scurdargue £95; Down- Mains of Arnage £94, Foggiebrae; BluTex- Gleneffock, Glenesk £90; Mule- Poolside, Auchindachy £89; HB- Broughnamary, Mulben £89; ChvM- Scollis Cross, Strachan £88; Lleyn- 12 Heathlands, Kinellar £87; BF- Littlewood Park £74.

Breeding sheep: Gmr: Mule St, Backmuir £165; GF- Pitprone £160; Cross- Burnheads £155; Tex- East Sandend, Cruden Bay

£140. Ewes: Tex- 11 Raemoir Road, Banchory £165; Cont- Belnagarrow, Craigellachie £145; Suf- 11 Raemoir Road £134; ContX- Belnagarrow £132; SufX- Belnagarrow £120; Mule- Backmuir £118.

Breeding rams: Shearling Rams: Tex- Clinterty, New Aberdour £450, Hillhead of Cannahars £350; SufX- Gordonston, Clatt £380; Suf- Bogfon, Maryculter, Mid Mains of Balfour, Fettercairn £350.

Ram lambs: Suf- Milltown of Birness, Ellon £320.

Drop in cattle average price

ABERDEEN and Northern Marts sold 35 prime cattle.

Under 30 month prime bullocks (12) averaged 209.8p and sold to 245p per kg for a 545kg Limousin from Whiteside, Tullynessle, and £1477 gross for a 700kg Limousin from Windsoer Farm, Enzie.

Prime heifers (10) averaged 219.2p and sold to 239p per kg for a 565kg Charolais from Hillocks, Whiterashes, and £1433.25 gross for a 735kg Simmental from Brewthwin, Cullerlie.

Young bulls (four) averaged 193.3p and sold to 207p per kg for a 805kg Charolais from Milton of Collieston, Ellon, and £1683.50 gross for a 910kg Charolais from Spengar, Sandwick.

30 to 36 month bullocks (three) averaged 191.4p

and sold to 200p per kg for a 685kg Limousin from Deldonald, Carron, and £1461.50 gross for a 790kg Limousin from Windsoer Farm.

Heifers (six) averaged 193.3p and sold to 217p per kg for a 755kg Charolais and £1718.10 gross for a 830kg Charolais from Spengar.

ANM also sold 200 cows and bulls as beef finished cows (54) averaged £1263.33 (-£37.58) and sold to £1570 for a 1044kg Aberdeen-Angus from Whiteside, Tullynessle.

Beef feeding cows (113) averaged £962.17 (-£52.48) and sold to £1270 for a 818kg Simmental from Carbroctack, Cairmie.

Bulls (four) averaged £990 (-£77.50) and sold to £1330 for a 1112kg Charolais from Norton, Dounby.

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Green values at earth summit

THE Findhorn Foundation will be at COP26 next Friday as part of the Scottish Communities Climate Action Network.

Janet Limb, the foundation's PR lead, believes the eco-community's presence is recognition of how its views and values have been accepted by the mainstream.

She said: "Some people used to laugh at us, but I think the world has caught up now. People are beginning to realise that society can't continue as it has been."

"Covid and lockdown marked a large upturn in public interest about what it's like to live in a community."

"Neighbours who'd never really spoken to each other beforehand suddenly began to work together to set up social media groups for their street. They were looking out for each other far more than they ever had previously."

"And that interest from the public has now increased even further thanks to COP26."

The foundation will talk about its various initiatives, such as car share pool, organic gardens, community currency and eco-village.

Moray voices at heart of COP26

By Lorna Thompson

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LOCAL civic representatives and campaigners are making their voices heard in the most pressing conversation facing humankind at the COP26 UN climate change conference.

Moray Council's climate change team, politicians, non-governmental organisation (NGO) figures and local Extinction Rebellion (XR) activists are among those attending the 26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) in Glasgow where leaders are debating the world's environmental policies and ways to halt the ecological crisis.

The Findhorn Foundation, Moray's long-standing eco-community, will have a presence next Friday, November 12, as part of the Scottish Communities Climate Action Network.

Running until Friday, November 12, COP26 is taking place across two sites.

UN negotiations are taking place within the Blue Zone at the SEC, while the Glasgow Science Centre has become the Green Zone, where the public can join a series of events, workshops, talks and exhibitions.

Moray SNP MSP Richard Lochhead said his involvement in



Rev Jenny Adams is inviting people to a vigil as part of a Global Day of Action for Climate Justice, which ties-in with the COP26 conference.

the summit as Scotland's first Just Transition Minister had been "hectic, fascinating and stimulating".

He said: "The eyes of the world are on Glasgow and COP26 and the future of the world and humankind is dependent on a successful outcome and agreement to take action to reduce carbon emissions to achieve our net-zero targets by Scotland by 2045."

Moray Council's principal climate change officer, Rod Lovie,

said the climate change team and others in the council were virtually attending a number of summit events.

He said: "This has allowed us to promote some of the positive work that is happening in Moray and showcase some of the actions being carried out to reduce carbon emissions within the council."

The council's climate change champion, Councillor Louise Nicol (Speyside Glenlivet), will take part

in a Cosla event next week and said the event was hugely important for councils to share their experience and ideas to achieve net zero targets.

A former city solicitor turned legal activist, Lisa Mead, was there as an observer in the Blue Zone representing an NGO, the Global Alliance for the Rights of Nature (GARN).

She was one of a panel of expert judges at an International Rights of Nature Tribunal this week which heard details of two major ecological struggles facing the planet.

On COP26's Finance Day earlier this week, XR Moray and Highlands members attempted to block the entrance to JP Morgan's main offices in Glasgow's Waterloo Street in protest at the bank's fossil fuel financing.

The protests took place during XR's "Greenwash" march.

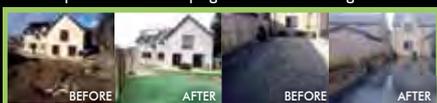
Meanwhile, back in Moray, a local minister has co-ordinated an Elgin vigil this weekend as part of a Global Day of Action for Climate Justice.

Rev Jenny Adams, minister of Duffus, Spynie and Hopeman Church of Scotland, is inviting people across the region to make a stand at the vigil this Saturday, November 6, in front of St Giles Church on the High Street, from noon till 3pm.



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I WAS delighted to hear a tawny owl hooting in a cemetery and gardens close to my home during the last few weeks.

It was the first one I had heard calling in this urban area since I took up residence 37 years ago.

Given the frequent number of nights it spent calling I formed the impression it was a young male now independent of its parents and looking to set up a territory of its own because the hooting of tawny owls in autumn is mostly carried out by juvenile males for this purpose and also to attract a mate.

The actual sound produced is a plaintive "whoop" followed by a quavering long drawn out "ooo-ooo-ooo." The call is very resonant and carries a long way especially on a still night.

On hearing the owl calling one night a friend and I tracked it down to a beech tree about 300m



I did hear another owl hooting further away on another evening when the original owl was hooting particularly loudly. The second calling owl may have been one of its male siblings.

Wildlife Watch By Merlin

away from my house where it was perched, unseen, directly above our heads.

My friend who is very good at imitating the call of this bird through a gap between the thumbs of her cupped hands had it replying to her calls several times.

I did hear another owl hooting further away on another evening when the original calling owl was hooting particularly loudly. The second calling owl may have been one of its male siblings if the original owl was raised locally.

During 2018/2019 the British Trust for Ornithology carried out a survey of tawny owl numbers by asking volunteers to listen out for tawny owls calling in or near their gardens.

Another purpose of the



A majestic tawny owl in full flight.

survey was to explore the impact of artificial light pollution and other aspects of urbanisation on the likelihood of hearing tawny owls. Interestingly, the bird I heard calling did not appear at all bothered by light pollution because one of my neighbours took a photograph of it perched in a tree in his garden directly under a bright street light.

Normally these nocturnal owls do not like bright light and if you come across one perched in a tree or inside a hollow tree in the daytime it will squint at you through

half closed eyes.

Perhaps its appetite for a house sparrow from a flock that sometimes roosts in another neighbour's hedge overcame this urban owl's normal reluctance to hunt in bright light.

I have yet to hear the sharp "kee-wick" call of a female tawny owl so it would appear that the young owl has not attracted a mate despite all his calling.

Although I have not heard a female there could be an established pair in the area because there is a large

field of rough grass not far away which could provide enough voles and mice to support a breeding attempt.

If there is an established territorial pair of tawny owls in the area the juvenile male instead of calling so loudly and so often would be better to keep a low profile because the territorial male will attack him and chase him out of the territory even if the young owl is one of his own offspring.

However, if as they say fortune favours the brave things may work out OK for him.



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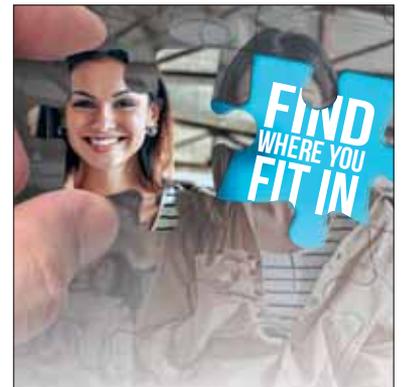
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Broadside fired over super-slow broadband fiasco

Date for high-speed internet connection rollout slips back yet again

ADELE MERSON

A SCHEME to install superfast broadband across the north and north-east faces further delays and may not be realised until 2027.

The Scottish Government announced the Reaching 100

(R100) programme in 2017 and it was due to finish by the end of 2021.

But earlier this year it emerged the northern part of the rollout, meant to connect 60,000 properties, was four years behind schedule and not due to be completed until 2026.

Now details released under freedom of information reveal the rollout has slipped again to the end of the 2026-27 financial year.

Aberdeenshire West MSP Alexander Burnett said the delay would affect "rural communities most in need of better broadband".

He added: "Many businesses

and residents across my constituency, in line with so many across northern Scotland, have been isolated during the pandemic because of how ineffective R100 has been. The 2027 date would be a catastrophe for the rural economy."

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Paramedic absences on the rise

CALUM ROSS AND
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Mental illness has soared to a new high among Scotland's under-pressure paramedics.

A total of 216 staff absences related to stress, anxiety, depression, or other psychiatric illness, were recorded from January to September this year.

That figure, almost certain to rise further before the end of 2021, is higher than the number of absences in any of the previous five years.

Scottish Labour's health spokeswoman Jackie Baillie described the situation as "deeply worrying, especially with the service under extreme pressure".

The Scottish Ambulance Service has been in turmoil recently with patients often waiting for hours for help.

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Craig Watch Wind Farm Proposal

We would like to take this opportunity to let you know more about us, our proposal for Craig Watch Wind Farm, and the potential economic benefits it could bring.



We are bringing forward proposals for Craig Watch Wind Farm, located approximately 8km southeast of Dufftown. In line with Scottish Government advice in relation to Covid-19, we are holding an online consultation as well as online chat sessions, where you can find out more and help shape and inform the proposal.

About Us

Statkraft is Europe's largest generator of renewable energy, with origins going back 125 years in Norwegian hydro power. Our Scottish headquarters are in Glasgow and we have 4,000 employees across 17 countries.

Craig Watch Wind Farm Proposal

Project Summary

Community engagement is very important to us.

We would like to invite you to our online consultation. We are committed to listening to communities to help shape and inform our proposals.

**Online consultation:
5 March – 31 March 2021**

www.craigwatch.co.uk

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Up to 16 wind turbines proposed

£5,000

Per MW installed per year for a Community Fund
As recommended by Scottish Government



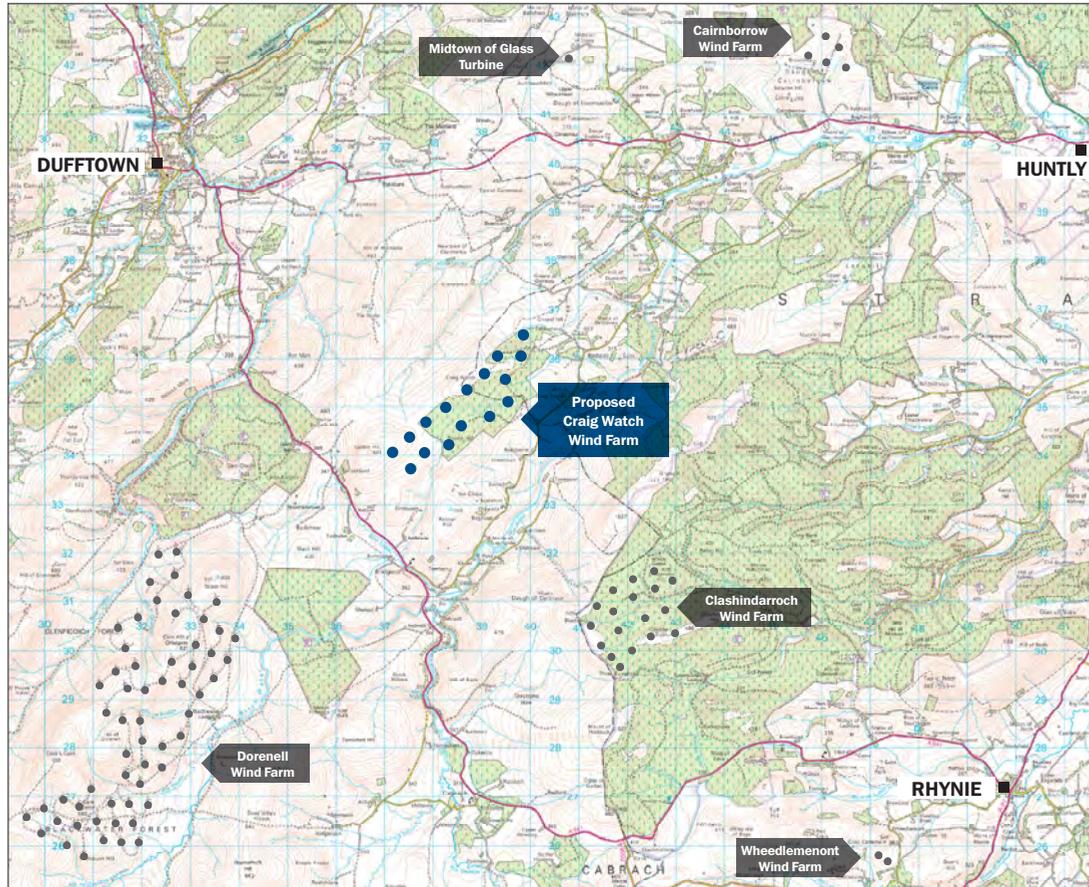
A maximum height of 200m to blade tip



Exciting new opportunity to talk about shared ownership and local suppliers



Potential for improved broadband provision



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Our consultation is being held online due to COVID19 restrictions in place.

Ask questions, provide feedback or book a phone call.

Join live chat sessions with the project team on the website:

15 March 2pm – 4pm
24 March 4pm – 6pm

View our online consultation by visiting:

www.craigwatch.co.uk

Meet the Project Team:



Jess, Project Developer



John, Project Manager

We would like to hear your suggestions on how our project can bring benefits to the area – from community funding to improved access to broadband. Please visit our online consultation to find out more.

You can find out more about our projects and the way we work at www.statkraft.co.uk

We're innovative and community focused

Statkraft is dedicated to engaging with communities and finding different ways to bring positive benefits.

We want to talk to you about how our project can bring new investment to your community. We are open to your ideas.

Community Benefit Fund

We are committed to a Community Benefit Fund that delivers, £5,000 per MW installed per year as per Scottish Government recommendations. If consented, the project will generate £363,000* per year for local groups and initiatives.

*Based on 72.6MW of installed capacity. If consented, value of fund determined by actual installed capacity.

Shared Ownership

We are open to offering Shared Ownership on our projects, if there is local interest. We are keen to hear your views on enabling the community to have a financial share in the project.

Meet the Project Team:



Jess Antas,
Project Developer

John Wallace,
Project Manager

Improved Broadband

Join our online exhibition to tell us more about the broadband service in your area and to hear about our broadband feasibility study.

Local supply chain

We want to work with local businesses to deliver our projects. Visit our project website to find out how local businesses can register their interest.



Please return the freepost reply card provided.



www.craigwatch.co.uk



Come and meet us at the Dufftown or Glass drop-in sessions.



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Invitation to Public Exhibition: 4 – 26 November 2021

Craig Watch Wind Farm Proposal

We first announced our interest in developing a wind farm at this site in November 2020. In March this year we exhibited the project at its early stages, and since then we have refined the design and invite you to view our plans before they are submitted to the Scottish Government next year.

A VARIETY OF WAYS TO FIND OUT MORE:



3 week
ONLINE EXHIBITION



2 local
DROP IN SESSIONS



2 online
LIVE CHAT SESSIONS



Berry Burn Wind Farm, Moray, 29 turbines, 100m tip height.

Covid-19 restrictions have eased and we look forward to hosting local in person drop-in sessions. To help manage the event safely, we request that those wishing to attend register in advance. Find out more inside.

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Craig Watch Wind Farm Proposal

Project Summary

Community engagement is very important to us.

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Since our March 2021 exhibition, we have listened to feedback to shape the development. The number of turbines has reduced from 16 to 11, removing the most visually prominent turbines and protecting peatland habitats.

Find out more and let us know your views. Visit our:

11

Up to 11 wind turbines proposed (reduced from 16)

£363k

£363k per year for a Community Fund*



Maximum blade tip height:

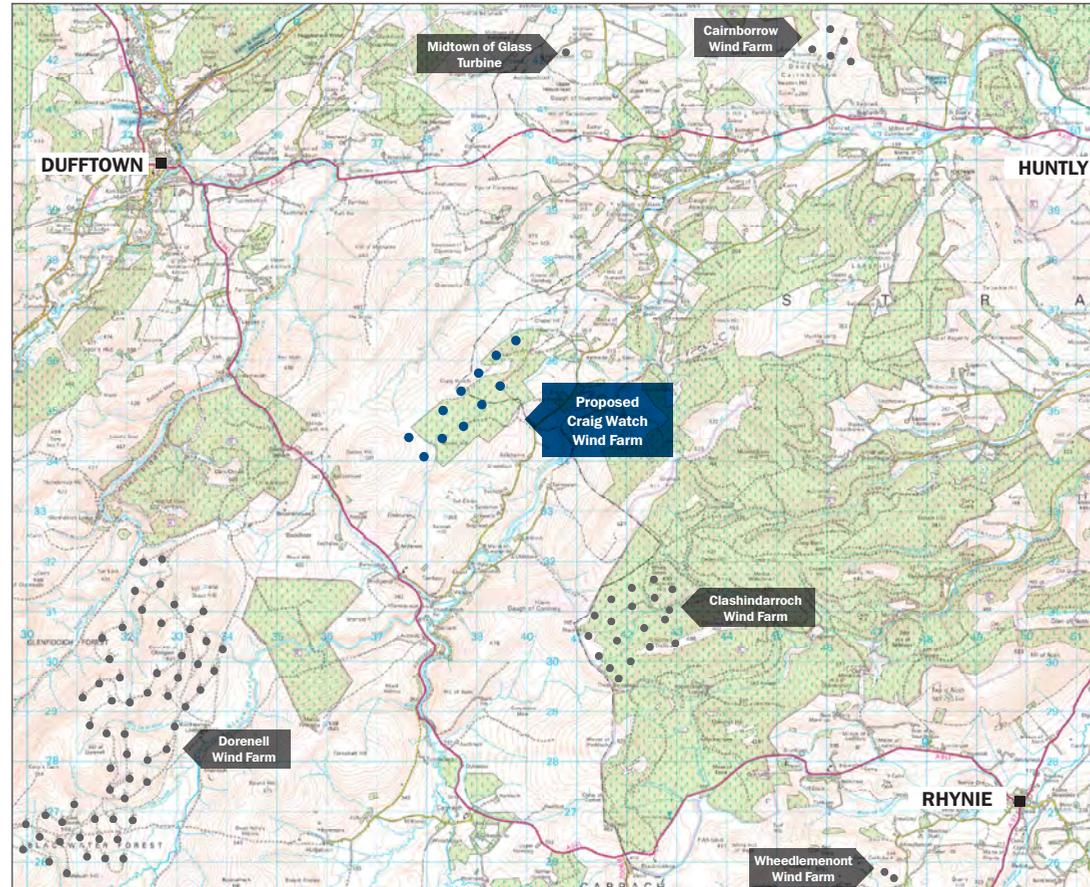
200m



Exciting opportunity to talk about shared ownership and local suppliers



Explore the potential for improved broadband provision



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Book an appointment at a drop in session. You will be able to speak with members of the Project Team and to see how the proposal may look from your property or local view point. We look forward to meeting you.

3 week
ONLINE EXHIBITION



4 - 26 November

2 local
DROP IN SESSIONS



16 November: 2pm – 6pm
Mortlach Memorial Hall, Dufftown

17 November: 3pm – 7pm
Glass Village Hall, Glass

To manage Covid-19 please register your attendance:
www.craigwatch.co.uk
or call 0800 772 0668

2 online
LIVE CHAT SESSIONS



11 November: 5pm – 7pm
25 November: 4pm – 6pm

* Based on 72.6MW of installed capacity.

APPENDIX 10A
MARCH 2021 PUBLIC EXHIBITION BROCHURE



CRAIG WATCH WIND FARM

Spring 2021



Baillie Wind Farm, Caithness. 110m tip height

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This consultation is designed to share our early stage plans for Craig Watch Wind Farm.

About Statkraft

- The largest generator of renewable energy in Europe
- A state owned utility, with origins in Norwegian hydropower 125 years ago
- 4,000 employees in 17 countries, all working towards our low carbon future
- Leader in electric vehicle infrastructure



Berry Burn Wind Farm, Moray. 100m tip height



Statkraft in the UK

- Operating in the UK since 2006
- Glasgow office opened in 2019
- Distributed over £2 million to communities near operating wind farms
- Operational portfolio includes four wind farms, one hydro plant
- Two wind farms in Dumfries & Galloway in construction
- Recent expansion into solar development and electric vehicle charging points
- Contracted by National Grid ESO to increase the amount of renewables on the Grid, through our Greener Grid Parks, the first in construction in Keith.



Baillie Wind Farm, Caithness. 110m tip height

About Craig Watch Wind Farm

We believe this is an excellent site to contribute to Scotland's ambitions of reaching net zero emissions by 2045

Key Facts:

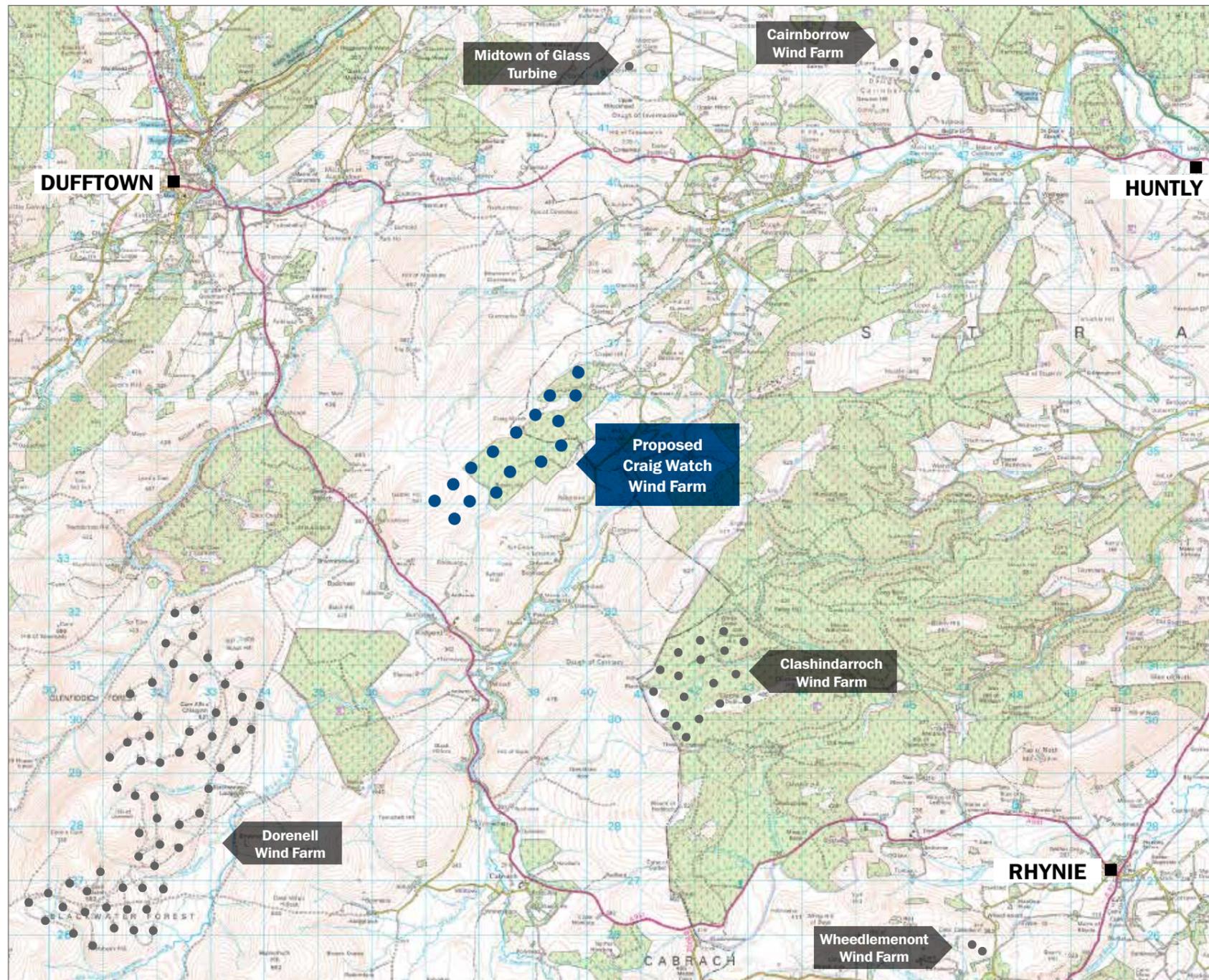
16 Up to 16 wind turbines proposed

 A maximum height of 200m to blade tip

 Opportunities to discuss shared ownership, local suppliers and broadband benefits

£5,000 Per MW installed per year* for a Community Fund

*in line with Scottish Government's Good Practice Principles



Proposed Craig Watch Wind Farm

About Craig Watch Wind Farm

Why this site?

Desktop analysis of the site shows **good wind speeds**.

Approximately **8km to the nearest town** (Dufftown)

Suitable access for delivery of turbine components

Contributing towards Scotland's commitment of **net-zero emissions by 2045**



	No. of Turbines	Max Blade Tip Heights	Expected Installed Capacity (MW)	Estimated Generation	Community Fund (per year)
Craig Watch	Up to 16	Up to 200m	Over 50	Approximately 4,500 homes per turbine ⁽¹⁾	£250,000 per year ⁽²⁾

(1) Based on available wind speed data for the site and 2018 Scottish average household consumption of 3,910 kWh pa.

(2) Based on 50MW installed capacity and £5,000 per MW installed

Throughout the process Statkraft continuously engages with the local community and stakeholders about the emerging proposals.

1. SITE SELECTION	2. PRE-PLANNING	3. SUBMIT APPLICATION & AWAIT DECISION	4. CONSTRUCTION	5. OPERATION	6. DECOMMISSION
<p>(12 months)</p> <p>Extensive research to identify suitable sites: positive indicators include good wind speed and minimal environmental and technical constraints.</p> <p>No public engagement is carried out during this time because the site may not pass the criteria required for being suitable for development.</p> 	<p>(6 to 12 months)</p> <p>We request the view of the Scottish Government and Aberdeenshire and Moray Councils on the level of study required (known as “Scoping”). Scoping is sent to local and neighbouring Community Councils and consultees such as NatureScot, SEPA and Historic Environment Scotland.</p> <p>At this stage, it is expected that our initial proposals will evolve, taking information from studies and engagement with the public and statutory consultees. We will continue to follow all Scottish Government advice in relation to Covid-19 and focus our engagement online.</p> 	<p>(12 months)</p> <p>An application is submitted to the Scottish Government, accompanied by a comprehensive Environmental Report showing the results of all studies undertaken. This is publicly available information and will be available on the project website.</p> <p>Interested parties and statutory consultees such as Aberdeenshire and Moray Councils can formally comment on the application.</p> 	<p>(12 to 18 months)</p> <p>If Craig Watch is approved, construction begins at least one year after consent.</p> <p>Construction typically takes 12-18 months and planning conditions are used to manage elements of construction.</p> 	<p>(25+ years)</p> <p>The turbines are managed from a regionally based maintenance team, and operations are controlled by detailed planning conditions.</p> <p>We are committed to community benefit and shared ownership opportunities. A community fund is active throughout the lifetime of the project for worthwhile community initiatives.</p> 	<p>(12 months)</p> <p>At the end of the planning period, turbines are removed. Financial security (e.g guarantees/bank bonds) to cover the full cost of reinstating the land would be put in place before construction starts.</p> 

As developers, our challenge is to find the right balance between maximising the electricity output of a site and carefully siting and designing the proposal to relate to the existing landscape, including other wind developments.

Our studies will include a detailed assessment of the project within a 45km study area, to include the proposed development on its own, as well as in the context of existing, consented and proposed wind farm developments.

These studies will pay particular regard to:

- Effects on the landscape character of the immediate area, as well as the character of the wider area.
- Effects on the special qualities of landscape designations such as the Ben Rinnes Special Landscape Area.
- The amenity of residential properties near to the Site in Glen Deveron.
- The design in relation to Clashindarroch, Dorenell and other proposed wind farms in the area.
- Effects associated with possible turbine lighting.



The project is at an early design stage, so there are no predicted views to share at this time.

Images showing predicted views will be produced when the proposed layout takes shape, and shared during another consultation event later this year.

These will also be available to view within the planning documents when it is submitted.

We are currently in the process of agreeing the locations of the viewpoints with NatureScot, Moray Council and Aberdeenshire Council to ensure the most suitable locations are selected.

The process of gathering good environmental data on a site is vital to designing a good wind farm, including turbine locations, access roads and other infrastructure. This is carried out by a team of specialist environmental and technical consultants.

This data is incorporated into an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR), which will be publicly available.

As part of designing this wind farm, advice and guidance has been sought from a range of regulatory and voluntary bodies including, but not limited to:

**Moray Council and Aberdeenshire Council,
NatureScot,
Scottish Environment Protection Agency,
Transport Scotland,
Historic Environment Scotland.**



The results and findings will be detailed in the EIAR which is made public when we submit our application for consent. The EIAR will include the following topics:

- Landscape and Visual Amenity
- Ecology
- Ornithology
- Noise and Vibration
- Hydrology, Hydrogeology and Geology (including peat)
- Cultural Heritage
- Traffic, Transport and Access
- Socioeconomics
- Aviation and Telecommunications
- Forestry
- Shadow Flicker
- Climate

The following topics are key considerations in the evolution of the Site's design:



Ecology & Ornithology



- Extensive surveys have been completed, including for habitats, birds, protected mammals and fisheries. All surveys have been undertaken in accordance with current NatureScot guidelines and survey results have been used to inform the on-going wind farm design process.
- The potential for impacts on breeding common gulls, which are a protected feature of the Tips of Corsemaul and Tom Mor Special Protection Area (SPA) and Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) designations, is a key influence on project design and will be fully considered in the impact assessment process.
- Black grouse have been established to be present in the area and the project design will safeguard this species' 'lekking' (display) grounds.
- The design of the project will seek to minimise the risk of bat collisions, by including buffers around woodland and watercourses
- The site is dominated by plantation woodland, but notable habitats on the periphery include blanket bog, wet heath and dry heath. The final design will seek to avoid and enhance sensitive habitats, as far as possible.

Cultural Heritage



- An Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Assessment will be undertaken to understand the potential impacts of the Proposed Development.
- This includes any archaeological remains which survive, or may survive, within the Site.
- The setting of heritage assets within the wider landscape will also be assessed, considering how turbines might affect the way in which monuments are understood, appreciated and experienced. Particular attention will be given to the Scheduled Monuments at Auchindoun Castle and the Tap o'Noth Fort. The Craig Dorney Fort is not designated but is also a key consideration in our design process.

Noise



- A noise assessment will be undertaken for the Proposed Development in line with Government guidance.
- Background noise monitoring will be carried out at a number of representative properties surrounding the Site to determine existing noise levels.
- The background noise levels will be used to determine noise limits that the Proposed Development would have to operate within.
- The noise assessment will also take into account other wind farms in the area.

We would like our wind farms to be considered a local asset and want to talk with you about how we can bring new investment to your community.



Windy Rig Wind Farm, Dumfries & Galloway.

“It’s great to see Statkraft engaging with the local business community in the region. We congratulate Statkraft for keeping as much work ‘local’ as possible.”

Lee Medd, Dumfries & Galloway Chamber of Commerce

Community Benefit Fund

Our turbines will generate community funding of £5,000 per MW installed. Based on a 50MW installed capacity, this equates to £250,000 per year, or £7.5 million over the project lifetime.

Community Ownership

Progress the opportunity for local groups to have a financial interest in our project, with the support of organisations such as [Local Energy Scotland](#).

Local Suppliers

Work with local business groups to increase awareness of the work opportunities for local suppliers in construction and operations.

Education & Enterprise

We welcome ideas on how our project can support local education and employment opportunities, and boost local businesses.

Wireless Broadband

Investing in feasibility studies to identify potential for improved connection, and supporting communities developing their own broadband initiatives.

We are always exploring ways in which we can provide positive benefits to local communities near our projects.

We are often asked by people if we can help deliver faster broadband, or even get them connected in the first place.

With this in mind, we have commissioned a feasibility study to investigate the potential at Craig Watch.

The Broadband Feasibility Study explores the potential for using the infrastructure of our project to deliver **super fast broadband**.



FEASIBILITY

We require a **reliable broadband service** to operate our wind turbines, and the study explores the **potential for improving local infrastructure** as the wind farm is connected.

FIBRE & FIXED WIRELESS

Fibre is the optimal connection, but **fixed wireless broadband also offers opportunities** to connect some locations that can be difficult or costly to reach.

A BENEFIT

Potential to provide **improved internet connection for commercial and residential properties**. This could be **partially or fully funded by the community benefit fund** associated with our project.

NEXT STEPS

We would like to continue a conversation with you on the findings of the feasibility study. **Please contact us, and register on the website for updates.**

Your Views are Important to Us

We hope to submit an application in late 2021, when all application documents will be publicly available.

We welcome your comments and feedback -

Please register your comments by completing a feedback form. In order for us to take your view into account, **please comment by 31 March 2021.**

Comments made to Statkraft are not representations to the consenting authority. If an application is submitted, there will be an opportunity to make representations on that application to the consenting authority. Please note all comments should be received no later than 31 March 2021.

We would like to keep you updated as our plans progress:

Please complete the feedback form.



Register for updates:
www.craigwatch.co.uk



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Berry Burn Wind Farm, Moray. 100m tip height

**APPENDIX 10B
NOVEMBER 2021 PUBLIC EXHIBITION BROCHURE**



CRAIG WATCH WIND FARM

November 2021



Berry Burn Wind Farm, Moray. 100m tip height

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This brochure is designed to bring you up to date on the progress of the proposed Craig Watch Wind Farm, before we make an application to the Scottish Government.
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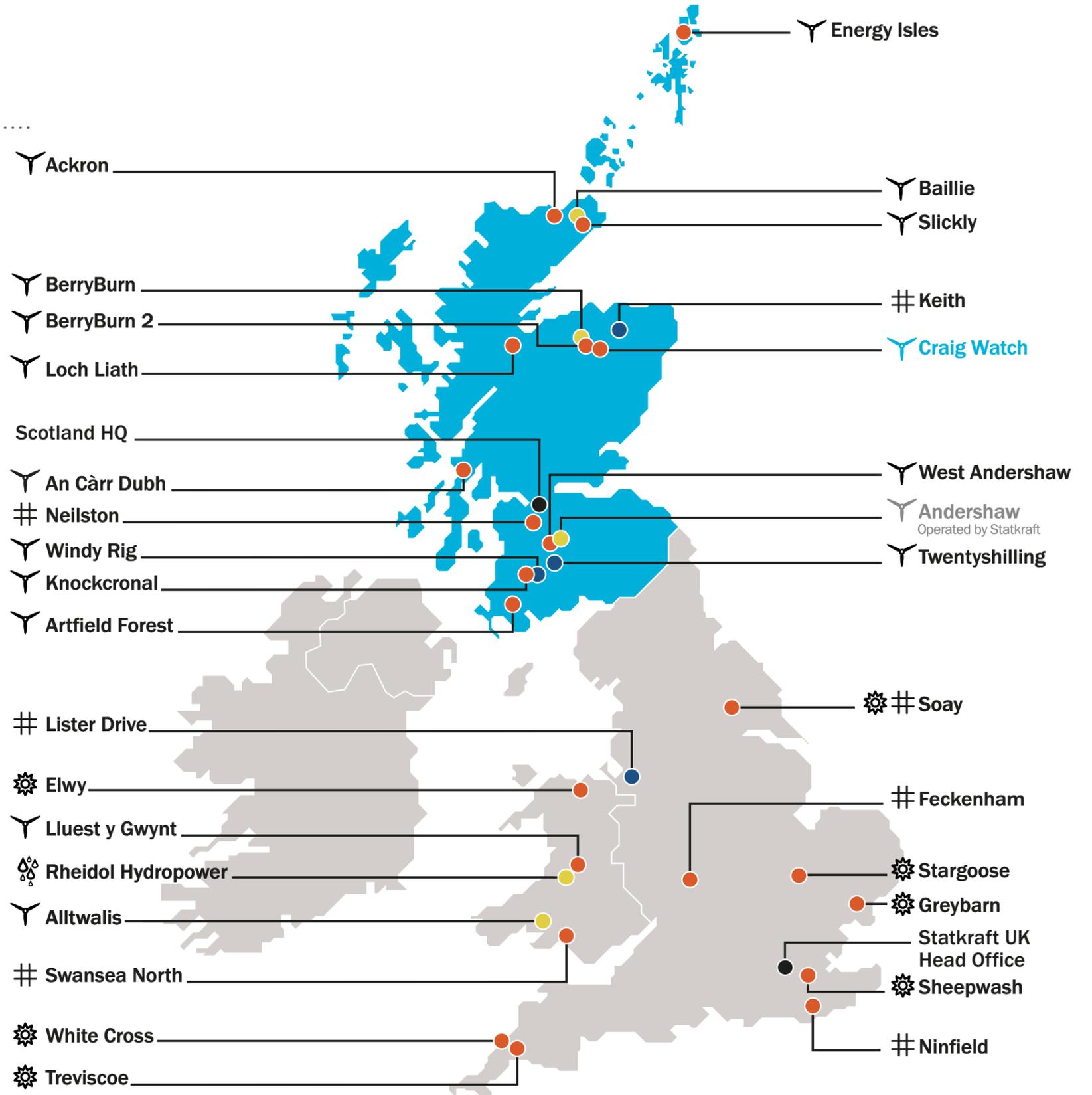
Alltwalis Wind Farm, Carmarthen, South Wales. 10 turbines, 110m tip height



Statkraft in the UK

- Scottish Head Office in Glasgow
- Operational portfolio includes three wind farms, one hydro plant
- Two wind farms in Dumfries & Galloway in construction
- Recent expansion into solar development and electric vehicle charging points
- Over 700MW in development
- Delivering grid stability services for National Grid in Moray and Liverpool

- Operational
- Construction
- Development
- Offices
- ⌋ Wind
- ⌘ Greener Grid Park™
- ⌋ Hydro
- ⊛ Solar



About Craig Watch Wind Farm

We believe this is an excellent site to contribute to Scotland's ambitions of reaching net zero emissions by 2045

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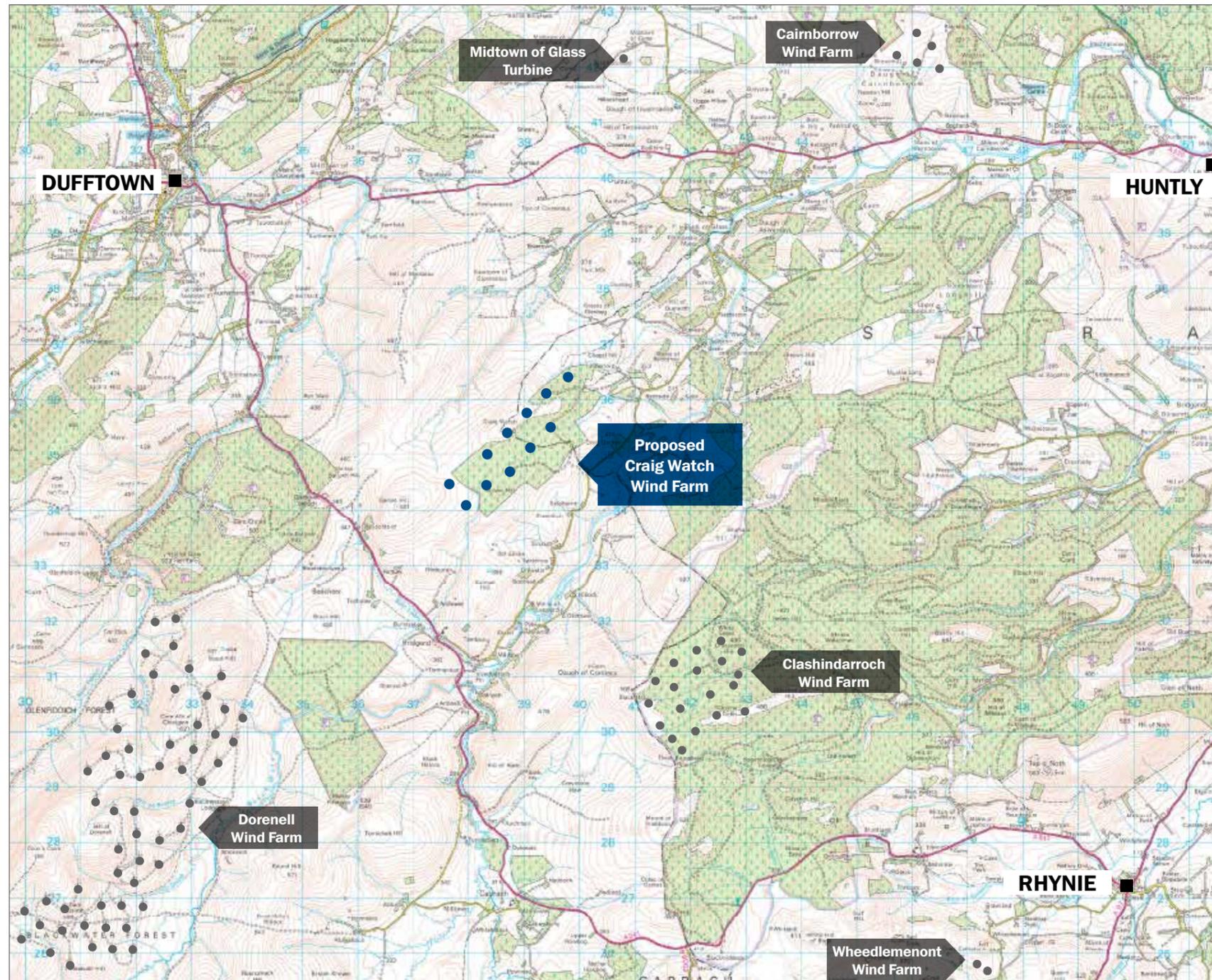
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A maximum height of 200m to blade tip

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£363k per year for a Community Fund*



Proposed Craig Watch Wind Farm

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About Craig Watch Wind Farm

Why this site?

Desktop analysis of the site shows **good wind speeds**.

Suitable access for delivery of turbine components

Contributing towards Scotland's commitment of **net-zero emissions by 2045**

No nationally or internationally designated sites within the proposed development area



	No. of Turbines	Max Blade Tip Heights	Expected Installed Capacity (MW)	Estimated Generation	Community Fund (per year)
Craig Watch	Up to 11	Up to 200m	72.6 <small>(section 36 planning application)</small>	Approximately 86,000 ⁽¹⁾	£363,000 <small>per year ⁽²⁾</small>

(1) Based on best available wind speed data, and Scottish average household consumption of 3,393 kWh pa.

(2) Based on 72.6MW installed capacity and £5,000 per MW installed. If consented, value of fund determined by actual installed capacity.

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The process of gathering robust environmental data is vital to designing a wind farm which balances technical, environmental and commercial considerations. Surveys and assessments are undertaken by a team of specialist consultants to identify, assess and present any significant environmental effects of the proposed development and allow us to avoid, or minimise effects.

The results and findings are incorporated into an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIA) and will be publicly available following submission of our application.

The EIA will consider the following topics:

- Landscape and Visual Amenity
- Ecology and Ornithology
- Hydrology and Peat
- Cultural Heritage
- Noise
- Traffic and Transport
- Socio-economics
- Climate Change



As developers, our challenge is to find the right balance between maximising the electricity output of a site and carefully siting and designing the proposal to relate to the existing landscape, including other wind developments.

Our studies have included a detailed assessment of the project within a 45km study area, to include the proposed development on its own, as well as in the context of existing, consented and proposed wind farm developments.

We pay particular regard to:

- Effects on the landscape character of the immediate area, as well as the character of the wider area
- Effects on the special qualities of landscape designations such as the Ben Rinnes Special Landscape Area.
- The amenity of residential properties near to the Site in Glen Deveron.
- The design in relation to Clashindarroch, Dorenell and other proposed wind farms in the area.
- Effects associated with possible turbine lighting.



Please visit our [Predicted Views booklet](#) to see predicted views from several locations.

Viewpoint 1: Minor Road, Deveron Valley

As the EIA progresses, landscape and visual considerations have influenced the design of the proposed wind farm.

This has resulted in a number of changes which seek to reduce the landscape and visual effects. Since the previous public exhibition, five turbines have been removed, and five turbines have been re-sited particularly in response to potential effects on:

- Views from the A941 and A920;
- Views from Dufftown;
- Views from the Hill of Talanmouth and Glen Deveron; and
- Views from Auchindoun Castle.

These design changes considered effects on the visual amenity of properties within 3 km of the Site.

Borrow pits and access tracks have also been a key consideration. The aim is to design these in a sensitive manner to ensure that impacts are as low as practicable.

The photomontages will show how the proposal would look from a number of locations. These viewpoints have been agreed with NatureScot, Moray Council and Aberdeenshire Council to ensure that the most suitable locations are selected.

Viewpoint 16: A941 near The Grouse Inn Public House



Please visit our [Predicted Views booklet](#) to see predicted views from several locations.

The following topics are key considerations in the evolution of the Site's design:

Ornithology



- Extensive ornithological surveys have been completed in accordance with current NatureScot guidelines. These have influenced wind farm design process and will be available to view within the planning documents.
- Black grouse have been established to be present in the area and the project design will safeguard this species' 'lekking' (display) grounds.
- A key consideration has been on potential for impacts on breeding common gulls, which are a protected feature of the Tips of Corsemaul and Tom Mor Special Protection Area (SPA) and Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). The design has been amended to consider foraging locations of the common gull, and grassland management focussed at Kelman Hill to support the common gull population.

Ecology



- Extensive surveys have been completed, including for habitats, protected mammals and fisheries. All surveys have been undertaken in accordance with current NatureScot guidelines.
- Bats have been carefully considered and the design includes buffers around woodland, watercourses and around turbines in 'key-holed' areas.
- The dominant habitat type on-site is plantation woodland, but notable habitats on the periphery include blanket bog, wet heath and dry heath.
- Through the design process, the turbines have been amended from the original proposed layout to avoid sensitive habitats, as far as possible. Some of the factors influencing the final design include potential bat roosts, Annex 1 Habitats, water voles, groundwater-fed wetland habitat, the River Spey special area of conservation (SAC), and locations of watercourses.
- A Habitat Management Plan (HMP) would be implemented and would look to improve upon the existing habitats, restoring those in a deteriorated condition to improve biodiversity.

Forestry



- Trees and turbines both play an important role in the fight against climate change, and trees located on wind farm sites are carefully managed and monitored via planning conditions throughout the operational period. In Scotland, the Government requirement to replant any woodland loss resulting from developments came into force in 2009.
- Much of the site consists of semi-mature coniferous plantation woodland which is planned for felling and replanting in accordance with today's forestry standards. The felling for this development would become integral with the long-term plans for these forests as they continue to grow, be felled and be replanted in the normal sustainable forest cycle.
- The wind farm would require the felling of approximately 52 hectares of forest. Compensatory planting would, as a minimum, match the area of woodland removed and meet Scottish Forestry standards, and will include a more diverse age and range of species, including native broadleaved trees and providing an increase in open space.

Peat



- Detailed peat surveys have added to our understanding of peat depths on-site, which has informed the layout of the wind farm. A key objective is to avoid areas of deeper peat and where this is not possible, to mitigate impacts. Through two phases of on-site peat surveys, one turbine was identified to be situated in deeper peat. As a result, this turbine and associated infrastructure has been relocated to areas of shallower/no peat. The layout shown at our consultation in March 2021 has been refined to reduce peat disturbance.
- Additional peat sampling will be undertaken to confirm avoidance of areas of deeper peat.
- Peat habitat restoration and peatland improvement is a key consideration when designing the wind farm. The aim is to use any excavated peat in the restoration of degraded habitats on-site.

Cultural Heritage



- An Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Assessment has been undertaken to consider the potential for impacts upon archaeological remains which exist, or may exist, within the site.
- Where possible, significant impacts have been avoided, and where this is not feasible, appropriate mitigation will be provided as part of the EIA Report, in line with planning policy and best practice.
- Particular attention has been given to the Scheduled Monuments at Auchindoun Castle and the Tap o'Noth Fort and to the non-designated Craig Dorney Fort.
- Cultural Heritage assets have also been considered as part of the Habitat Management Plan. Land north of Kelman Hill was originally proposed as an area for wet grassland management. Following the cultural heritage assessment and site visit, four hut circles were identified and as such, the wind farm design was amended so that there would be no groundbreaking or changes to water levels in this area.
- Additionally, land south of Kelman Hill will be avoided due to the presence of post medieval features.

