

# Slickly Wind Farm – Project Update

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## Thank You for Helping to Shape the Project

The Slickly Wind Farm was first proposed in 2017, and the final plans are with The Highland Council, awaiting decision. From the early stages of the project we have consulted with local communities: we held three rounds of community consultation events at various phases of the project, one in 2018 and two in 2019. We have also been meeting with the Slickly Community Liaison Group, including elected representatives from the four Community Councils that surround the site, Dunnet & Canisbay, Sinclairs Bay, Bower and Castletown.

**This newsletter provides an update on the proposal, and our contact details if you have any questions.**

## Introducing Maya

Hi, I am Maya Hernes, project manager for the Slickly Wind Farm project. I've lived in Scotland since 2013, and studied Environmental Sustainability at the University of Edinburgh.

Over the past year, we have been fine-tuning our plans as a result of helpful feedback from consultees. We are really pleased with the work done on our final submission to The Highland Council and I believe that the proposal is a perfect fit for the location. This is demonstrated by the responses received to our proposal from organisations such as NatureScot (formerly SNH), Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) and Historic Environment Scotland (HES).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people who attended our public exhibitions, the



community councillors and all elected representatives for their engagement with the Statkraft team.

As a company we are committed to investment that will continue to bring benefits for communities and the fight against climate change.

Warm regards,  
**Maya Hernes**  
Project Manager, Slickly

## Project Summary in numbers

**11** TURBINES  
9 up to 149.9m,  
2 up to 135m

**£231k**  
COMMUNITY BENEFIT  
FUND PER YEAR\*

**31,000**  
HOMES POWERED  
EQUIVALENT\*

**1.6m**  
TONNES  
FOSSIL FUELS DISPLACED\*

\* Approximate figure based on 46.2MW total capacity. Any increase in capacity of the proposal (up to 49.9MW). Homes equivalent calculated on average domestic consumption from DUKES 2020. Carbon Savings quoted from Chapter 9 of Slickly SEI Report.

## We would like to keep you informed.

For the latest updates visit the dedicated Slickly page on our website.

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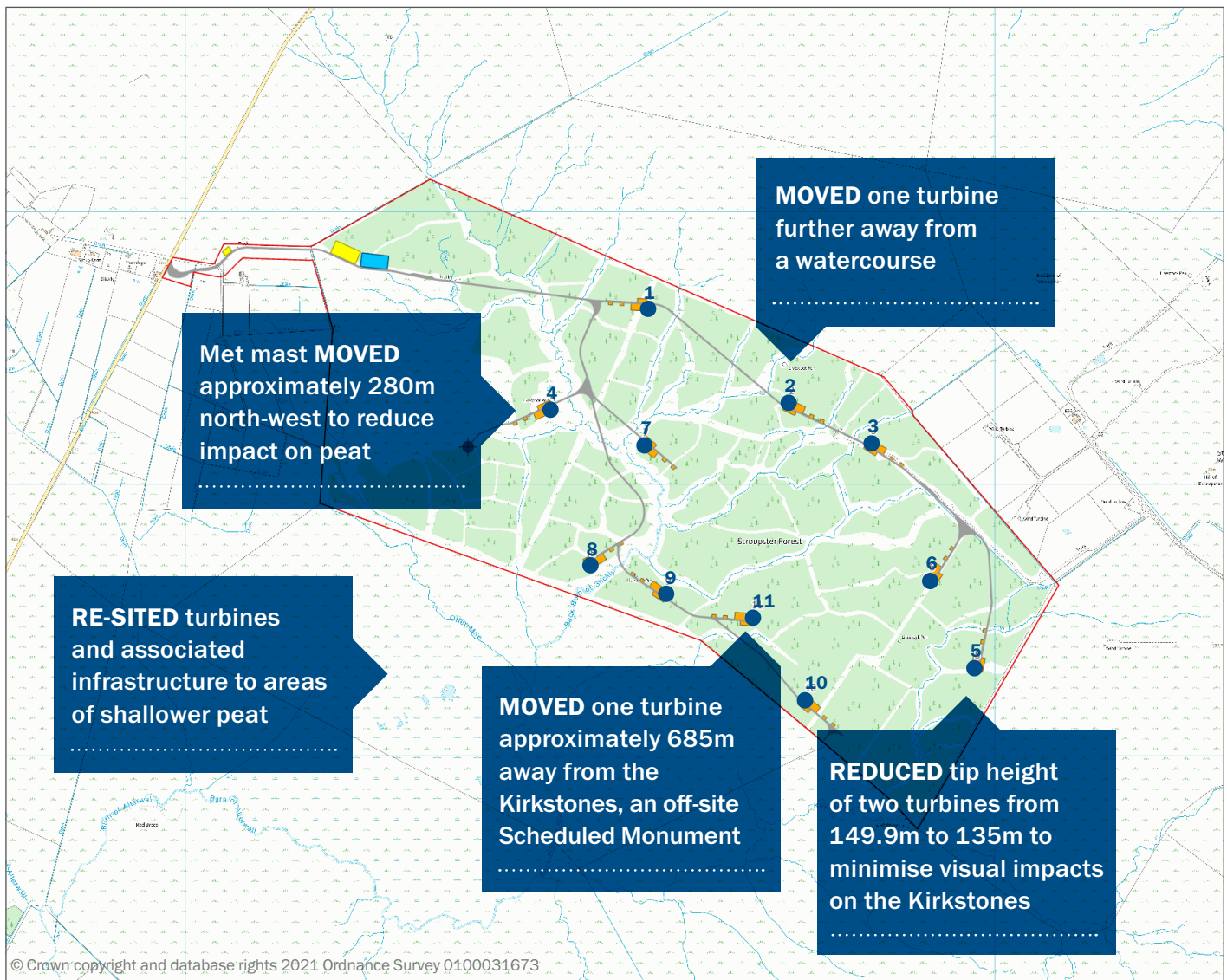
## How the proposal has taken shape

### We submitted our Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) in January 2020.

As a result of close engagement with consultees, we continued to refine and provide further information on certain aspects of the project – particularly with regard to cultural heritage, peat and hydrology. Throughout 2020, the team made improvements to the project by amending the layout and reducing tip heights of two of the turbines.

This resulted in submission of Supplementary Environmental Information (SEI) to The Highland Council.

STATUTORY CONSULTEE	RESPONSE
Historic Environment Scotland	OBJECTION WITHDRAWN
Scottish Environment Protection Agency	OBJECTION WITHDRAWN
NatureScot	NO OBJECTION
Council Environmental Health Officer	NO OBJECTION
Council Flood Risk Management Team	OBJECTION WITHDRAWN



# TACKLING CLIMATE CHANGE

## How is Scotland Doing?

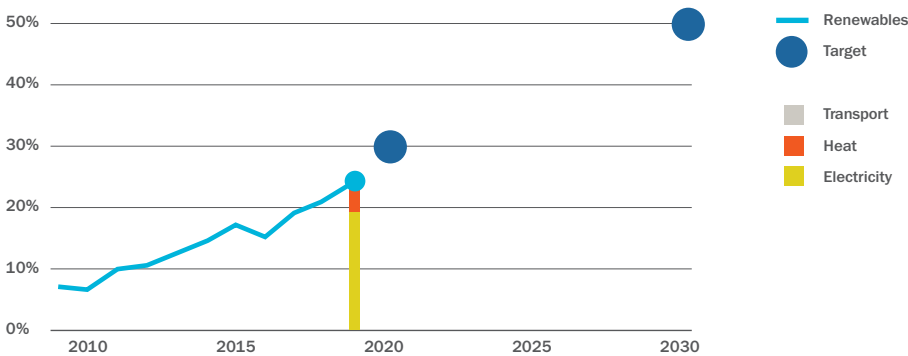
It's great news that last year Scotland reached nearly 100% of its electricity demand from renewable energy. However, that doesn't mean projects like Slickly Wind Farm are no longer necessary. In terms of overall energy consumption, Scotland generated 25% of its needs from renewables. The challenge ahead is to generate more renewable electricity to replace fossil fuels used in transport and domestic heating.

Read more: [www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-51088089](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-51088089)

## SCOTLAND'S SHARE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY (Gross Final Consumption)

Scotland, 2009 - 2019

Source: [Scottish Energy Statistics Hub](#)



## Project Timeline

- 2017**  
→ Project announced
- November 2018**  
→ Four initial consultation events
- September 2019**  
→ Four follow-up consultation events
- November 2019**  
→ Four final local consultation events
- January 2020**  
→ Submit Planning Application accompanied by EIA
- October 2020**  
→ Refining scheme based on consultee feedback  
→ Met Mast Application Approved
- March 2021**  
→ Submit SEI for refined scheme
- June 2021**  
→ Scheduled for Decision by Highland Council
- 2024 (if consented in June 2021)**  
→ Launch local supplier register for Slickly  
→ Construction starts

## BENEFITS

### Broadband

We are proud of our approach in pro-actively investigating the potential for our projects to bring improved access to broadband. Some communities use wind farm funds to enhance their broadband provision, and we think there could be additional benefits in planning to combine this with the construction period. We commissioned a feasibility study from Highlands company Monsternet, and formed a Broadband Working Group to investigate the wireless and fibre options, and are ready to pick up the conversation should the project be consented. We'd like to thank the group for their time and input.

### Shared Ownership

We are always exploring ways in which we can provide positive benefits to local communities near our projects. This includes progressing the opportunity for local groups to have a financial interest in our projects, with the support of organisations such as Local Energy Scotland. Investing offers significant benefits for communities and can support local economic growth.

This opportunity will exist for the Slickly Wind Farm, should it gain consent to build and operate.

## BENEFITS

### Community Benefit Fund

Statkraft is committed to delivering £5,000 per MW installed as per Scottish Government guidance. This project, if approved, would deliver a community benefit fund of approximately £231,000 per year, equating to over £6.9 million over the 30-year life of the wind farm.

We've seen how these funds have brought transformative change to communities near our wind farms. We let the community decide how the funding can be best used to deliver long term benefits for the surrounding area.



Investment from wind farm projects are helping young entrepreneurs achieve their business goals. Northcoast Watersports were granted £5,000 from Caithness Business Fund (Baillie Wind Farm) that enabled them to buy essential equipment to help get their business started.

**"We've been working with Statkraft since before 2013. The best thing about working with Statkraft is the easy, open, communication. They are very reliable, the T&C's are good and we get paid on the button when our invoices go in."**

*Martin Nicolson,  
Managing Director, Blargoans*

Member:



### Register to be a Local Supplier

We are keen to hear from any local business interested in becoming a supplier to Statkraft. We will require a range of services during the construction of the wind farm, full details and how to register can be found here, [projects.statkraft.co.uk/local-suppliers](https://projects.statkraft.co.uk/local-suppliers)

We always aim to be a good neighbour and bring new investment to the community. We talk to business groups such as Highlands and Islands Enterprise and the Caithness Chamber of Commerce to understand how we can maximise the mutual benefits from using local suppliers.

**"The Local Supplier Register is extremely useful. It is my first port of call for any services we require. Approximately 75% of our supplier business to date has come from companies on that register."**

*Gordon Sproat, Site Manager  
for construction of Statkraft's  
Greener Grid Park in Keith, Moray*



Construction at Keith Greener Grid Park