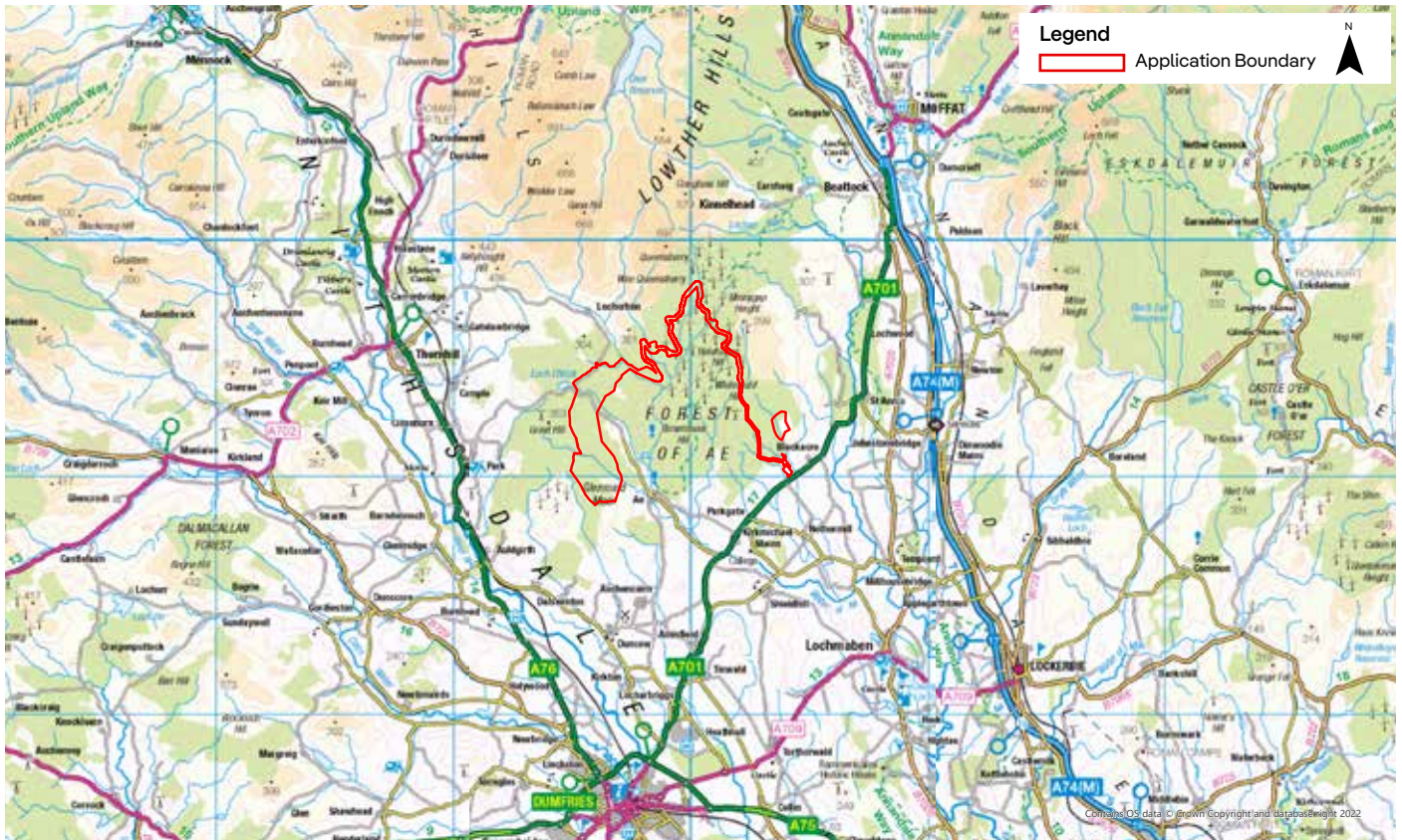


Harestanes West Windfarm Public Consultation Leaflet



Why are we contacting you?

ScottishPower Renewables (SPR) invites you to participate in our public consultation for Harestanes West Windfarm. The proposed Development is to the west of the adjacent operational Harestanes Windfarm and the proposed Harestanes South Windfarm Extension. This project is a result of SPR's partnership with Forestry and Land Scotland (FLS), where SPR have rights to investigate the feasibility of onshore renewables projects within the National Forest Estate in South West Scotland.

The proposed development will consist of up to approximately 12 wind turbines, with a maximum tip height of 220m. The total generating capacity of the turbines is anticipated to be approximately 84 megawatts (MW); enough power to supply more than 47,500 homes.¹

We ensure local communities and stakeholders are given the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposal and are kept informed of project progress.

SPR is keen for you to continue to find out how the project has progressed. To give you the opportunity to ask questions or provide feedback on the proposal, we invite you to our public information events to be held:

Tuesday 10 September 2024

Closeburn Village Hall, Closeburn, Thornhill DG3 5HR
2 – 7pm

Wednesday 11 September 2024

Ae Primary School, Ae Village, Dumfries DG1 1RG
10.30am – 5pm

¹ Scottish Government renewable electricity output calculator <https://www.gov.scot/binaries/content/documents/govscot/publications/statistics/2019/01/energy-in-scotland-online-tools/documents/renewable-electricity-output-calculator/renewable-electricity-output-calculator/govscot%3Adocument/Renewable%2Belectricity%2Boutput%2Bcalculator%2B-%2BScotland.xlsx>

Who are we?

SPR is part of the ScottishPower group of companies operating in the UK under the Iberdrola Group, one of the world's largest integrated utility companies and a world leader in wind energy. ScottishPower only produces 100% green electricity – focusing on wind energy, smart grids and driving the change to a cleaner, electric future. The company is investing every working day to make this happen and is committed to speeding up the transition to cleaner electric transport, improving air quality and, over time, driving down bills to deliver a better future for everyone.

We are at the forefront of the development of the renewables industry through pioneering ideas, forward thinking and outstanding innovation. Our ambitious growth plans include expansion of our existing onshore wind portfolio, investment in new large-scale solar deployment and innovative grid storage systems including batteries.

We are committed to ongoing consultation with the local community in the development of our projects and throughout the development process, to ensure local stakeholders are given the opportunity to provide feedback and are kept informed of project progress.

ScottishPower Renewables in South West Scotland

SPR has been working alongside communities across the UK for nearly two decades. To date, ScottishPower Renewables has awarded over £16 million in community benefit funding to Dumfries and Galloway communities through our existing projects, and over £64 million to communities in the UK as a whole.

As a responsible developer of renewable energy, SPR is keen for the communities surrounding this project to benefit. SPR are working with Forestry and Land Scotland and is seeking local community groups to engage with to develop innovative community benefit options.

With established sites nearby, SPR has a history of working positively with communities within the region. SPR is keen to ensure employment and the business skills required to maximise economic benefits can be delivered locally to ensure those who live near our sites benefit as much as possible.

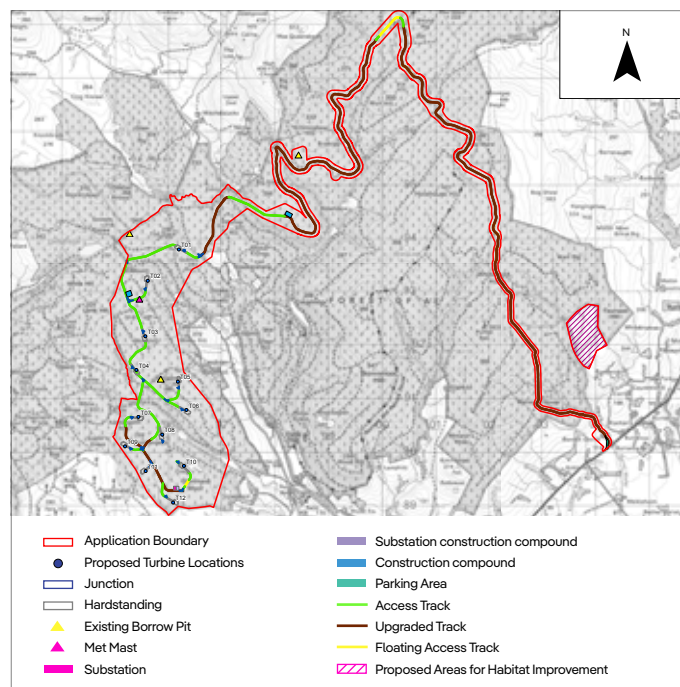
Drivers for renewable energy

The UK government, the Scottish Government and Dumfries and Galloway Council have all declared a “climate emergency” and are committed to ensuring that an increased proportion of electricity is generated from renewable energy sources in order to meet carbon emission targets. The Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Act 2019 introduced a target of net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2045 at the latest. Scotland will also have to reduce emissions by at least 75% by 2030 and 90% by 2040. These are currently the most ambitious statutory targets in the world. Scotland's Climate Change Plan 2018–2032, which sets out the road map for achieving those targets, has set the goal of 50% of Scotland's energy needs to be met by renewable energy by 2030.

Powering your community

SPR is committed to being a responsible developer of renewable energy and strives to be a good neighbour in all areas of its work. We encourage as many people as possible to get involved in and to learn more about our projects, particularly in understanding the local economic and social benefits our developments can create. As we progress with the Harestanes West Windfarm, we will engage with communities, stakeholders and Dumfries and Galloway Council to understand how benefits could be delivered

to best meet the needs of the local area, should the proposed development be consented.



Environmental Impact Assessment and design

An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is being prepared for the proposed development, informed by the consultation responses SPR received from stakeholders during the scoping exercises conducted in 2023 and early 2024. These scoping responses confirmed the environmental aspects to be assessed.

In July 2020 and March 2021, SPR installed two temporary meteorological masts in the southwest of the proposed site to gather data on wind conditions. SPR has been diligently collaborating with our consultants to complete all required environmental surveys. This effort has enabled us to collect essential baseline data for the site, which has been pivotal in informing the EIA and contributing to the design and development of the proposed layout.

Next steps

SPR intends to submit an application to the Scottish Government Energy Consents Unit, which we anticipate will be completed by the end of 2024.

Contact

If you require more information on the proposed Development, have a query or wish to provide feedback, please contact us direct.

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