

Bad Fearn Wind Farm – Update October 2020

In January 2020 Energiekontor UK Ltd submitted a planning application to the Highland Council for a proposed wind energy development on land situated approximately 1.5km north-west of Dunbeath, comprising 8 turbines of 180m height to blade tip. The planning application is currently live and can be viewed on the Highland Council's Online Planning Portal under reference number 20/00180/FUL.

Over the course of 2020 the application has been through consultation whereby statutory consultees such as SNH, SEPA and Historic Environment Scotland, and community groups and the public have an opportunity to comment on the proposals. We received feedback from many interested parties through this process.

As a result of the comments received, we have listened, and we have amended the proposed scheme down to 6 turbines at 149.9m height to blade tip. The site has excellent wind resource and we believe it remains a very good location for a wind farm development which will help contribute towards Scotland's renewable energy goals in this climate emergency. However, having fully considered the comments received we have:

- Deleted the two closest turbines to the village of Dunbeath to reduce amenity impacts;
- Moved one turbine further north to tighten spacing with the rest, reducing lateral spread in some medium to long distance views;
- Lowered the height to blade tip from 180m to 149.9m; and
- Removed the need for bright aviation lighting at night.

If the amended development is consented, it will provide 28.8MW of clean energy and provide up to £144,000 in community benefit per annum for the proposed 35-year lifetime of the development.

The next steps are to prepare further environmental assessment which we intend to re-submit in December 2020. There will be an opportunity to submit formal comments to the Highland Council in January 2021. We appreciate there will be a range of views within any community however we hope that the changes may be sufficient to provoke some (re)consideration of this revised scheme.

Given the current Covid-19 restrictions we have uploaded documents highlighting the changes and some interim visualisations to our dedicated project website. You can find these, and a link to a survey, at the following address.

<https://www.energiekontor.co.uk/our-projects/bad-fearn>

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Project Manager, Craig Potter, at craig.potter@energiekontor.co.uk.

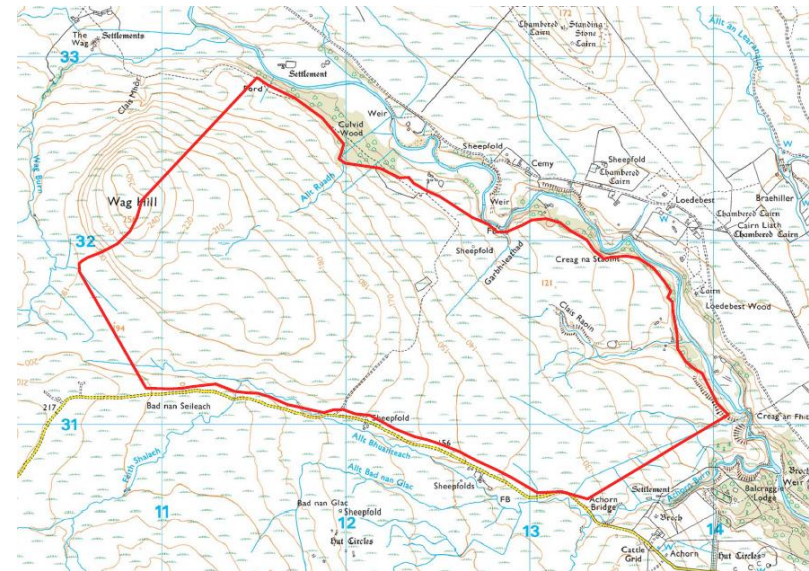
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