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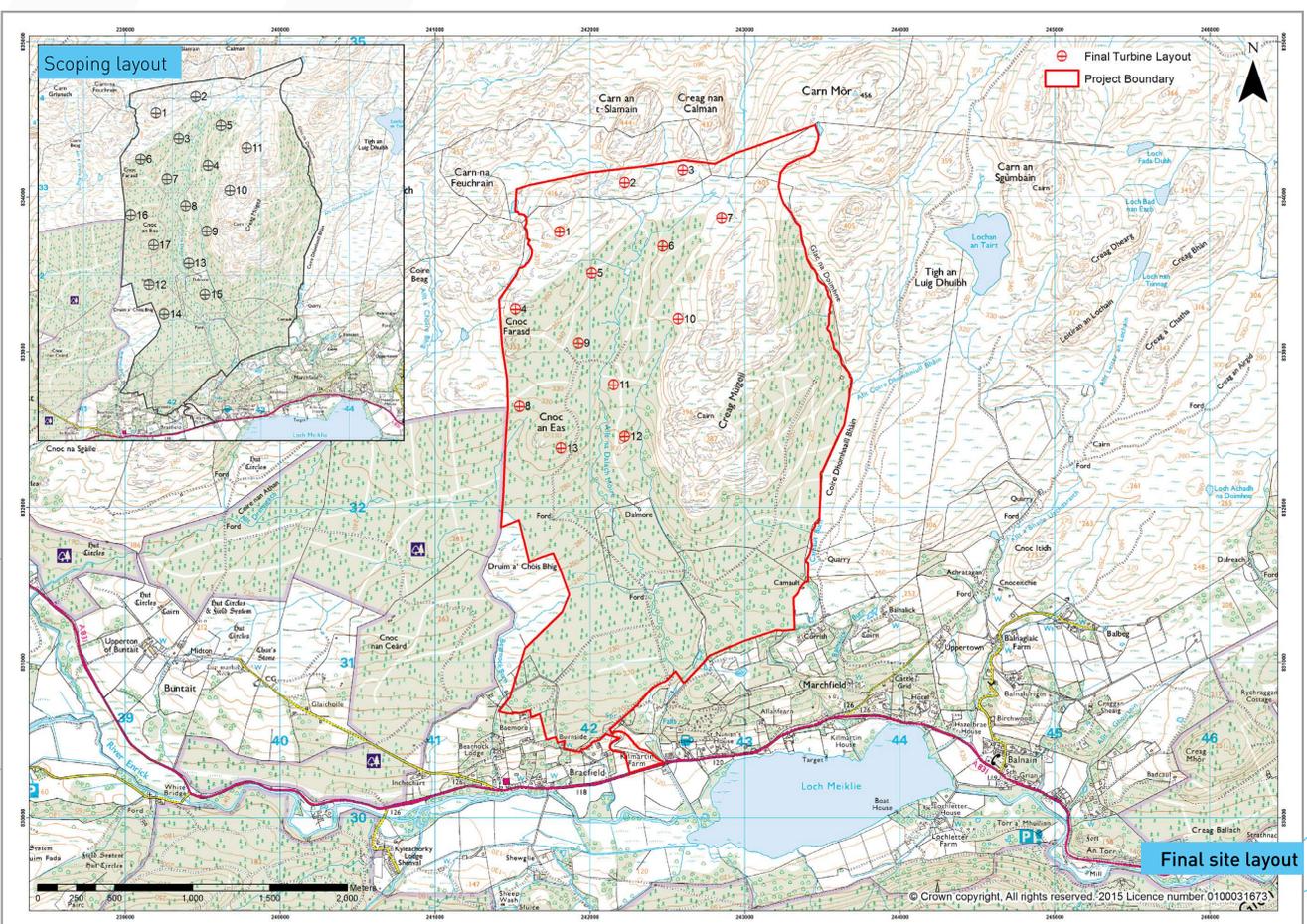
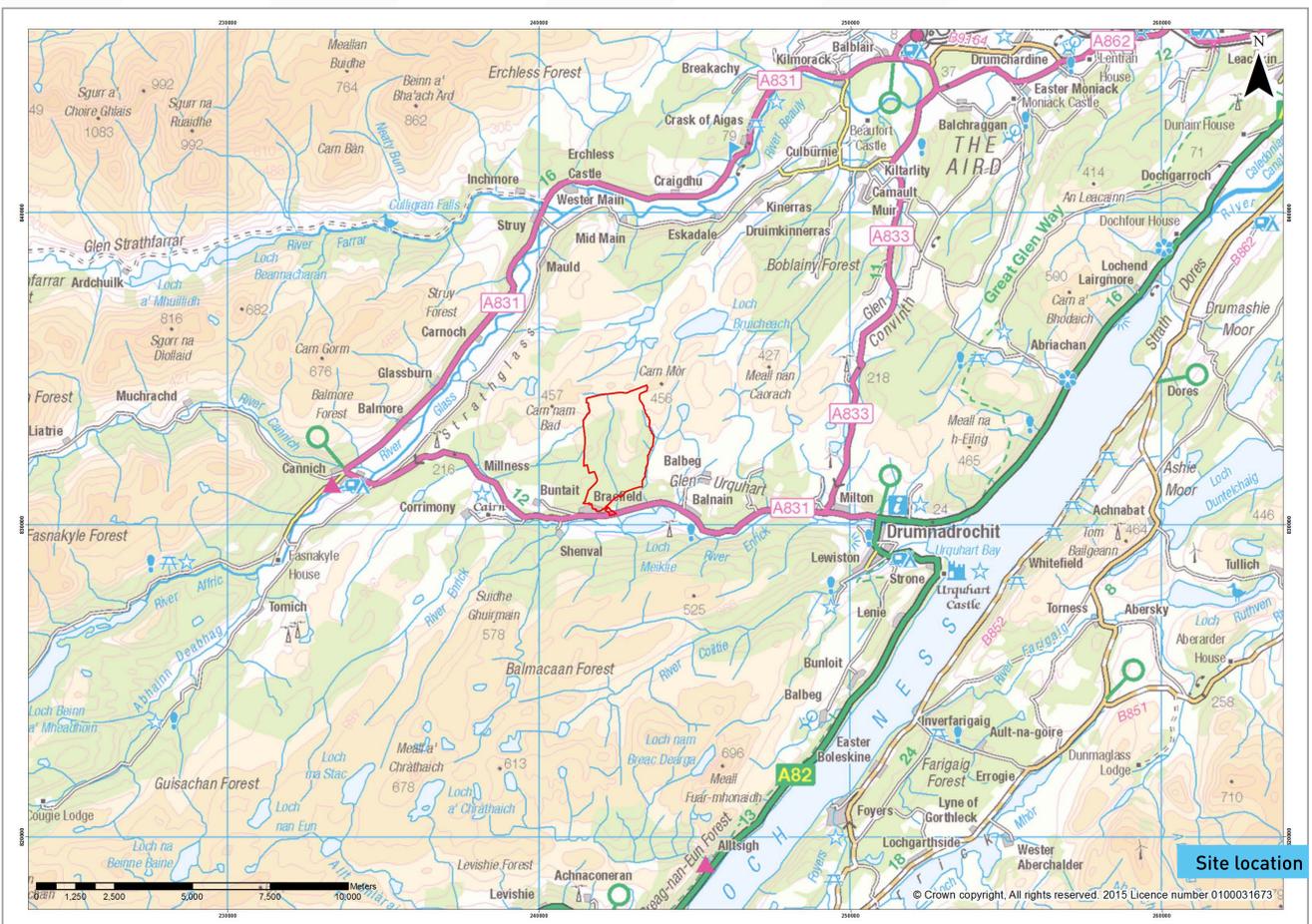
Thank you for taking the time to visit our exhibition today. The purpose of this exhibition is to explain the amendments that we have made to the wind farm design in response to the consultation feedback that we received regarding our initial, 17 turbine design.

This exhibition, which is being presented in four locations in the local communities, sets out the final design of the wind farm for our forthcoming planning application. We expect to submit the planning application in April 2015.

Cnoc an Eas Wind Farm

The design which we scoped with the local authority consisted of 17 turbines (see inset in the second graphic, below). Over the last five months we have listened carefully to the comments made during the first round of public exhibitions, and other discussions held with the local communities, and have made significant changes to our original design. Turbine numbers have been reduced and we have worked hard to refine the site layout in order to address concerns that were raised with us.

The amended design will now consist of 13 turbines which have been positioned further from the settled parts of Glen Urquhart. The installed capacity for the project will be a maximum of 44.2 Mega Watts which means that the planning application will be determined by Highland Council. The site lies within the Aird and Loch Ness Ward of The Highland Council and all of the turbines would be sited within the Glenurquhart Community Council area.



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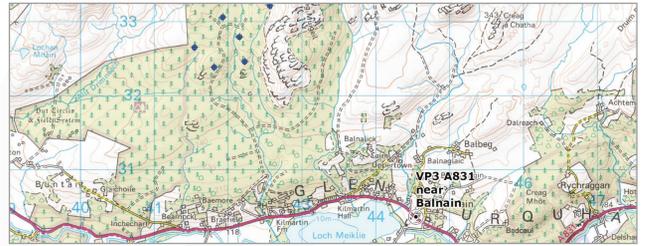


Viewpoint 03: A831 Balnain 17 turbines

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Viewpoint 03: A831 Balnain 13 turbines



Viewpoint location: Balnain

FORCE 9 ENERGY

Force 9 Energy Partners LLP is a privately-owned wind farm developer dedicated to delivering high quality renewable energy projects throughout the UK. We have offices in Glasgow and Amersham in Buckinghamshire.

We are an experienced wind farm developer and are discerning in our choice of potential sites for development. We have successfully taken six wind farm projects through the planning process. Four of these windfarms are now fully operational and another is in the early stages of construction. Our operational and consented projects amount to a total installed capacity of over 200 Mega Watts. We also currently have three developments in the planning system awaiting determination and we continue to seek new opportunities for sustainable development.

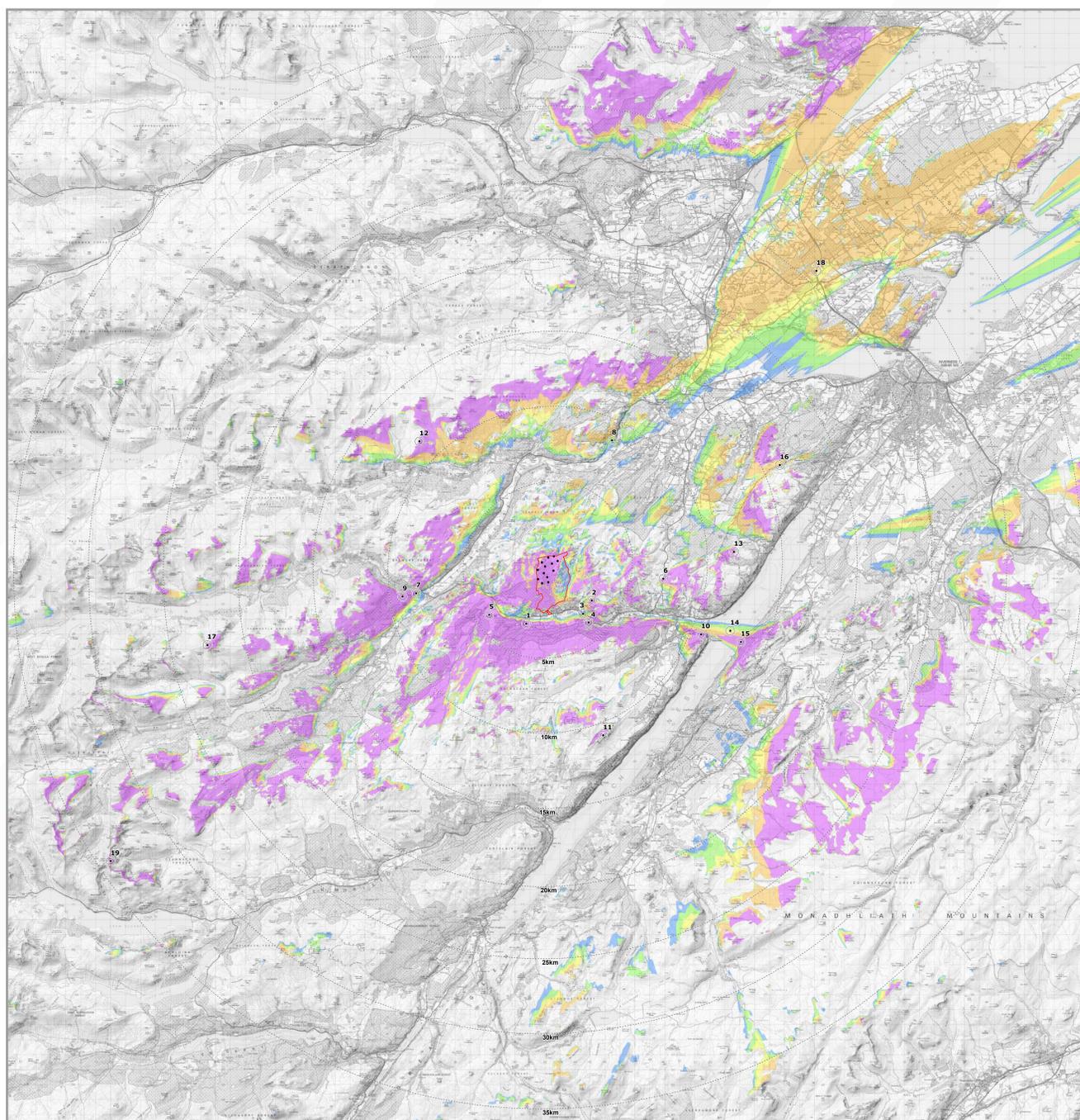
On the Cnoc an Eas project we are working in partnership with EDF Energy Renewables ('EDF-ER') which is part of the international EDF Group. EDF ER's sole focus is upon the development, acquisition and operation of renewable energy projects in the UK, both on and offshore. By the end of 2014 EDF ER had over 550MW of installed renewable capacity across its operational wind farms in the UK, enough to power nearly 312,000 homes.¹

Force 9 Energy will continue to manage the Cnoc an Eas project throughout the development and planning process. Should the project receive planning permission EDF-ER would then build and operate the wind farm.

¹ www.edf-er.com



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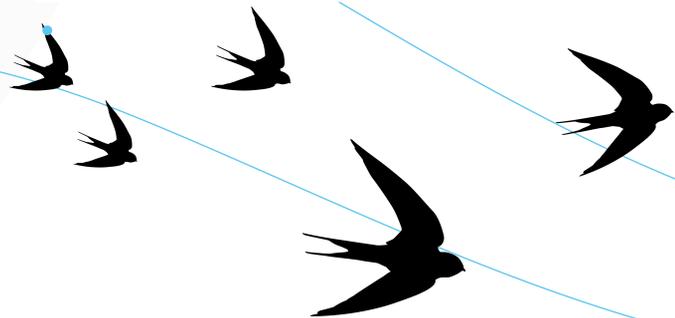
Zone of Theoretical Visibility Map showing viewpoint locations.

ASSESSING POTENTIAL IMPACTS

We will submit an Environmental Statement with our planning application. The Environmental Statement will report on the findings of a comprehensive Environmental Impact Assessment ('EIA'). The EIA will consider the potential impacts of the wind farm upon a wide range of aspects of the environment, as agreed with the Highland Council through the scoping process. The EIA work has been undertaken by independent experts who are professionally qualified in their various fields.

The potential impacts, which will be examined as part of the EIA for Cnoc an Eas Wind Farm, include:

- Landscape and Visual** The effects of the windfarm upon the landscape and visual amenity have been considered from a range of viewpoints, transport routes, towns and villages and from houses close to the site. The study has fed into the detailed design of the site.
- Noise** Noise surveys have been carried out to measure existing background noise levels at the houses closest to the windfarm site. The noise effect of wind turbines which could be used on the site will then be modelled against that background noise environment and the anticipated noise impact reported.
- Ecology and Ornithology** Surveys to establish the bird and animal species which use the habitats on and around the site have already been ongoing for over two years. The effects of the windfarm on these species will be considered in detail.
- Geology, Hydrology, Hydrogeology and Peat** Surveys of the site to establish where sensitive water features are located, including areas of deep peat, have been undertaken. The site design has tried to avoid those areas and where this is not possible mitigation measures to protect those assets will be explained.
- Cultural Heritage** Archaeological and cultural heritage assets on and close to the site have been visited to establish what effect (if any) the windfarm will have on them, or their setting.
- Traffic and Transport** Consultants have undertaken a traffic count survey in the area to establish what effect the introduction of windfarm construction traffic onto the local road network will have. Proposals are then set out for how best to minimise disruption for local people, particularly at busy times of the day.



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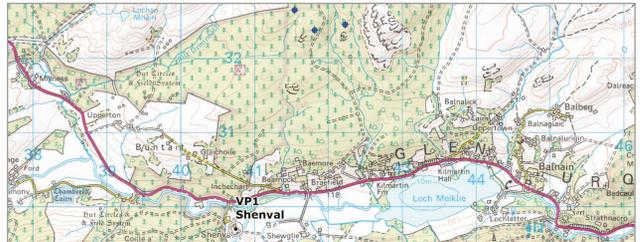
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Viewpoint 1: Shenval 17 turbines



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Viewpoint 1: Shenval 13 turbines



Viewpoint location: Shenval

POTENTIAL BENEFITS OF CNOC AN EAS WIND FARM

Opportunities for Local Businesses

Aside from its wider benefits (see the separate 'Benefits of Wind Energy' board) wind power is compatible with other land uses and can serve as a boost for rural economic diversification. If consented the Cnoc an Eas wind farm will offer extensive opportunities for local businesses such as hotel and catering providers, blacksmiths, fencing contractors, joiners, plant owners, hauliers and forestry contractors. In order to provide local businesses with further information, and an opportunity to register their interest, Force 9 Energy and its development partner, EDF Energy Renewables Ltd are jointly organising a 'Meet the Buyer' event at the Drumnadrochit Hotel, on 24th April, to which all are welcome. This event will also be advertised in the local press.

Community Benefits and Community Revenue Share Opportunity

Force 9 Energy's project partner, EDF Energy Renewables ('EDF-ER') has committed to paying a community benefit package of £5,000 per Mega Watt of installed capacity, for every year of operation (anticipated to be 25 years) to help fund local community projects.

Were a 40MW wind farm to be constructed this would mean a payment to the local communities of £200,000 per year (index linked) for each year of operation, a total of up to £5,000,000 (index linked) over the lifetime of the windfarm.

EDF-ER is also exploring the possibility of allowing local communities to share in the revenue of the project over the whole of its operational lifetime. Please let us know if you would like further details of this Revenue Sharing Opportunity.

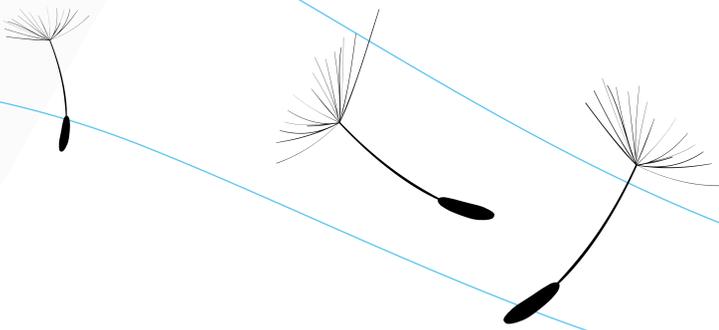
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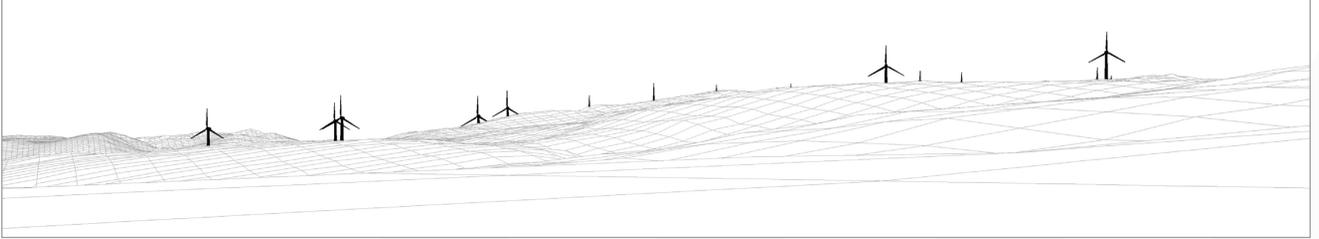
Force 9 Energy will shortly be submitting a planning application to Highland Council for its revised 13 turbine design for Cnoc an Eas Wind Farm. Adverts will be placed in the local press when this happens and we will notify the local community councils and councillors when we make the application. If you would like to be notified directly when we make the application please contact Platform PR:

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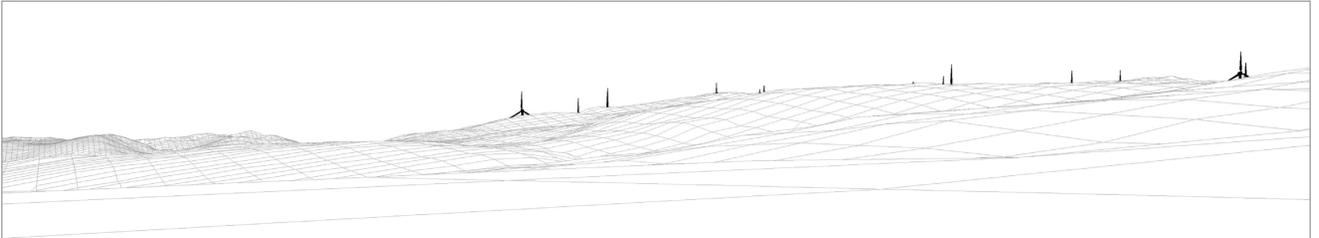




Viewpoint 2: Balbeg 17 turbines wireline



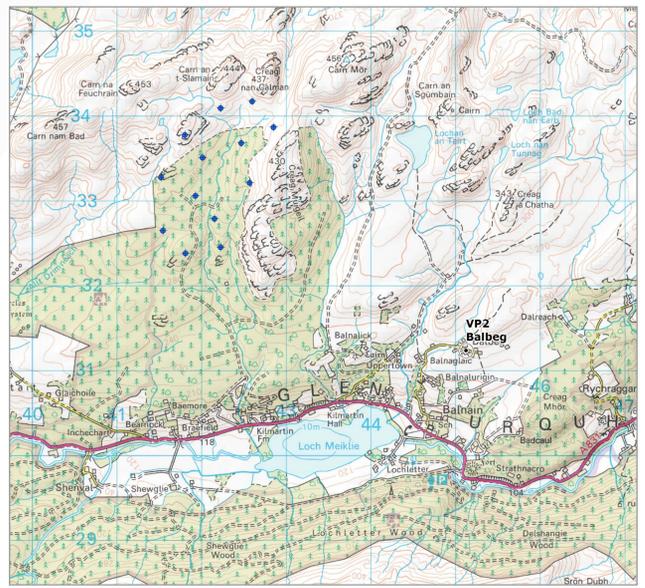
Viewpoint 2: Balbeg 17 turbines



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Viewpoint location: Balbeg



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BENEFITS OF WIND POWER

Over three quarters of UK adults now support the use of renewables to generate electricity, fuel and heat in the UK.² Below are some of the reasons that well sited onshore wind projects should continue to be developed and how they contribute to a low carbon, sustainable, energy supply for all.



Onshore wind power is cost effective

Onshore wind power is the most cost effective renewable energy technology, having been refined and proven over many years. All forms of UK electricity generation, including gas and coal, receive government support through a mixture of tax reliefs and subsidies. Wind power also receives support but the level of support has been reduced significantly over the last ten years to the point where onshore wind power will be significantly cheaper than nuclear power.



Wind is a sustainable source of power

Exploiting and burning fossil fuel resources is inherently unsustainable. In contrast wind power is completely renewable and thus sustainable in the long term as well as having zero emissions. The UK is the windiest country in Europe, having around 25% of Europe's wind resource. It therefore makes sense to capitalise on that and reduce our reliance on fossil fuels. It makes our lifestyles more sustainable and will help to preserve a high standard of living for generations to come.



Combating climate change

It is now commonly accepted by scientists that the threat of damaging, irreversible climate change is imminent. The dangers include extreme weather events, extinction of large numbers of species and decreased food security.

Windfarms are an essential part of a range of measures (including, for example, using less energy through better insulation) which help to reduce damaging carbon emissions. Wind farms make a vital difference in the fight to minimise climate change, by reducing our reliance upon fossil fuels.



Environmental impacts are low

Wind energy has virtually no environmental impact compared with coal, gas, fracking and nuclear energy. There are no harmful emissions from wind turbines and they leave little or no lasting legacy once removed. In contrast fossil fuel and nuclear plants produce harmful emissions and waste. At the end of their operational life wind turbines are removed and the land reinstated. A protected fund ensures that reinstatement works take place quickly to the satisfaction of the planning authority.



Energy security and independence

The more energy that we generate within our own control the less we need to import energy from abroad. This makes us less vulnerable to interruptions in supply and price volatility. This is particularly relevant to gas, much of which comes from politically unstable parts of the world. Gas prices are also linked to oil prices which are increasingly volatile. If we make use of our abundant, sustainable wind energy, we will be more resistant to price shocks and threats of energy shortages.



Creation of jobs and investment in local communities

The UK wind industry provides many people with skilled jobs. In 2014 the wind energy industry supported the employment of over 30,000 people.³ Renewable energy projects can also help build and regenerate local communities. The Scottish Government recommends community benefit payments of £5,000 per Mega Watt per annum. This has a very positive impact on local communities. During project construction there is typically a significant boost for the local economy, something that Force 9 / EDF ER encourages for all of its projects.

² www.gov.uk/government/statistics/public-attitudes-tracking-survey-wave-12

³ RUK state of industry report 2014 - www.renewableuk.com/en/publications/index.cfm

BERRYBURN WIND FARM - A SUCCESS STORY

Berryburn wind farm

- Site lies 14kms south of Forres
- 29 turbines with a capacity of 66.7MW
- Developed by Force 9 Energy in partnership with Statkraft UK Ltd.
- Site Consented August 2009
- Construction completed June 2014

