



Balmacaan Wind Farm Proposal

Fairburn wind farm, Strathconnon, Ross-shire – 20 turbines (blade tip height of 100 metres)

About SSE Renewables

SSE Renewables is the renewable energy development division of SSE. The company is responsible for the development of onshore and offshore wind farms in the UK, the Republic of Ireland and Europe, as well as developing hydro and marine projects.

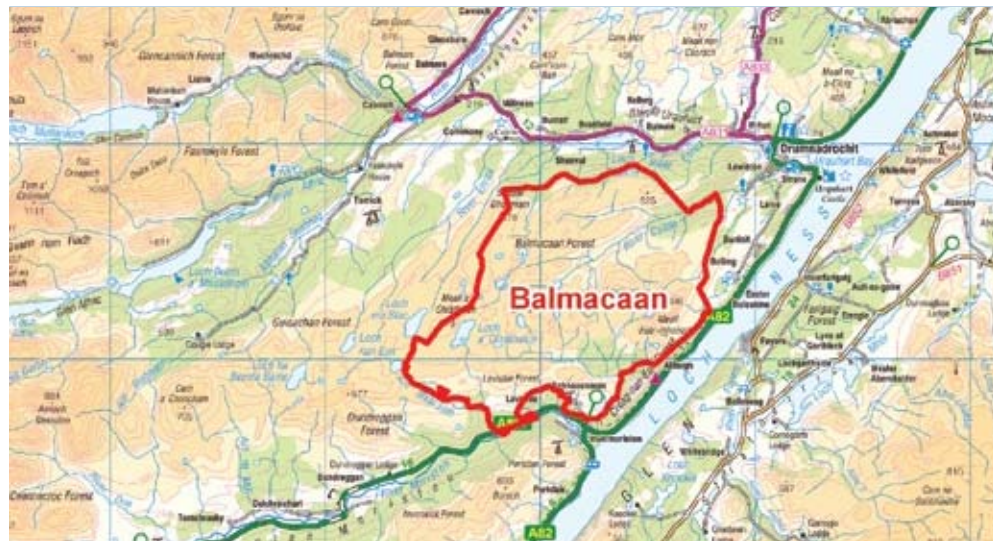
We are committed to helping meet Scotland's climate change targets and believe that renewable energy plays an important part in this.

The proposal

The proposal is still in the early stages of design and we are undertaking surveys to identify environmental constraints on site. At this stage the number of turbines proposed for the wind farm is uncertain. Based on the initial environmental data gathered so far we have developed an indicative layout of around 140 wind turbines (with a tip height of approximately 135m).

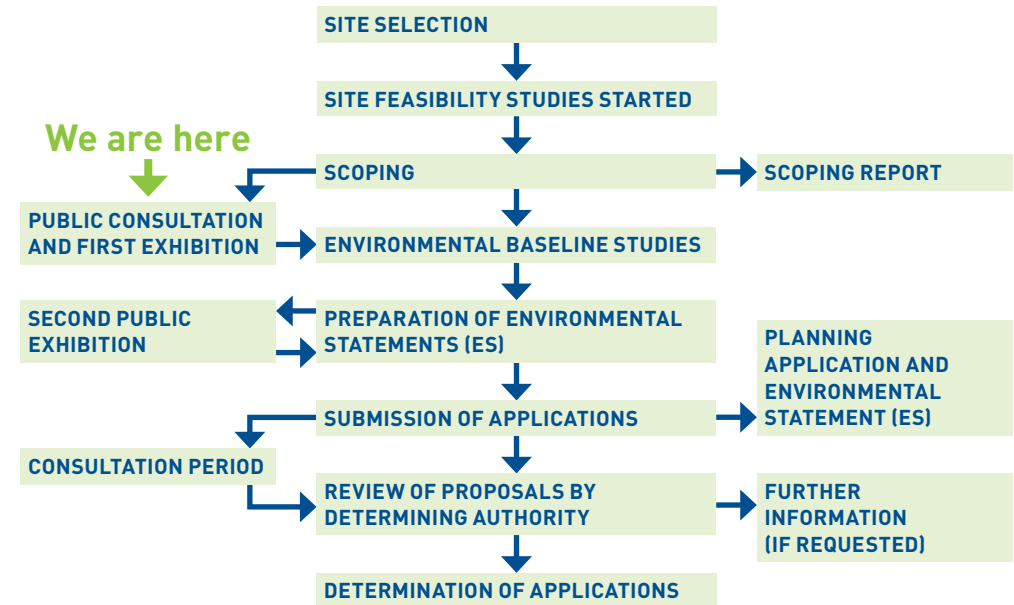
It is estimated that Scotland has 25% of Europe's wind resource and wind power is one of the most developed of the renewable technologies, which is why we have over 20 onshore wind farms in operation in Scotland and Ireland, in addition to those in development or under construction. As the UK's leading generator of renewable energy, we are proud to be at the forefront of developing renewables and helping tackle climate change.

One of the benefits of constructing and operating a wind farm in this location is the capacity to make use of existing infrastructure and access tracks created for the Glendoe Hydro Electric scheme, including the main access off the B862.



We have been exploring a potential wind farm site at Balmacaan which is situated on the north-west side of Loch Ness, north of Invermoriston.

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Over the coming months we will develop the design for the proposal in response to feedback from statutory and non-statutory consultees, including local communities and interested parties. The findings from this consultation and the technical and environmental surveys will help us to create a final design for the proposal.

Community benefits

In recognition of the part that communities play in hosting renewable generation projects, we establish long-term community funds to support community projects and initiatives throughout the life of the wind farm. During the construction period local companies would be given the opportunity to offer their services and in addition to this there are likely to be longer-term roles required as part of the operation and maintenance of the wind farm. Roles and services that may be sourced locally will relate to the on-site and ancillary works and will depend on the skills and services available. We are keen to ensure that communities receive meaningful long-term benefit from projects in their area, and that they will create genuine short and long-term local employment opportunities, which will help to strengthen communities and encourage local economic growth.

How do I comment on the proposals

We are keen to receive comments and views from the local community and interested parties on the indicative proposals outlined.

Comments can be submitted as follows:

- **By post** - complete a comments form and post it to our Liaison Managers (details opposite)
- **By email** - complete a comments form and email it to our Liaison Managers (details opposite)

Contact Us:

SSE takes a proactive approach to engaging with communities, ensuring that local people and organisations are involved at an early stage. The purpose of our exhibitions is to allow communities to learn more about the proposals, ask any questions and feed into the projects at an early stage of development. All feedback that we receive will be considered as we progress with the design of the project.

Comments forms are available at the exhibition to help us record your views and to improve the effectiveness of our consultation. You can also download the questionnaire online using the address below and send it back to us at any time stating your views.

Comments forms and information can be downloaded from the project website (details opposite) or posted out to you by our Liaison Manager, upon request.

Please make your comments as specific as possible in order to help us assess them in relation to the proposals. The closing date for comments is **Thursday 28th April 2011**. We will accept comments submitted after the closing date, but can not guarantee that they will be considered as part of the design development.

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