Welcome

About this exhibition

Thanks for visiting our public exhibition, providing information on proposals for a wind farm on the Drummond Estate between Lochearnhead and St Fillans.

Your views matter to us and we hope the information presented here encourages you to share them with members of our project team. This will help us understand if you are supportive of the project, or if you have issues or concerns we can address as the project progresses.

Please take as much time as you like to view the information boards on display today. Members of our project team are on hand to assist with any inquiries you may have.

If you have any other queries after attending this event, please email them to alan.greenwood@sse.com or call Alan Greenwood on 07342 142714.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Change of name

Following the exhibition process, Drummond Wind Farm will be renamed Glentarken Wind Farm in order to better reflect the location of the proposed development.









Who we are

About this exhibition

SSE Renewables is a leading developer and operator of renewable energy across the UK and Ireland.

Headquartered in Perth, we employ more than 1,300 people across the UK and Ireland. Our portfolio extends to around four gigawatts (GW) of onshore wind, offshore wind, and hydro. Part of the FTSE-listed SSE plc, our strategy is to drive the transition to a zero-carbon future through the development, construction, and operation of world-class renewable energy assets.

SSE Renewables owns nearly 2GW of operating onshore wind capacity with more than 1GW currently in development. SSE Renewables also has the largest offshore wind development in the pipeline in the UK and Ireland at more than 7GW.



Our 2030 goals

Our approach to sustainability is centred around our four 2030 goals (below), which are aligned to the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals.



Cut our carbon intensity by 50%

Help accommodate 10m electric vehicles

Treble renewable energy output Champion Fair Tax and a real Living Wage







Why Do We Need Renewable Energy?

About this exhibition

SSE is committed to investing in low carbon infrastructure. This is a critical time for the UK to take climate action and help to deliver challenging energy targets.

Renewables are a key part of SSE's future growth plans. It has an onshore wind pipeline of more than 1GW of potential new-build projects with a further 7GW of offshore wind planned for development. These new assets will play a vital role in helping the UK to achieve decarbonisation goals and contribute to the ultimate goal of zero carbon electricity.

SSE remains one of the few companies to publish its contribution to Gross Domestic Product (GDP) alongside its financial results, understanding the wider economic contribution we make goes beyond profits. Since 2011/12, SSE has contributed more than £75 billion to the UK. Of this contribution, £8.6 billion was in Scotland.









SSE Renewables in Central Scotland



SSE Renewables has a long-term commitment to investment in Central Scotland through both onshore wind and hydro. This map shows our current assets.

Scotland central operational assets overview

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Onshore wind farms

SSE Renewables operates onshore wind farms at Griffin and Calliachar, near Aberfeldy. Griffin began operating in 2012. Its 68 turbines generate an installed capacity of up to 156 Megawatts (MW). Neighbouring Calliachar, which achieved first power in 2013, has 14 turbines and an installed capacity of up to 32 MW.

Hydro

SSE Renewables also boasts a rich tradition of hydro operations in the region. The Breadalbane scheme features seven interlinked power stations – including St Fillans - around Loch Lyon, Loch Tay and Loch Earn. The Tummel Valley scheme consists of nine power stations between Dalwhinnie and Pitlochry. SSE Renewables is currently investing £50 million in refurbishment of Tummel Bridge Power Station.

The Project

The proposed wind farm is located approximately 45km west of Perth within the Drummond Estate.

The majority of the application boundary lies within the Perth and Kinross Council area, with access to the Proposed Development within the Stirling Council area. We propose to build approximately 14 turbines with a maximum tip height of up to 180m.

180m anticipated turbine tip height above ground level.

Approximately 14 turbines

Anticipated installed capacity of approximately 6 MW per turbine

Total capacity anticipated in the region of 84 MW

Project Timeline

Site Feasibility

Consideration of a wide range of criteria including wind speed, available turbine technology, access, grid connection, landscape, environmental and recreational designations, site topography and hydrology.

Scoping (2022-23)

A Scoping Report was submitted to statutory and non-statutory consultees in December 2022. Responses and feedback help to define the scope of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).

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Public exhibition 1: Exhibitions are held to present proposals and allow people who live and work in the area to offer feedback at an early stage.

Environment Surveys (2021-23)

Ornithology surveys have been ongoing since spring 2021 and a team of environmental consultants have been appointed to carry out the required Environmental Impact Assessment survey works until approximately winter 2023.

Public exhibition 2: A second exhibition is held to present the findings of survey and assessment work that has been conducted since the first exhibition and display proposals before an application is submitted. This event offers a further opportunity for people who live and work in the area to provide feedback.

Environmental Impact Assessment Report (2023-24)

The results of environmental surveys, desk based assessments and consultation is assessed in line with the scope of the EIA to inform the final site layout.

This information is then presented within an EIA Report which supports the application. If an application is for a wind farm with an installed capacity of less than 50MW, it will be submitted to a local planning authority. Applications for a wind farm with an installed capacity greater than 50MW are submitted to the Scottish Government's Energy Consents Unit.

Submission of Application (Expected 2024)

The planning application and supporting EIA Report will be submitted to the Scottish Government who will consult with statutory and non-statutory consultees before making a final decision.

Copies of the application and EIA Report will be sent to consultees (including local community councils). The information will also be available for public viewing during the consultation period.

Consideration and determination of application (TBC)

The application will be assessed against planning and energy policies, together with consultee and community feedback. A decision will be announced by the Scottish Government following these assessments.

Site Location

An indicative design for a potential turbine layout was part of our submission for a scoping opinion to the Scottish Government. The design will be informed by ongoing survey work at the site in future months and is likely to change before any application is made.

Site location map

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Site layout plan

Environmental Assessments

Independent consultants will be retained to carry out technical assessments and advise on environmental issues associated with the proposed development. These experts will work with us during the design process; carry out environmental impact assessments and prepare documentation for the EIA Report.

Each subject requiring assessment under EIA Regulations will be presented as a separate chapter in the main body of the EIA Report, or included as a technical appendix.

The core environmental study areas are:

- Ecology, Biodiversity and Nature Conservation
- Landscape
- Ornithology
- Hydrology, Geology and Hydrogeology
- Cultural Heritage

- Traffic, Access and Transport
- Noise and Vibration
- Aviation
- Carbon Assessment
- Socio Economics

Grid

Turbines would be connected via underground cables to an onsite substation. The electricity generated would be converted there into a correct voltage for onward transmission into the National Grid. The site connection to the National Grid falls under a separate application process.

What happens next?

Today's event is the start of an ongoing dialogue between SSE Renewables and stakeholders who will have an interest in this proposal. We will continue to engage regularly with representative organisations, residents, business owners and other interested parties.

Assessment and evaluation work will continue at the proposed site and once assessments are completed, the EIA Report will be prepared. There will be a further public exhibition prior to present the findings from the assessment process and refined plans for the wind farm proposal.

Further information on the proposed development will be added to the project website as the project progresses, which can be found at:

www.sserenewables.com/drummond

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