



Gordonbush wind farm - proposed extension

The development process

CONSULTATION

PROCESS

PUBLICATION

Site selection

In selecting a site, such as the proposed extension at Gordonbush, we considered a wide range of criteria including the existing operational site, wind speed, access, grid connection, landscape, environmental and recreational designations, site topography and hydrology. Initial surveys started in early 2013.

Public exhibition for consultation

We held a public exhibition in October 2013 to engage with the local community.

Scoping

A Scoping Report was submitted to statutory and non-statutory consultees in September 2013. This report described the scope of environmental work which we intended to undertake.

The responses and feedback to this report helped to refine the scope of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).

Scoping Report

We are here ↓

Public exhibition for final design

This second exhibition presents the final design ahead of submission of the Section 36 application.

Environmental Statement (ES)

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

This information is then presented within an ES which supports the S36 application when it is submitted to the Scottish Government.

Statutory consultation

The Scottish Government will undertake a statutory consultation period where consultees, community councils, local people and other interested parties have the opportunity to comment on our planning application.

Comments are made directly to the Scottish Government.

Submission of application

The S36 application and supporting ES will be submitted to the Scottish Government who will consult with statutory and non-statutory consultees before deciding on consent.

Copies of the application and the ES will be sent to all consultees, including local community councils. This information will also be made available for public viewing during the statutory consultation period.

Section 36 application and Environmental Statement is submitted

Consideration and determination of application

The application will be assessed against planning and energy policies, together with consultee and community feedback.

The Scottish Government will decide if consent should be granted, taking into account the recommendation of statutory consultees such as The Highland Council.

Further information (if requested)