

Tangy IV Wind Farm

Pre-Application Consultation Report

Section 36 Environmental Impact Assessment Report

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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1.1 SSE Generation Limited (the applicant) has applied for consent¹ for the proposed Tangy IV Wind Farm, comprising 16 turbines and associated infrastructure, 3 km north of Kilchenzie, Kintyre, Scotland. This Pre-Application Consultation Report has been prepared on behalf of the applicant, by SSE Renewables Developments (UK) Limited (SSE Renewables), to accompany the application.
- 1.1.2 The applicant proposes to repower and extend the existing Tangy I and Tangy II Wind Farms, replacing the existing 22 turbines with a 16 turbine wind farm with a maximum tip height up to, but not exceeding 149.9 m ('the proposed development').
- 1.1.3 The applicant is committed to engaging with local communities in development proposals, both prior to and following the submission of a planning application. As this development proposal is being made under Section 36 of the Electricity Act, there is no obligation to complete pre-application consultation. However, the applicant has applied the principles of the consultation process required for 'major' planning applications as set out in The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2013 and circular 3:2013-Development Management Procedures. This provides the local community and all those with an interest in the proposals with an opportunity to provide comment and feedback.
- 1.1.4 In addition, the applicant also completed a pre-application scoping consultation, specifically on the scope of the Environmental Impact Assessment.

¹ An application for consent for the proposed development will be made to the Scottish Ministers under section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989, along with a request for a direction that planning permission be deemed to be granted under section 57(2) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 as amended.

2. CONSULTATION ACTIVITIES

2.1.1 The purpose of scoping and pre-application consultation is to:

- Ensure that statutory consultees and other bodies with a particular interest in the environment are informed of the proposal and provided with an opportunity to comment at an early stage in the EIA process;
- Obtain baseline information regarding existing environmental site conditions;
- Establish key environmental issues and identify potential effects to be considered during the EIA;
- Identify those issues which are likely to require more detailed study and those which can be justifiably excluded from further assessment; and
- Provide a means of confirming the most appropriate methods of assessment.

2.2 Scoping

2.2.1 A request for a scoping opinion was submitted on behalf of SSE Generation Ltd dated 28th April 2017, in accordance with Regulation 7 of the Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2000 to the Energy Consents Unit. At that stage the proposed development was referred to as the Modified Tangy III Wind Farm. The scoping report issued with the request for a scoping opinion provided an outline description of the proposed development and the site location. Scoping set out the perceived likely environmental effects that could result from an increased tip height from the consented 125 m Tangy III Wind Farm development at this site, of up to 149.9 m, and the assessment process by which these issues would be evaluated.

2.2.2 SSE Generation Ltd. received the scoping opinion from the Energy Consents Unit on behalf of the Scottish Ministers on 16th October 2017. A register of consultation responses provided in the scoping opinion, along with how the EIA Report has responded to the issues raised is provided in Appendix 7.1.

2.2.3 Following submission of the request for a scoping opinion, specific consultees were re-contacted to agree the level of assessment, survey area and survey timings as well as the preferred method of presenting information. Further details on consultations are included within specific chapters and within the technical appendices where relevant.

2.2.4 Pre-application meetings were held with representatives of Scottish Government (Energy Consents Unit), Argyll and Bute Council and Scottish Natural Heritage.

2.3 Public Consultation

2.3.1 Public consultation is a key element of the environmental assessment process, and as part of the wider consultation process. Public exhibitions were held as follows:

- Tayinloan Village Hall – Monday 6th August 2018;
- Machrihanish Village Hall – Tuesday 7th August 2018; and
- Campbeltown Town Hall, Tuesday 7 August 2018.

2.3.2 The public exhibition provided information regarding the proposed development to local residents. The event was advertised in the local press and advertised on local notice boards. Community councils, local councillors, MSPs and MPs were advised in advance of these exhibitions in writing. Local community councils consulted included:

- Campbeltown Community Council;
- East Kintyre Community Council;
- Southend Community Council;
- The Laggan Community Council; and

- West Kintyre Community Council.

2.3.3 The information available included plans of the proposed site layout, information boards explaining the key potential environmental effects, along with an explanation of the consenting process and the current stage to project is within that process as well as a Zone of Theoretical Visibility (ZTV) plan to illustrate theoretical turbine visibility within 35 km. Representatives of SSE Renewables and a landscape architect from ASH Design + Assessment were also available to provide additional information and answer queries. The exhibition boards and information leaflet were made available on the applicant's website (www.sse.tangy-repower).

3. SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION ISSUES

3.1 Attendance

- 3.1.1 Approximately 13 members of the public attended the exhibitions over the two days.
- 3.1.2 Attendees were invited complete a questionnaire, 6 responses were provided. Other attendees discussed issues directly with the SSE team.

3.2 Summary of Responses

- 3.2.1 The public events were attended by 13 people. 6 of 13 attendees provided feedback. The following figure provides a summary of the responses received:

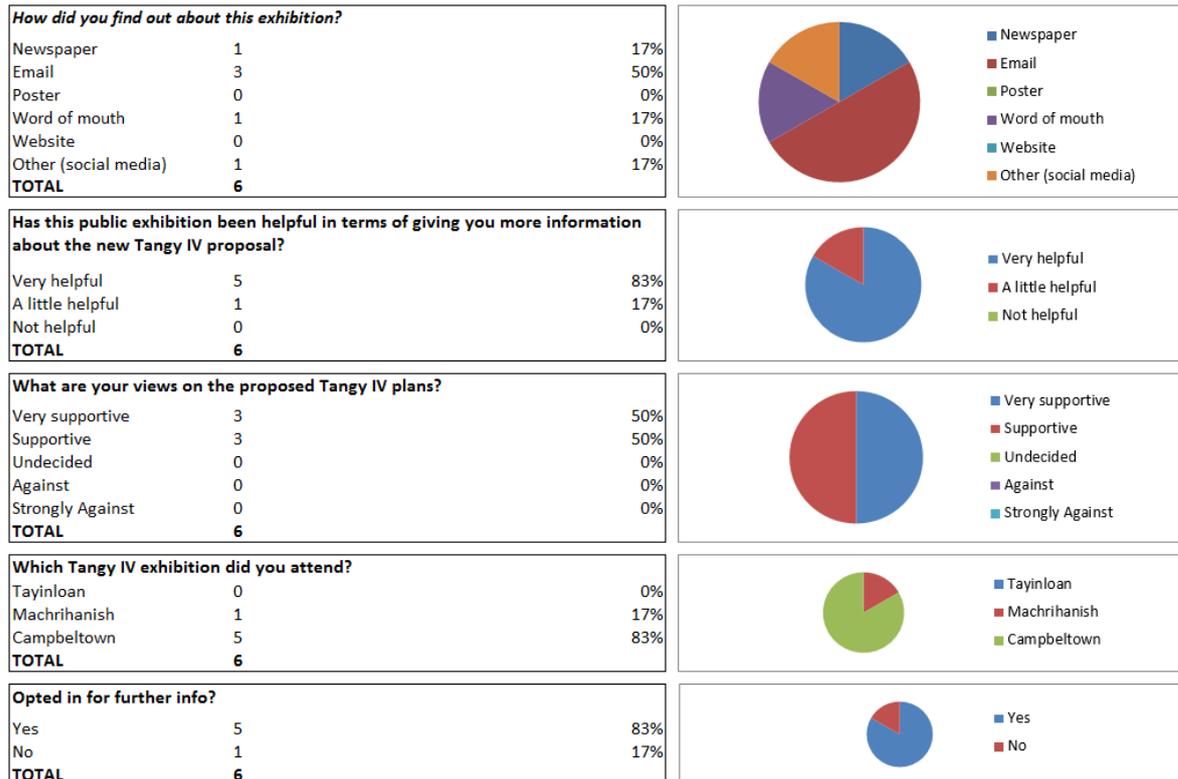


Figure 1: Summary of Public Event Responses

- 3.2.2 Through the scoping and consultation processes, the following likely environmental issues were identified for detailed assessment and reporting in the EIA Report:

- Landscape and Visual;
- Ornithology;
- Ecology;
- Geology, Soil and Hydrogeology;
- Surface Water;
- Cultural Heritage;
- Noise;
- Access Traffic and Transport;
- Land-use, Socio-economics and Recreation; and
- Other Issues: Shadow Flicker and Aviation.

3.2.3 Table 1 below lists the environmental parameters subject to environmental assessment and identifies which consultees identified issues or provided information in order to inform the EIA process.

Consultee	Comments/Issues Raised/Baseline Data Provided												
	Landscape & Visual	Ornithology	Ecology	Geology, Soil & Hydrology	Surface Water	Cultural Heritage	Noise	Access Traffic and Transport	Land-use, Socio-economics and Recreation	Shadow Flicker	Aviation	No Comments or Issues Raised	No Response Received
Argyll & Bute Council	■	■	■	■		■		■	■		■		
SEPA			■	■	■				■				
SNH	■	■	■										
HES						■							
FCS								■				■	
Transport Scotland								■					
BT												■	
Glasgow Prestwick Airport												■	
JRC												■	
MOD												■	
RSPB		■	■										
Scottish Water					■							■	
West Kintyre CC	■	■						■	■				
Marine Scotland			■		■								
Fisheries Management Scotland			■		■								
Argyll District Salmon Fisheries Board													■
CAA													■
The Crown Estate													■
NATS Safeguarding													■
MCS													■
Visit Scotland													■
John Muir Trust													■
Scottish Wildlife Trust													■
Nuclear Safety Directorate (HSE)													■
ScotWays													■

4. SUMMARY

- 4.1.1 This document provides an overview of the consultation process undertaken by the applicant while preparing the planning application for the proposed development. The applicant has endeavoured to follow good practice in relation to engaging with members of the local community at the pre-application stage.
- 4.1.2 The applicant has used a variety of consultation methods to inform the local community about the development through exhibitions and meetings with the community council. The public exhibitions gave an opportunity to local communities to engage with the developer and allowed them to raise specific concerns.
- 4.1.3 The applicant will continue to hold discussions during the determination period with the local community and respond to any comments by all forms of communication.

APPENDIX 1: COPIES OF ADVERTS AND PRESS COVERAGE



Public Exhibitions

Tangy IV Wind Farm

SSE Generation is holding public exhibition events in relation to the proposed Tangy IV Wind Farm proposals.

We would like to extend an open invitation to these exhibitions to provide local communities and interested parties the opportunity to come along and meet with the project team, learn more about the project and raise any questions or concerns.

Further information on the proposal can be obtained from our website or by contacting our Project Liaison Manager:

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W: sse.com/tangy-repower

Exhibition Venues:

Tayinloan Village Hall

Date: Monday 6 August
Time: 5.30pm – 8pm

Machrihanish Village Hall

Date: Tuesday 7 August
Time: 10:45am – 1:15pm

Campbeltown Town Hall

Date: Tuesday 7 August
Time: 3.15pm – 6.45pm

APPENDIX 2: FEEDBACK FORM TEMPLATE PROVIDED AT EXHIBITIONS



Tangy IV Wind Farm Proposals

Your Comments

We thank you for taking the time to come to this public exhibition and hope it has been informative. To help us record your views and to improve the effectiveness of our consultation with local communities and other consultees, could you please take a minute to complete our short questionnaire.

1. How did you find out about this exhibition?

Newspaper Email Poster Word of Mouth Website

Other? Please provide detail:

2. Has this public exhibition been helpful in terms of giving you more information about the new Tangy IV proposal?

Very helpful A little helpful Not helpful

Comments:

3. What are your views on the proposed Tangy IV plans?

Very supportive Supportive Undecided Against Strongly against

Comments:

4. Which Tangy IV public exhibition did you attend?

Tayinloan Machrihanish Campbeltown



5. If you have any further comments on or would like to request more information regarding any aspect of the proposal please write below (and ensure you leave your contact details):

6. If you would like to receive project updates please 'opt in' by checking this box and provide your contact details below:

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Email:

Telephone:

We would like to keep you informed as the Tangy IV project progresses. We will always treat your data with respect, keep it safe and secure and never sell it to third parties or use it for purposes other than providing information about the Tangy IV project. You can stop receiving these emails at any time by simply replying to any of our emails with 'unsubscribe' in the subject line.

Any comments submitted to SSE at this time are not representations to the planning authority. In the event SSE submits formal applications for planning permission there would be an opportunity to submit representations to the appropriate planning authorities at that time. Any information given on this questionnaire can be used and published anonymously as part of our consultation reporting. By completing this questionnaire, you consent to us using this information for these purposes. By providing contact details you consent to us contacting you in relation to the Tangy IV proposal. Your details will not be used for marketing purposes. **Privacy Notice** – SSE's privacy notice can be found online at: www.sse.com/privacy-notice

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.

PLEASE HAND YOUR COMPLETED FORM IN AT THE EXHIBITION OR ALTERNATIVELY SEND TO:
Pauline Allison, 7th Floor, 1 Waterloo Street, Glasgow, G2 6AY or Pauline.Allison@sse.com

The closing date for the submission of comments is **Friday 17 August**

