



# Gordonbush wind farm - proposed extension

## Local opportunities

### Working with local businesses

We try to ensure that as many local businesses as possible benefit from the opportunities our new wind developments bring with them. As well as direct employment, our experience shows that other local businesses such as accommodation providers, shops and suppliers can benefit significantly from our projects, particularly during the construction phase.

If the proposed extension is granted consent we would look to hold a 'meet the buyer' business event, prior to construction, where local businesses and suppliers are given the opportunity to meet our construction team and the appointed Principal Contractor in order to offer their services.

Once the wind farm is operational there are often opportunities for local businesses to undertake maintenance work across the site which could include the provision of plant or materials, fencing and drainage work, road repairs and building maintenance.



Strathy North wind farm - local business event

### Wind turbine procurement

In 2013 we increased our stakeholding in Machrihanish based Wind Towers (Scotland) Ltd to 81%, underlining our commitment to ensuring that this business and investment stays in Scotland.



Wind Towers Ltd

Today there are around 130 employees at the factory, many of whom have been recruited from the local area.

Our intention is to procure the towers for all of our Scottish wind farms from Wind Towers, including those required for the proposed extension to Gordonbush wind farm.

### SSE Open4Business portal

To contribute to the economic well-being of the Highlands and Islands community we have developed the SSE Open4Business Highlands and Islands web portal.



Open4Business facilitates trade and engagement between SSE and local suppliers and service providers, providing a platform for SSE to promote any opportunities originating in the Highlands region.

For more information about how you or local businesses you know might benefit please speak to a member of our exhibition team or visit the portal at [www.sseopen4business-highlands.com](http://www.sseopen4business-highlands.com).