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Consultation Report

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Lorg Wind Farm Pre-Application Consultation Report Addendum

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1. Introduction

Summary of Non-Statutory Consultation

This Addendum to the Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) Report was prepared by Political Planning Services (PPS) to explain, in detail, the consultation programme undertaken by E.ON, prior to the submission of the Proposal of Application Notice (PoAN) on the 16 of July 2015 to East Ayrshire Council and Dumfries and Galloway Council, to consult on its proposals for Lorg Wind Farm (the Proposed Development), consisting of up to 15 turbines located approximately 10.5km south of New Cumnock and 12.3km southwest of Sanquhar in Dumfries and Galloway. A Site Location Plan of the Proposed Development is available in Appendix 1. This Addendum to the PAC Report outlines how the pre-PoAN consultation and consultation feedback has shaped the design of the Proposed Development.

The consultation consisted of:

- Four Public Information Days in November 2012;
- Four Public Exhibitions held in October 2013;
- A Community Liaison Group (CLG) meeting on 14th May 2014;
- Attendance at the Carsphairn Community Council meeting on 29th September 2014;
- A CLG meeting on 4th November 2014; and
- The Freephone number, Freepost address, email address and a project website has been made available to and details have been provided in all consultation material.
2. Consultation Activity

Public Information Days

The aim of the Public Information Days was to introduce the project to the community and provide an opportunity for all stakeholders to feed back on the Proposed Development from a very early stage in the design process. It was also an opportunity to obtain feedback on E.ON’s proposals for consultation and engagement and allowed suggestions to be made for the location and timing of public events. This helped the project team to develop a consultation process which was as inclusive as possible.

Four Public Information Days were held:

- Lagwyne Village Hall, Carsphairn, 6 November 2012
- New Cumnock Community Education Centre, 7 November 2012
- Hillview Leisure Centre, Kelloholm, 14 November 2012
- Dalmellington Community Centre, 15 November 2012

Advertising

An advertisement for the Public Information Days was placed in the Cumnock Chronicle, Galloway News, Recharge News and Utility Week during the week beginning the 15th October 2012. Copies of the press coverage can be found in Appendix 2.1

The locations, dates and times of the Public Information Days were advertised with a poster campaign. Posters were sent to 36 local businesses. A copy of the poster and the location of display can be found in documented in Appendix 2.2

Letters inviting people to the Public Information Days were sent on 13th October 2013. A copy of the letter can be found in Appendix 2.3. The recipients of the invitations were as follows:

- 72 local residents and businesses
- Councillors for Castle Douglas and Glenkens Ward
- Councillors for the Mid and Upper Nithsdale Ward
- Councillors for Cumnock and New Cumnock Ward
- Councillors for Doon Valley Ward
E.ON’s Stakeholder Engagement Consultants, Ayrnet Marketing, invited the following Community Councils to the Public Information Days via telephone call and via email invitation:

- Carsphairn Community Council
- Kirkconnel and Kelloholm Community Council
- New Cumnock Community Council
- Sanquhar Community Council

Public Information Day Material

On display at the Public Information Day were 12 exhibition boards which outlined:

- Introduction to Benbrack, Enoch Hill and Lorg Wind Farms
- Background on E.ON Climate and Renewables and E.ON in Scotland
- Information on why wind farms are needed
- Details on the environmental assessments being undertaken by E.ON
- A timetable for the projects
- Information on where to find further information as well as how to provide feedback on the proposals
- Individual site maps and contact details for each project

Materials from the Public Information Days can be found in Appendix 2.4

Collection of Feedback

Questionnaires were provided so people could respond easily and in writing on aspects of the proposal.

A Freepost address was provided so that people were able to take questionnaires home and respond at a time convenient to them or anonymously if they wished.
Public Exhibitions

The aim of the Public Exhibitions was to provide an opportunity for all stakeholders to view the proposals for Lorg Wind Farm and provide valuable feedback on aspects of the development.

The timings and venues of the Public Exhibitions were also intended to provide members of the public with a choice of times to attend, so to suit different needs and circumstances.

The following Public Exhibitions were held:

- New Cumnock Community Education Centre, 28th October 2013
- Dalmellington Community Centre, Dalmellington, 29th October 2013
- Hillview Leisure Centre, Kelloholm, 30th October 2013
- Lagwyne Village Hall, Carsphairn, 31st October 2013

Exhibition Advertising

An advertisement was placed in the Dumfries and Galloway Standard on the 18 October 2013. See Appendix 3.1 for a copy of the advertisement.

A press release was issued on the 25th October 2013. See Appendix 3.2 for a copy of the press release

Posters promoting the public exhibitions were distributed to 36 local businesses and public facilities. See Appendix 3.3 for a full list of recipients.

E.ON’s Stakeholder Engagement Consultants, Ayrnet Marketing, made telephone calls to and sent a letter of invitation (See Appendix 3.4) on 14th October 2013 to the following Community Councils to invite them to attend the Public Exhibitions.

- Carsphairn Community Council
- Kirkconnel and Kelloholm Community Council
- New Cumnock Community Council
- Sanquhar Community Council
A Newsletter was also distributed to the local community to advertise the Public Exhibition as well as inform those who weren’t able to attend, about the progress of the site. See Appendix 3.5 for a copy of the newsletter.

**Exhibition Display Information**

On display at the public exhibitions were 10 exhibition boards which outlined:

- Welcome to the Exhibition
- Background on E.ON Climate and Renewables
- Details on the environmental assessments being undertaken by E.ON
- Overview of the proposals including a site map
- Next Steps for the project
- Information on working with the community
- Plans for the Lorg Wind Farm site
- Information on how the turbines would be delivered to the site
- Understanding the Community
- Information on where to find further information as well as how to provide feedback on the proposals

A copy of the exhibition boards are attached in Appendix 3.6

In addition to the exhibition boards, A1 maps (Appendix 3.7) showing, for example, the environmental constraints of the Proposed Development; and photomontages showing views of the Proposed Development from various viewpoints, were also displayed. A copy of the photomontages are attached in Appendix 3.8

**Collection of Feedback**

Questionnaires were provided so that people could respond easily and in writing on different aspects of the proposal. A copy of the questionnaire is attached in Appendix 3.9.

A Freepost address was provided so that people were able to take questionnaires home and respond at a time convenient to them or anonymously if they wished.
Community Liaison Group

E.ON formed a CLG in order to provide a forum for additional direct, two-way communication between E.ON and the community. The CLG provided an opportunity for community representatives to ask questions and give in-depth feedback on the project details.

Two CLGs were held, as follows:

- 4th November 2013 (Joint CLG meeting with Benbrack Wind Farm)
- 14th May 2014

The first CLG was held in conjunction with one convened for the nearby Benbrack development. The second CLG was convened solely to discuss the proposed Lorg Wind Farm.

The membership of the CLG was made up of local residents who had previously expressed an interest in plans relating to the Proposed Development. In addition, E.ON’s Stakeholder Engagement Consultants, Ayrnet Marketing, made calls to the below Community Councils to invite them to join the Community Liaison Group.

- Carsphairn Community Council
- Kirkconnel and Kelloholm Community Council
- New Cumnock Community Council
- Sanquhar Community Council

Email invites were also sent to Councillors for the Castle Douglas and Glenkens Ward as well as Mid and Upper Nithsdale Ward.

A copy of the Minutes from the meeting held on 14th May 2014 can be found in Appendix 4.

Carsphairn Community Council Meeting

- Meeting with Carsphairn Community Council was attended on 29th September 2014 to discuss the Proposed Development, alongside E.ONs other projects in the south Scotland geography. The meeting was used to update the Community Council on the status all respective projects.
**Website, Email, Freephone and Freepost Address**

E.ON created an email address, a Freephone number and a Freepost address for stakeholders to contact the project team and provide feedback. A project website was created to provide historical information on the Proposed Development. See [Appendix 5](#) for a print screen of the website.

The details are as follows:

- **Freephone number**: 0800 096 1199
- **Freepost address**: Lorg Wind Farm  
  Freepost RRSE-KZCU-AZJL  
  E.ON  
  Westwood Business Park  
  Westwood Way  
  Coventry  
  CV4 8LG
- **Email address**: swscotland@eon-uk.com
- **Website**: eonenergy.com/Lorg
3. **Consultation Findings**

The views of the public have been considered, where applicable, from the results of the questionnaires. The questionnaires asked a number of questions relating to how well people felt they had been informed about the wind farm and how they felt about the proposed layout of the wind farm. The feedback fed into the design process and the steps that E.ON has taken to address these concerns have been included in Section 4 - Impact from Community Consultation on the Proposals.

**Public Information Days**
10 feedback forms were received over the course of the Public Information Days. These forms asked questions relating to how people felt about wind farms in general, as well as asking for specific comments to do with the Proposed Development.

1. Do you agree that windfarms are part of the energy mix?

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3. If you have any further comments please use the box below

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<td>Did not know about Afton</td>
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<td>Visual impact, and be kept informed on progress at Enoch</td>
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<td>Lorg. I am totally in favour of all green power generation</td>
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<tr>
<td>Prefer wind farms to pylons and radioactive power stations</td>
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<td>Feel we are destroying our wonderful scenery</td>
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<tr>
<td>Spoiling the landscape. Realise that it’s the way forward for our energy but still undecided</td>
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<td>Communication on timing of concrete lorries on any roads (particularly Lorg and B729)</td>
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Public Exhibitions – Questionnaire responses

6 questionnaires were received over the course of the Public Exhibitions that were solely in response to the Lorg Wind Farm proposal. These forms asked questions relating to how well people felt they had been informed about the wind farm and how they felt about the proposed layout of the wind farm.

1. To what extent do you feel you have been informed about the wind farm and believe that you have had the opportunity to feedback on our plans?

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<td>Well</td>
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<td>Neither Well Nor Poor</td>
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<td>Poor</td>
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<td>Very Poor</td>
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<td>No Answer</td>
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2. What do you think of the proposed layout for Lorg Wind Farm?

(Wording in red denotes box ticked)

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<td>I don’t like windfarms in general. I have specific concerns about this wind farm, for example concerns about specific turbines (please state) Turbines are too tall. They will be visible for up to 80 miles</td>
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<td>I like it</td>
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<td>I’m neutral</td>
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<td>I like it</td>
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<td>I am satisfied that it takes into account key sensitivities in the area</td>
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3. Do you have any comments on our proposed delivery route? Is there anything you’d like to see included in our traffic management plan?

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<td>Build them elsewhere</td>
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<td>No comment</td>
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<tr>
<td>Concerned about traffic on B729 and Lorg road. Roads need improving. Poor visibility single track etc.</td>
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4. If you have any further comments please use the box below.

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<td>Build them somewhere else</td>
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<td>It would be good to have someone along to talk about the value at our community council</td>
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<td>The heritage society were very impressed with the presentation and the two ladies giving it were very informative. We hope that you will visit Kelloholm Primary School and educate our children on why windfarms are important</td>
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4. Impact from Community Consultation on the Proposals

The following section sets out the key issues that were raised during the pre-application consultation period from both the comments received during the Public Information Days, Public Exhibitions and CLG and from those raised in the community meeting that E.ON attended. Where appropriate, comments have been made to address these issues or indeed highlight where changes have been made to the application as a direct result of the feedback received.

Key issues arising from the consultation

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<td>Public Information Days 2012</td>
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<td>Concerned about scale of the development, both in terms of the height and number of turbines</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>A full Landscape and Visual Assessment can be found in Chapter 9: Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment of the Environmental Statement (ES). The LVIA is an iterative process, which develops as the site design changes and seeks to minimise visual effects.</td>
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<td>Concerns about visual impact on scenery in the area.</td>
<td>A Cumulative Impact Assessment will form part of the EIA that will be submitted with the</td>
<td>Cumulative effects of wind farms within 35 km have been taken account of in the scoping, and</td>
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<td>Worried about timing of delivery and construction traffic.</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>A Construction stage Traffic Management Plan (CTMP) will be produced if the proposed Lorg Wind Farm was to be consented and it is likely this would form one of the planning conditions. The CTMP would consider existing volumes of traffic on the surrounding roads and would provide an outline on how traffic would be managed to ensure minimal disruption to surrounding communities and visitors.</td>
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<td>Concern about impact of construction traffic on local road network which is perceived as needing upgrading.</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>A CTMP will be produced if the proposed Lorg Wind Farm was to be consented and it is likely this would form one of the planning conditions. The CTMP would consider existing volumes of traffic on the surrounding roads and would...</td>
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<td>Provide an outline on how traffic would be managed to ensure minimal disruption to surrounding communities and visitors.</td>
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<td>Would like an option for local ownership of scheme.</td>
<td>E.ON are looking at a number of options in terms of community benefit.</td>
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<td>Public Exhibition – October 2013</td>
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<td>Would welcome engagement with community councils</td>
<td>A meeting was held with Carsphairn Community Council on the 29 of September 2014 to update them on the proposed Lorg Wind Farm. As well as this, Carsphairn Community Council, Kirkconnel and Kelloholm Community Council, New Cumnock Community Council and Sanquhar Community Council all sit on the CLG for Lorg Wind Farm.</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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<td>Concerns about suitability of B729 and Lorg road for construction traffic due to single track road and poor visibility</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>A CTMP will be produced if the Proposed Lorg Wind Farm was to be consented and it is likely this would form one of the planning conditions. The CTMP would consider existing volumes of traffic on the surrounding roads and would</td>
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**Community Liaison Group – 14th May 2014**

Concerns regarding the cumulative noise impact should all of the proposed wind farms go through planning.

While it is unlikely that every application that is currently in planning will be approved, a cumulative noise assessment was undertaken which included the closest existing, consented and in planning wind farm developments.

The following noise impacts associated with the Development have been considered:

- Construction and operational noise of the proposed Lorg Wind Farm; and
- Cumulative noise impacts associated with the proposed Lorg Wind Farm, in conjunction with other consented, operational and under construction developments, along with those for which an application has been submitted.

Where will the grid connection for Lorg be?

At the time of the question no discussions had taken place with Scottish Power regarding Grid Connection.

The grid connection would be considered under a separate application and is not considered in the EIA. The likely connection point is Kendoon North although other options are being
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<td>Question regarding community benefits, and in particular the Dumfries and Galloway idea to give 50% of the money to a regional fund.</td>
<td>E.ON have committed to pay £5,000 per MW community benefit money. E.ON are looking into many different options for community benefits.</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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Appendix 1 – Site Map
Appendix 2 – Public Information Day Materials

2.1 Press Coverage

Cumnock Chronicle – 17 Oct 2012

Further turbines proposed for Cumnock and Doon Valley

THREE new windfarm proposals have been unveiled by energy company E.ON which could see 78 new turbines built around the New Cumnock and Dalmellington areas.

The company hopes to build 27 turbines at Benbrack, between Dalmellington and Carphairn, 23 turbines at Enoch Hill, south of the road between New Cumnock and Dalmellington and 28 turbines at Lorg, 10km south of New Cumnock in Dunfurie and Galloway.

E.ON claim that if all three sites are built they will have an operating capacity of around 234MW.

They are launching a series of public consultations events in November to allow local people the chance to see the plans and to give their views on the proposals.

The company will send details of the development to all homes within 15km of the sites - which will include New Cumnock and Dalmellington, as well as Sarsfield.

Kirkconnel, Kelloholm and Cumnock.

Nick Taylor, Project Developer at E.ON said: “The aim of this activity is to keep the local community informed about our future plans and allow residents ample opportunity to get involved and have their say.

“These events are just the beginning of a much longer and more in-depth series of activity with the local community.

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“We genuinely want to design wind farms which work for E.ON, the local community and will help Scotland achieve its renewable energy targets.

“It’s very early days for these sites, but as an experienced and responsible developer we want to ensure that the local community have their views considered throughout the development of any wind farm.”

The public consultation events will be held at:

Tuesday, November 6, 4pm – 8pm – Lagwury Hall, Carphairn

Wednesday, November 7, 4pm – 8pm – New Cumnock Community Centre

Thursday, November 8, 4pm – 8pm – Hillview Leisure Centre, Kelloholm

Thursday, November 15, 4pm – 8pm – Dalmellington Community Centre

Anyone unable to attend an event, but interested in discussing the sites should call 0800 096 1199, email SWScotland@eon-uk.com or visit www.weno-uk.com/swscotland.

Nick Taylor added: “When we’re developing a wind farm we spend a lot of time choosing the right site, considering all kinds of things like how it will affect people living nearby, as well as the landscape and wildlife.

“We also work closely with the local authority and stakeholders throughout the development process.

“Because there’s a lot to think about and explore, the details of each wind farm may change through the planning process.”
E.ON out to win hearts and minds after unveiling plan for 234MW of wind farms

KARL-ERIK STROMSTA

E.ON has proposed three wind farms totalling up to 234MW in southwest Scotland, and launched a charm offensive to counter vocal resistance by some local councils. The utility underscored its intention to "keep the local community informed" and "involved" as it unveiled plans for the Benbrack, Enoch Hill and Long wind farms – ranging from 69-84MW of capacity in Dumfries and Galloway, and East Ayrshire.

Acknowledging it is "very early days", project developer Nick Taylor emphasises that E.ON intends to "ensure that the local community have their views considered throughout the development". E.ON aims to send detailed proposals to all residents within 15km of the sites, and will host a number of information sessions over the coming weeks.

Dumfries and Galloway has become a battleground for Scotland's onshore wind ambitions, with the region's representative in the UK Parliament, Russell Brown – a member of the Labour Party and a supporter of renewables – emerging as an unlikely champion for local anti-wind groups. This week, Brown accused the Scottish government of being "in denial" about the impact of turbines on communities. Some 1,000 turbines are in the planning stage in the Dumfries and Galloway region.

Utility Week – 19 Oct 2012

New wind

Eon has proposed three new onshore windfarms in southwest Scotland. The potential sites are Benbrack, in Dumfries and Galloway; and Enoch Hill and Long, in East Ayrshire. They would have capacities of 81MW, 69MW and 84MW, respectively.
2.2 Poster for Public Information Days

Posters were placed in the following locations:

**Dalmellington** Community Centre, Primary School, Employability Centre, Local Council Office, Doon Academy, Doon Valley Leisure Centre, Economic Development Office, Doon Valley Museum, The Zone & Library

**Bellsbank** Primary School, Nursery & Family Centre, Community Centre

**Carsphairn** Lagwyne Hall, Carricks Tea Room, Primary School

**Sanquhar** Library, Local Council Office, The Sweetie Box, Sanquhar Academy

**Kirkconnel** Vanity Beauty Therapy, Station 49, Community Learning Centre, Post Office, Kirkconnel Heritage Society

**Kelloholm** Hillview Leisure Centre, Primary School, Local Council Office, Mill Hill Centre, Social Work Office

**New Cumnock** Community Centre, Local Council Office, Library, New Cumnock Working Men’s Club, Primary School, Nursery School
14 October 2013

Dear [Name],

Proposed Long and Benbrack Wind Farms
Invitation to our Public Exhibitions

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As you may know, we’re planning to develop a wind farm called Long Wind Farm about 10km south of New Cumnock and a wind farm called Benbrack between Carmichael and Dalwellington.

Since we were last in touch, we’ve been working hard to move these projects forward. Based on the feedback we got from the community and some of the results from our studies and assessments, we’ve developed initial layouts that we’d like to consult on.

Our public exhibitions are your opportunity to meet the team, view our plans in more detail, see how the wind farms could look and share your views with us. We’d like to hear what you think and any questions, concerns or suggestions you might have.

We hope to see you there but, in the meantime, please get in touch if you have any questions, or if you would like to meet with us to discuss the project.

Yours sincerely,

Nick Taylor
Project Developer
2.4 Exhibition Boards

Benbrack, Enoch Hill and Lorg Wind Farms

Thank you for coming along today and welcome to our information session, designed to tell you more about our plans for three wind farms in the area.

We’d like to share our early ideas with you and the steps we’ll follow, so you can tell us what you think and have your say from the word go, including:
- our plans so far
- how you can comment on our plans
- what will happen next.

Our plans for the wind farms are at a very early stage and we won’t be applying for planning permission for a while. We still have lots of studies to finish but we’d like to know what you think of our ideas so far. Your views will help us shape our plans so that the wind farms are right for everyone.
Who are we?

Five million people get their electricity and gas from E.ON at home and at work - making us one of the top energy companies in the UK. As part of the E.ON Group, we're also one of the world's top energy companies. We want to be a company you can trust and we're always looking at ways to make energy cleaner. We have 19 onshore and 3 offshore wind farms, producing more than 400 megawatts (MW) of renewable electricity.

E.ON in Scotland

Scotland has the potential to lead the way when it comes to renewable energy and has been set the ambitious target of generating the equivalent of 100% of its electricity by 2020. We're helping to reach that target. We currently operate three onshore wind farms, one offshore wind farm, a dedicated biomass power station at Steven's Croft, Lockerbie and we're also exploring the exciting potential of marine energy. We're developing a number of renewable energy projects across Scotland, including the three new wind farms in south-west Scotland that we're telling you about today.

South-west Scotland is a great place for onshore wind farms as it has plenty of wind, excellent transport links and good connections to the electricity grid - making it easy to get electricity from our wind farms to homes and businesses.
Why do we need wind farms?

Over the next 10 years, many of the UK’s older coal-fired and nuclear power stations will close, so we need to plan ahead and find new ways of making the energy people need. The UK is one of the windiest countries in Europe, so it makes sense to make the most of this great natural resource. Using renewable sources of energy will help us reduce our impact on the environment too.

But wind farms aren’t the only answer

As well as wind, we use biomass and are testing wave power. We’re also looking at cleaner, better ways to use traditional fuels like gas and coal. For instance, at our new Grain gas/combined heat and power plant in Kent, surplus heat is used by National Grid’s neighbouring Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) plant, saving around 350,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide (CO₂) a year.

Where would the wind farms be?

Here is a map showing the three new sites that we’re considering. We thought it would be better to talk to you about all three at once, so you can find out more about them all in one session.
The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)

We have lots of studies to do before we apply for planning permission to build the wind farms. First, we need to ask some key organisations such as Scottish Natural Heritage, the local authorities and the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds what they would like us to study - this is called scoping and it tells us what the important environmental issues are at our sites.

After scoping, we’ll be carrying out lots of studies to see what the wind farms’ effects will be on people and the environment. We’ll use these studies to help us design the wind farm and to understand what we’ll need to do to reduce our impact on the environment.

The EIA will look at:
- how the wind farms will change the landscape and local views
- the natural environment and wildlife
- nearby roads and railways, including impact on traffic
- waterways, including streams, rivers and reservoirs
- mobile phone signals
- aviation issues, including the safety of aircrafts flying overhead and radar
- archaeology and cultural heritage at the site and in the local area
- noise
- shadow flicker - the impact of shadows created by the turbines.
Where are we now?

Our plans for all three wind farms are at a very early stage. We’ve done some early studies, which have shown that the sites we’ve chosen are good places for wind farms but we don’t have all the answers yet. We’ll continue to share our plans with you as we finish more studies and learn more about each site.

**Out to May 2012**
We introduce early plans for the projects to local communities and (publication due in summer 2012).

**Late 2012**
We’ll finish our studies and prepare our Environmental Statements and planning applications.

**Early 2015**
The Scottish Government’s Energy Consents Unit (SECU) makes a decision on whether to accept or reject our proposals.

**2012**
Early 2013
- Early 2014
- Early 2015
- Early 2016

Once we have more information on the sites, we’ll consult with the communities.

**Late 2013**
We’ll hold public consultations where you can have your say on the wind farms.

**Early 2016**
We’ll test our planning applications to the Scottish Government’s Energy Consents Unit (SECU).

**2016**
Assessment and decision making.
Have your say

It would be great to know what you think of our plans so far, and to hear your ideas and suggestions for improving them. Where we can, we’ll include your feedback when we design the wind farms.

You can have your say by filling in a comment card or by talking to one of our team. Alternatively, you’re welcome to get in touch with us at any time. We’ll come back to you with more information on these sites early next year.

Call us free on 0800 096 1199 – we’re available from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.

Email swscotland@eonsk.com

Write to our freepost address, you won’t need a stamp:
Southwest Scotland onshore wind
Freepost RRSE-K2CL-AZL
E.ON
Westwood Way
Westwood Business Park
Coventry
CV4 8LG
Lorg Wind Farm

Turbines       Around 28
Megawatts      Around 84MW

Your contact for Lorg Onshore Wind Farm is Ann-Marie Attfield. Why not have a chat to her today, or get in touch:

Email: swscotland@eon-uk.com
Call: 0800 069 1199
Lorg Onshore Wind Farm
Benbrack Wind Farm

Turbines: Around 27
Megawatts: Around 81MW

Your contact for Benbrack Onshore Wind Farm is Lucy Morgan. Why not have a chat to her today, or get in touch:
Email: swscotland@eon-uk.com
Call: 0800 069 1199
Enoch Hill
Wind Farm

Turbines          Around 23
Megawatts         Around 69MW

Your contact for Enoch Hill Onshore Wind Farm is Simon LeJeune. Why not have a chat to him today, or get in touch:

Email: swscotland@eon-uk.com
Call: 0800 069 1199
Enoch Hill Onshore Wind Farm

Site layout map

Key:
- Windfarm site boundary
- Area available for future development
- No turbine area
- Major water courses
- Woodland
- Railway

Map not to scale, for illustrative purposes only.
Appendix 3 – Public Exhibition Materials

3.1 Advert for Public Exhibition

Published in the Dumfries and Galloway Standard on Oct 18 2013

[Image of the advert for public exhibition]
3.2 Press Release

Press Release
Friday, 25 October, 2013

E.ON to host series of exhibitions to gather local views on proposed Lorg and Benbrack Wind Farms

E.ON is inviting local community members to attend a series of public information sessions on the Lorg and Benbrack WindFarm proposals, due to be held next week.

Following initial feedback from the local community, E.ON has developed an initial layout for the wind farms – Benbrack located between Carsphairn and Dalmellington and Lorg around 10km south of New Cumnock.

The energy company is now encouraging local people to view the plans in more detail and share their opinions with the E.ON team, which will be taken into consideration before final planning proposals are submitted.

The public information session will be held at:

New Cumnock Community Education Centre
Monday 26 October – 4pm-8pm

Dalmellington Community Centre
Tuesday 29 October – 4pm-8pm

Hillview Leisure Centre, Kelloholm
Wednesday 30 October – 4pm-8pm

Lagwyn Village Hall, Carsphairn
Thursday 31 October – 4pm-8pm

Nick Taylor, Project Developer at E.ON, said: ‘We are looking to develop the Lorg and Benbrack Wind Farm sites which have the potential to generate electricity for many homes in the area. Since we first introduced our proposals we’ve used the feedback received from...’
the local community, along with the early results from our studies and assessments, to develop an initial layout that we’d like to consult on.

“The upcoming public information sessions will be a great opportunity for local people to meet the project teams, view our plans in more detail and share their opinions with us. As responsible developers, we want to allow the views of residents to be considered fully throughout the development process of these wind farms.”

E.ON is continually looking at ways to make energy cleaner and better for its customers through new technologies and renewable sources and has been investing in wind energy since 1991. The Scottish Government has set ambitious targets for renewable energy generation and aims to provide the equivalent of 100% of Scotland’s gross annual electricity using renewables by 2020. The development of onshore wind farms plays a very important part in providing a low carbon energy mix for the future.

Anyone unable to attend an event, but interested in discussing the site should call 0800 096 1199 or email swscotland@eon-uk.com. Updates on the proposals are also available on the E.ON website at eonenergy.com/log and eonenergy.com/benblair.

Notes to editors:

- E.ON is one of the UK’s leading power and gas companies - generating electricity, retailing power and gas, developing gas storage and undertaking gas and oil exploration and production. It is part of the E.ON Group, one of the world’s largest investor-owned power and gas companies. E.ON employs around 12,000 people in the UK and more than 72,000 worldwide.
- In the UK, E.ON supplies power and gas to around five million domestic, small and medium-sized enterprise and industrial customers. E.ON also offers innovative energy services and technologies tailored to meet its customers’ needs, and is helping customers become energy efficient by encouraging them to insulate their homes, moderate their energy usage and even generate their own power.
- E.ON’s generation portfolio includes world-class gas, coal and biomass-fired power stations. E.ON is a market leader in combined heat and power (CHP) and is one of the UK’s leading green generators.
- One of the many ways E.ON leads the energy industry is through its commitment to market liquidity and transparency as evidenced by its actions on the day-ahead UK power markets including the N2EX auction. E.ON was the first company to sign a gross-dealing agreement with N2EX.

For more information contact:

Victoria Blake 02476 181304 or victoria.blake@eonenergy.com

Roxanne Postle 02476 196785 or roxanne.postle@eon-uk.com
3.3 Poster for Public Exhibitions

Posters were sent to the following locations:

**Dalmellington**
Community Centre, Primary School, Employability Centre, Local Council Office, Doon Academy, Doon Valley Leisure Centre, Economic Development Office, Doon Valley Museum, The Zone & Library

**Bellsbank**
Primary School, Nursery & Family Centre, Community Centre

**Carsphairn**
Lagwyne Hall, Carricks Tea Room, Primary School

**Sanquhar**
Library, Local Council Office, The Sweetie Box, Sanquhar Academy

**Kirkconnel**
Vanity Beauty Therapy, Station 49, Community Learning Centre, Post Office, Kirkconnel Heritage Society

**Kelloholm**
Hillview Leisure Centre, Primary School, Local Council Office, Mill Hill Centre, Social Work Office

**New Cumnock**
Community Centre, Local Council Office, Library, New Cumnock Working Men’s Club, Primary School, Nursery School
3.4 Stakeholder Invite Letter

14 October 2012

Dear [Name],

Proposed Long and Benbrack Wind Farms
Invitation to our Public Exhibitions

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As you may know in Dumfries and Galloway we’re planning to develop a wind farm called Long Wind Farm about 10km south of New Cumnock and a wind farm called Benbrack between Campbells and Dalmellington.

Since we were last in touch we’ve been working hard to move these projects forward. Based on the feedback we got from the community and some of the results from our studies and assessments we’ve developed initial layouts that we’d like to consult on.

Our public exhibitions are your opportunity to meet the team, view our plans in more detail, see how the wind farms could look and share your views with us. We’d like to hear what you think and any questions, concerns or suggestions you might have.

We hope to see you there but, in the meantime, please get in touch if you have any questions or if you would like to meet with us to discuss the project.

Yours sincerely,

Nick Taylor
Project Developer
Quantans Hill Wind Farm

Long and Benbrack

Loch Urr

Afton
3.6 Exhibition Boards

Welcome

And thanks for coming along today to our public exhibition. We'd like to show you our plans, so you can see what we've got in mind and tell us what you think.

However you feel about wind farms, your opinion really does matter to us.
Who are we?

Five million people get their electricity and gas from us – at homes and at work, making us one of the UK’s top energy companies. We’re also helping to shape the energy industry of tomorrow and create secure, sustainable energy supplies for future generations. We have 20 onshore and 3 offshore wind farms that together produce more than 400 megawatts (MW) of renewable electricity.

Why do we need onshore wind farms?

Over the next 10 years, many of the older coal-fired and nuclear power stations in the UK will close, leaving the UK with a potential ‘energy gap’. We need to plan ahead and replace these stations with cleaner, more cost-effective energy sources like wind power.

The UK is one of the windiest countries in Europe so we’re well placed to make the most of this powerful natural resource. Scotland has the potential to lead the way when it comes to renewable energy and has set an ambitious target of generating the equivalent of 100% of its electricity from renewable sources by 2020.

But wind farms aren’t the only answer.

No single source of energy holds the answer to filling the gap on its own. That’s why we’re developing a range of ways to produce energy. Renewable sources like onshore, offshore wind and biomass will work alongside nuclear, gas and cleaner coal-fired power stations that can capture and store greenhouse gases like carbon dioxide (CO2).

We’re also helping our customers to use less energy and lower their bills.
Our studies

We've worked closely with relevant national and local organisations such as Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) and Dumfries and Galloway Council to make sure our environmental studies include everything they need to.

Our independent environmental consultants have carried out a range of studies to see what impact the wind farm could have on the environment.

So far, our studies have shown there are several things we need to think about when it comes to working out where the turbines should go, including the terrain, landscape and flora.

We'll include the results of all our studies in our Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), as part of our planning application, which will be available to view at various places within the local community.

Back in April this year, we installed two meteorological (met) masts on the site, which we've been using to collect information about the wind and weather. This information will help us find the best place to put the turbines.

We're also using noise monitoring equipment to see if noise from the wind farm could potentially affect people living close to the site. From this, we'll be able to design the wind farm to make sure we're a good neighbour and stay well within noise limits.
How the wind farm could look

Thanks to feedback we’ve had from the local community and the results of our studies so far, we’ve developed a suggested layout for the wind farm, showing where the turbines could go.

We’ve also produced visuals so you can see what this layout would look like from key viewpoints suggested by local people.

We’re keen to hear what you think of our plans along with any questions, concerns or suggestions you may have.
What happens next

In the coming months, we’ll be pulling together the documentation required for the planning application. The results, along with your feedback from this event, will help us finalise the best layout for the wind farm.

The next step will then be to submit our planning application.

Once we’ve made our planning application, anyone with an interest or concern will have the chance to get in touch with Dumfries and Galloway Council or the Government, to formally comment on our proposal. At that time, we’ll let you know where you can view our application and how and when you can make comments.
Working with your community

We want to be a good neighbour and believe that involving local people from the outset of our plans is the best way to make sure the wind farm is sensitively designed and brings benefits to the area. That's why we've set up a Community Liaison Group (CLG) to represent your views and we'll be working closely with the group throughout the planning process and beyond.

If the wind farm goes ahead, we'll make an effort to use local companies wherever we can.

We'll also set up a Community Benefit Fund to support local communities projects in community council boundaries within a 15km radius from the site boundary. It will be worth up to £130,000 a year which is £5,000 for every MW of installed capacity.

We'd love to know how you think a Community Benefit Fund could help your area and how it should work. For example, at our Rosehall Wind Farm in Sutherland, Foundation Scotland managed the fund, with a panel of local people deciding how the money should be spent. But how we do things here is up to you.

Getting involved with our Community Benefit Fund won't affect your right to have your say on our planning application at any time, whether you support the wind farm or not.
Our plans for Lorg Wind Farm

We're now in the later stages of carrying out surveys and other research to find out if it's possible to build a wind farm around 10km south of New Cumnock in Dumfries and Galloway.

Based on initial feedback from the community and early results from our studies, we believe the site could accommodate up to 22 wind turbines of up to 150m to tip in height, so has the potential for an installed capacity of up to 66 megawatts (MW), depending on the capacity of the turbine model we select.

Site layout map
Bringing the turbines to site

We've worked out a possible route for our construction vehicles and for bringing the wind turbines to the site, which can be difficult due to their size. We've shown the possible route on the map below.

We plan to ship the wind turbines into Ayr Harbour and then transport them by road along the A77 to Kilmarnock, and then onto the A75 through New Cumnock. They'll then go along Glen Afton Road, making use of the proposed Afton Wind Farm access track. Where we can, we'll use local companies with experience of transporting turbine components.
Understanding your community

We know people living and working locally will have a wealth of knowledge about the site and the local area, and we’d like you to tell us how you think it can be improved. The project development phase is the ideal time for us to include initiatives and ideas, where we can, for environmental and access enhancements in our proposals.

As we develop the wind farm, we’ll encourage you to contact us with your ideas and comments on areas such as:

- improving wildlife habitats, flora and fauna, and access to footpaths
- developing existing community assets or purchasing new ones
- encouraging training or creating jobs for local people

Building a community profile

We’ll be holding discussions with Dumfries and Galloway Council, businesses and interest groups throughout the development phase. With your input, we can build up a community profile and consult with you about opportunities that could be provided by the Long Wind Farm and community benefits fund.
How do I get involved?

Your views are important to us. We welcome your comments on the wind farm and on any specific aspects of the project.

To give us your feedback, please contact us by freepost, email or phone.

Long Wind Farm
Freepost L R39E K2CU-AZJL
E.ON
Westwood Way
Westwood Business Park
Coventry
CV4 8LG

swscotland@eon-uk.com

Freephone
0800 096 1199

Updates on the proposal are also available on our website at: eon.energy.com/forg
3.7 Maps on display at Public Exhibition: Developable Areas
Proposed Turbine Layout
Proposed Infrastructure
3.8 Photomontages on display at Public Exhibitions
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**Viewpoint 5: Lochside Hotel - Existing View**

**Viewpoint 5: Lochside Hotel - Photomontage View of Long Wind Farm**

**Notes:**
1. Viewpoint given as being relative to Grid North (GSG). The viewpoint is not shown but is based on the following parameters:
   - Distance to nearest turbine: 13.426m
   - Direction of centre of view: 162°
2. The photomontages shown provide a realistic representation of the proposed development based on the company’s accuracy standards. For further information or to request a more detailed presentation, please contact the relevant authorities.
3. Written on roof-dimensional ridge roof, 750mm from the edge of the ridge, the photomontages represent a realistic presentation of the proposed development. For further information, please contact the relevant authorities.
3.9 Questionnaire

Lorg Wind Farm Proposal

1. To what extent do you feel you have been informed about the wind farm and believe that you have had the opportunity to feedback on our plans?
   - [ ] Very well
   - [ ] Well
   - [ ] Neither well nor poorly
   - [ ] Poor
   - [ ] Very poor
   What could we do better? ______________________________

2. What do you think of the proposed layout for Lorg Wind Farm?
   - [ ] I like it
   - [ ] I’m satisfied that it takes into account key sensitivities in the area
   - [ ] I’m neutral
   - [ ] I don’t like wind farms in general
   - [ ] I have specific concerns about this wind farm; for example concerns about specific turbines (please state)

3. Do you have any comments on our proposed delivery route? Is there anything you’d like to see included in our traffic management plan?

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Please turn over
If you have any further comments please use the box below.

Thank you for completing our survey.

If you’d like to be kept up-to-date on the progress of the project, please give us your contact details.

Name: ____________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________

____________________________________________________

Email: _____________________________________________

You can return this questionnaire by post to:

Freepost RRSE-KZCU-AZJL
Lorg Wind Farm
Westwood Way
Westwood Business Park
Coventry
CV4 8LG

Or email us at:

swscotland@eon-uk.com

More information is available online at:

eonenergy.com/lorg

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Appendix 4– Materials from the Community Liaison Group

Minutes CLG Meeting – 14th May 2014

E.ON in South-west Scotland. Regional Community Liaison Group

14th May, Lagwyne Hall, Carsphairn

Attendees:

Nick Taylor, E.ON
Lauren Chater, E.ON
Gary Parry, Ayrshire Marketing
Andrew Meccauf, Carsphairn
David McMillan, Carsphairn
Roland Chaplain, Balmacellian
Andi Holmes, Dairi
Pat Woodley, Dairi
Robin McVee, Monalve
Duncan Saunders, Monalve
Fiona McMillan, Monalve
Mark Pearson, Carronbridge
Steve Cowley, Carsphairn
Sylvia Sinclair, Carsphairn

Welcome and introductions

Gary welcomed everyone to the meeting and as it was the first for the region as a whole, asked everyone to introduce themselves and the community they represent.

Project updates

Nick gave a presentation (attached with these minutes) outlining the updates on each of the sites in the area. The update included a brief description of the site, what work had been undertaken, and what work was upcoming.

Questions

Gary then opened the floor for questions on all projects.

David asked whether anyone considered the cumulative impact of noise across all of the proposed sites in the area. Nick explained that a cumulative noise assessment is undertaken. However, not all projects will gain consent; it will only be the best sites. Once some have been consented it’s more difficult for new ones to get approved, because there are more sites to include in the cumulative noise and landscape and visual assessments.

Robin asked where on Loch Urr the turbines would be. Nick assured the group that a layout had not yet been done for the site, but turbines would not be more northerly than El Rig. Robin then asked how tall the turbines were. Nick informed everyone that the turbines would be a maximum of 120m to tip and BMW machines.

David asked where the grid connection for Loch Urr was. Nick told the group that the grid for Loch Urr was at Ken Doon substation. Robin asked if this would be undergrounded. Nick said it is Scottish Power’s responsibility to get the cables to the substation, so it is ultimately their decision, however, E.ON will be putting for this to be underground.
David then asked where Long grid would be. Nick said, no discussions had been had with Scottish Power in relation to Long, however, if E.ON gained consent for Afton Wind Farm it would be likely that Long would go to the Afton substation.

Andi asked what the delivery route would be for Loch Urr, Nick said, it will be the same route as Blackcraig through Dalry and Balmacclan. Nick also told the group that the intention for site access would be either to upgrade the road or use the same access as Blackcraig.

Andi asked what the length and weight of the trucks would be. Nick told the group the trucks would be approximately 50-55m long and confirmed that he would find out the weight to include in the minutes.

Duncan asked where the turbines are built. Nick acknowledged that this was a contentious point, on the whole the turbines are built in Germany and Denmark, but Samsung are looking to build a factory in the UK. For most of these sites, the turbines will be shipped to Ayr harbour and driven down to site.

Duncan asked for a map of all of the sites so that he could put it into perspective. It was agreed that one would be sent with the minutes.

Sylvia asked how far the closest turbine at Quantans Hill was to Carsphairn. Nick said this was in the region of 1.5-2km.

Roland mentioned the Scottish policy and areas outlined by the John Muir trust as areas to protect, especially in relation to Benbrack. Nick pointed out that E.ON are making a conscious effort to keep the turbines away from the road, and minimise the impact on Loch Doon. Robin pointed out that he didn’t believe that there were any of the John Muir protected areas within Dumfries and Galloway. It was agreed that a map of the areas would be circulated with the minutes.

Andrew asked which would be the first site in the region to get consent. Nick informed the group that this would be Blackcraig (if consent for the site was granted). Nick also let the group know that the SNH website has maps that show each wind farm project in the area, and they are probably the most up to date source for all developers. Andrew asked if the overhead pylon project was preventing projects from being built. Nick told the group that at least 85% of the projects in the region are in pre planning.

Andrew told the group that he had been informed that South Kyle Wind farm was being submitted in planning in May.

Duncan asked what E.ON’s perspective was for community benefits, and in particular the Dumfries and Galloway idea to give 50% of the money to a regional fund. Nick reassured the group that we have committed to the £5M/MW but have not committed to the Council, or the community. E.ON are between a rock and a hard place. Duncan pointed out that the community could end up with a tiny amount, and one way round this may be to have a community turbine. Nick told the group that the benefits should be for the community, not for a council deficit.
Andrew asked if the decision for the sites rested with the Scottish Government. Nick informed the group that while the Scottish Government have the final decision on the site, Dumfries and Galloway play a big role in the decision process.

Nick pointed out that the council cannot currently force E.ON to give the money to a certain group of people. Roland told the group not to be too worried about the decisions that are being made now, there are lots of elections before the final decision will be made. He also said there is growing consideration within Government to community turbines, and it is unacceptable for the council to tie down every community to one policy, when every community is different. Nick told the group that E.ON are looking into many different options for community benefits, including community turbines, revenue sharing and money off bills, but pointed out that this was at very early stages.

Duncan pointed out that the community could buy a share in the wind farm through heavily insured green deal loans. Gary informed the group that Scottish Planning policy is currently under review and there is a consultation out now. It was agreed that the link to the consultation would be sent with the minutes.

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It was agreed that the group would feedback whether this region-wide meeting had worked and was preferred over individual site meetings.
Appendix 5 – Project Website
