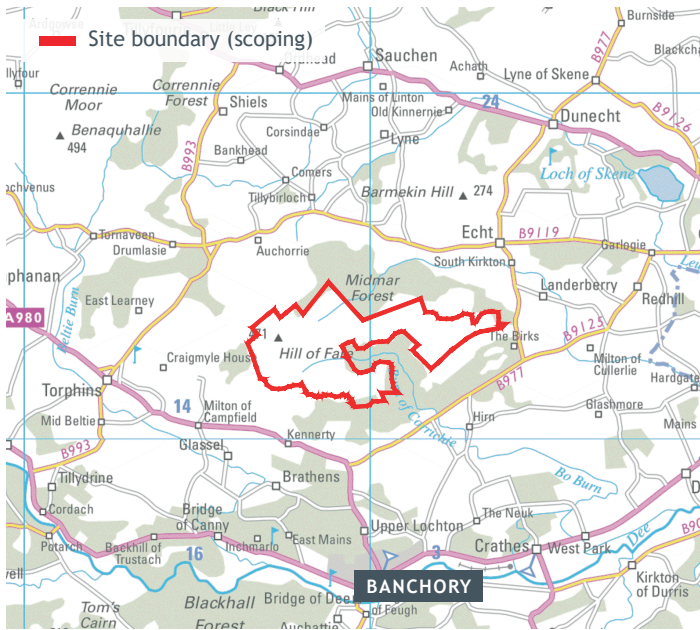


About the Project

Overview and site location

RES is in the early stages of exploring a potential wind farm and energy storage proposal, in partnership with Dunecht Estates, at Hill of Fare which lies approximately 6km north of Banchory, in Aberdeenshire.



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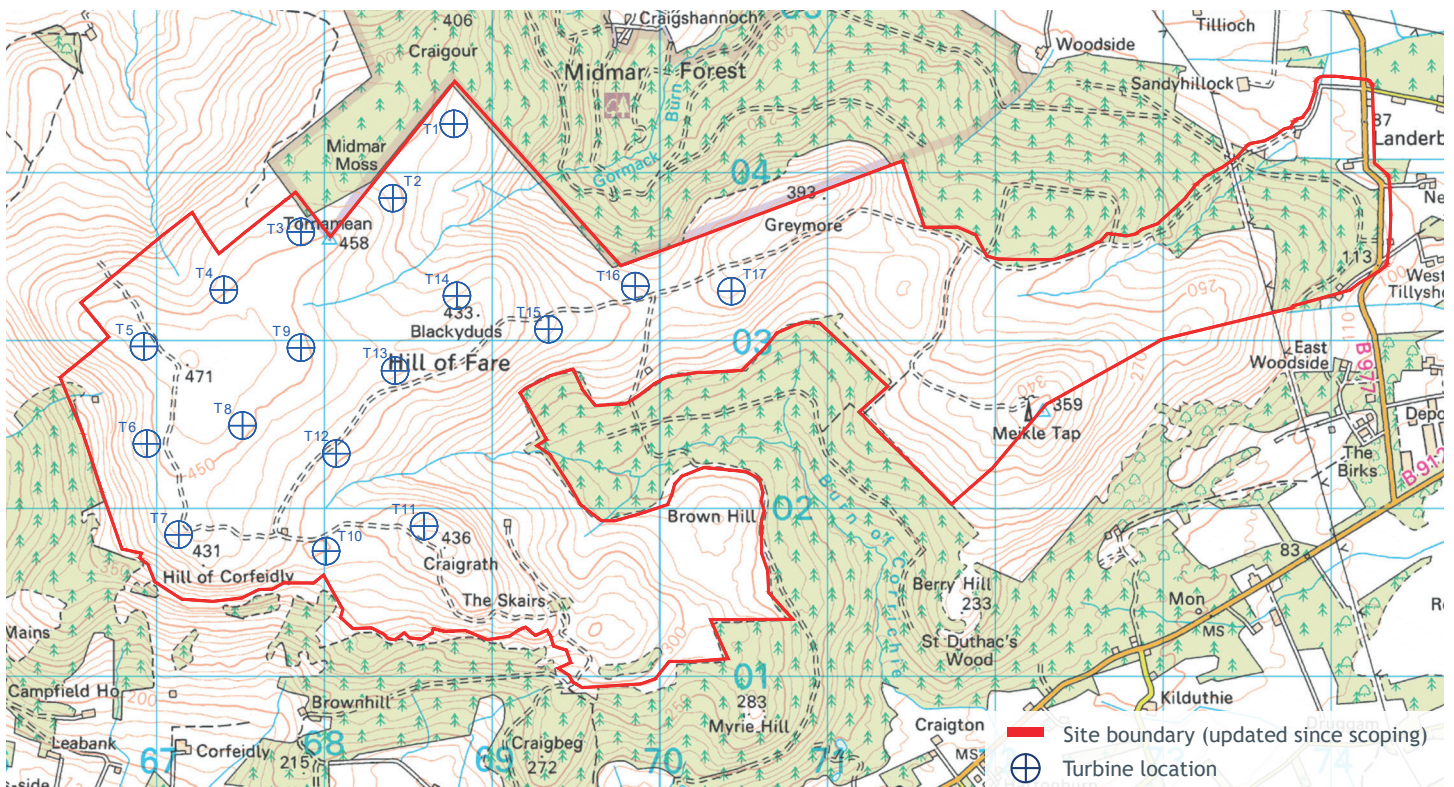
Following initial feasibility work on site we submitted a Scoping Report in August 2022 to the Scottish Government, and other key consultees, seeking feedback on the scope of proposed environmental survey work.

The Scoping Report included an early design layout for the proposed scheme comprising 17 turbines at a tip height of around 250m, resulting in an overall installed site generating capacity (based on the scoping layout) of around 122MW, and a proposed energy storage facility which will help maximise generation capacity and efficiency of the site.

Turbine technology has continued to advance considerably and new onshore wind projects like the proposed Hill of Fare Wind Farm are amongst the lowest cost forms of generating electricity. These modern, taller turbines generate significantly more electricity which will help to address the climate emergency, cost of living crisis and security of energy supply issues that we currently face.

If consented, Hill of Fare Wind Farm would be capable of generating clean, low-cost renewable electricity for around 90,000¹ homes - helping to play an important role in meeting Scotland's legally-binding 2045 net zero target.

Indicative turbine layout



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Public exhibitions

Engaging early with the community

We are holding public exhibitions in the local area to enable people to learn more about the project, discuss any questions with the RES project team, and provide feedback on the initial design.

The exhibitions initiate a consultation period being run by RES to gather written comments on the proposal. Anyone wishing to provide feedback to RES on the project can do so in writing by filling out a 'comments form' at the exhibition events or online from the project website at www.hilloffare-windfarm.co.uk from Tuesday 11 October when copies of the exhibition information will be available on the project website for people to view.



The closing date for comments is Friday 11 November 2022. Please note that comments to RES at this time are not representations to the determining authority (The Scottish Government's Energy Consents Unit). There will be an opportunity to submit representations to the determining authority should an application be submitted.

The project is also predicted to deliver approximately £4.7 million² of inward investment to the area as well as a tailored community benefits package in line with local needs and priorities. As such, in addition to gathering people's feedback on the design and layout of the proposal itself we're keen to understand the local priorities, needs and community projects which people would like to see the wind farm support, should it go ahead.

We're also looking to build our knowledge of local skills and capabilities and explore ways of maximising inward investment to the local area from the project, so if you're a local business interested in getting involved in onshore wind projects please come along to the exhibitions and talk to our team.

Tuesday 11 October 2022

Crathes Hall

Crathes, Banchory,
AB31 5JN

11am - 2pm

Echt Hall

B977, Echt, Westhill,
AB32 6UL

5pm - 8pm

Wednesday 12 October 2022

Midmar Hall

Midmar, Inverurie,
AB51 7NE

11am - 2pm

Learney Hall

9 Beltie Road, Torphins,
Banchory, AB31 4JT

5pm - 8pm

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About RES

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At the forefront of the industry for over 40 years, RES has delivered more than 23GW of renewable energy projects worldwide.

Employing over 100 staff in Scotland, RES has the expertise to develop, construct and operate projects of outstanding quality such as Meikle Carewe Wind Farm in Netherley, Aberdeenshire, and works closely with the local supply chain wherever possible.

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For more information on the proposal please visit our website at www.hilloffare-windfarm.co.uk or contact us using the details above. If you require information in Braille, large text or audio, please get in touch with us.

¹ The 90,000 homes equivalent figure has been calculated by taking the predicted annual electricity generation of the site (using the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy's [BEIS] average load factor for [onshore and offshore] wind of 31.84% and RES' predicted site generation capacity of 122.4MW) and dividing this by the BEIS annual average electricity figure showing that the annual UK average domestic household consumption is 3,748 kWh (December 2021). Final wind farm capacity will vary depending on the outcome of planning permission and the turbine type selected.

² The £4.7 million inward investment figure is based on typical spend that RES has seen spent on its projects with local stakeholders, suppliers and service providers in the region of £279,000 per wind turbine during the development, construction and first year of operation.

This newsletter has been designed to keep you up to date with the Hill of Fare Wind Farm proposal. If you no longer wish to receive this newsletter, please write to RES at the address above to let us know.

