**Your feedback counts**

RES believes in meaningful and productive consultation, and we aim to engage early with the local community and key stakeholders in order to facilitate constructive consultation. This helps to identify issues and concerns, as well as benefits and opportunities, which we can then consider when developing and refining the design and delivery of the proposal.

We welcome feedback from the local community on our Hill of Fare Wind Farm proposal. Please provide any feedback that you may have in writing by filling out this comments form. **The closing date for comments to RES at this stage of the design is Friday 11th November 2022.** Comments will still be accepted after this date but may not be considered in relation to the design development.

*Please note that any comments submitted to RES are not representations to the determining authority (the Scottish Government’s Energy Consents Unit) and that there will be an opportunity to submit representations to the determining authority should a planning application for the proposal be submitted.*

**1. Public exhibition**

* 1. **How did you find out about this public exhibition?**

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|  | Newsletter through the door | |
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|  | Advert in local newspaper | |
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|  | Project website ([www.hilloffare-windfarm.co.uk](http://www.hilloffare-windfarm.co.uk)) | |
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|  | Word of mouth | |
|  |  | |
| Other (please specify): | |  |

**1.2 Which exhibition event did you attend?**

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|  | Crathes Public Hall |
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|  | Echt Hall |
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|  | Midmar Hall |
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|  | Learney hall (Torphins) |
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|  | None – viewed exhibition information on project website only |
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**1.3 What part of the public exhibition did you find most useful?**

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|  | Exhibition information boards | |
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|  | Visualisations (photomontages, wirelines, laptop wirelines) | |
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|  | Ability to ask RES questions | |
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| Other (please specify): | |  |

**1.4 Before visiting the exhibition how would you describe your knowledge of the Hill of Fare Wind Farm proposal?**

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|  | Knew a lot |
|  |  |
|  | Knew quite a lot |
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|  | Knew a little |
|  |  |
|  | Knew very little |
|  |  |
|  | Knew nothing at all |

**1.5** **Having visited the exhibition, to what extent do you feel you have increased your knowledge of the Hill of Fare Wind Farm proposal?**

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|  | A lot |
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|  | Quite a lot |
|  |  |
|  | A little |
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|  | Very little |
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|  | None at all |

**1.6 Do you have any suggestions for ways in which we could have improved our exhibition?**

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**2. Climate change, energy security and renewables**

In response to the climate change emergency, the Scottish Government has set a legally-binding target for Scotland to reach net zero carbon emissions by 2045.

**2.1** **Do you agree that generating electricity from renewable sources, and reducing our reliance on fossil fuels, can help towards tackling the issue of climate change?**

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| --- | --- |
|  | I strongly agree |
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|  | I agree |
|  |  |
|  | I don’t know |
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|  | I disagree |
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|  | I strongly disagree |

**2.2** **Do you agree that we need to develop onshore wind farms to support greater energy independence and security of supply for the UK?**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | I strongly agree |
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|  | I agree |
|  |  |
|  | I don’t know |
|  |  |
|  | I disagree |
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|  | I strongly disagree |

**2.3** **Do you agree that we need to develop onshore wind farms to help reduce energy bills?**

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|  | I strongly agree |
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|  | I agree |
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|  | I don’t know |
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|  | I disagree |
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|  | I strongly disagree |

**2.4 Do you have any further comments regarding the above?**

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**3. Hill of Fare Wind Farm proposal – design and layout**

**Feedback at this early stage has the potential to change and influence the design and improve the overall quality of the planning application from a community perspective.**

In addition to confirming any current support, opposition, or neutrality to the proposal at this stage please consider submitting any constructive feedback that you may have regarding the design and delivery of the project as this information has the potential to change and influence the design in a way that is beneficial to the community, should it go ahead.

**3.1** **What’s your attitude to the proposal for a wind farm at Hill of Fare?**

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|  | I am supportive |
|  |  |
|  | I am neutral |
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|  | I am opposed |
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|  | I don’t like wind farms in general |

**3.2** **If the wind farm went ahead, as currently designed, what do you think about the turbine and infrastructure layout?**

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|  | I am happy with the proposed layout |
|  |  |
|  | I am neutral towards the proposed layout |
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|  | I have concerns about the proposed layout |
|  |  |
|  | I don’t like wind farms in general |

**3.3 Do you have any specific comments regarding the proposed design or delivery of the project that you would like us to take into consideration** (for example - infrastructure locations including substation, long term use of temporary construction compound[s], proposed tracks, turbine delivery route)**?**

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**4. Local benefit**

In addition to the £4.7 million of inward investment that the scheme is predicted to deliver to the area in the form of jobs, employment, and use of local services, we are proposing to deliver additional benefit through a tailored community benefits package that is aligned with the priorities of the local community.

As such, we are asking for your feedback on the ideas, local priorities, and community projects that you would like to see supported (should Hill of Fare Wind Farm be consented) so that we can deliver a tailored community benefits package that will help to secure long-term economic, social and environmental benefits for the local area.

We are also interested in your views on RES’ unique Local Electricity Discount Scheme (LEDS) which forms part of our tailored community benefits package for some of our other projects and offers an annual discount to the electricity bills of those properties closest to a participating RES wind farm.

**4.1** **Within which Community Council area do you reside?**

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**4.2 Community benefit tends to focus on those Community Council areas closest to the proposal which host the site and/or infrastructure. What are your views on this approach for Hill of Fare?**

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**4.3 What** **ideas, local priorities, or community projects would you like to see benefitting from Hill of Fare Wind Farm, should it go ahead** (some examples from other communities we’ve worded with are provided on the ‘local benefit’ exhibition board)**?**

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**4.4**

**RES has developed its unique Local Electricity Discount Scheme (LEDS) which offers an annual discount to the electricity bills of those properties closest to a participating RES wind farm. Is this something you think should form part of the tailored community benefits package for Hill of Fare Wind Farm?**

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| --- | --- |
|  | Yes |
|  |  |
|  | No |
|  |  |
|  | Maybe |

**5. Your details**

**Please provide your name and contact details below in order to authenticate this comments form**.Providing this information gives context to your feedback, facilitates a better understanding of community views and priorities, and enables us to respond to any questions raised. However, if you are not comfortable providing us with your full contact details **please include your postcode as a minimum.**

Your contact details will be treated by RES with the strictest of confidence, in line with the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) 2018. We may at times share your contact details, in confidence, with third parties who we employ to help process your comments or update you on the project and by providing your details below you consent to this. You may write to RES at any time to ask that your contact details be removed from our records and from any third parties we work with.

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| Name |  |
| Address |  |
| **Postcode** |  |
| Email |  |

Any written consultation feedback submitted to RES will be considered by the project team over the coming months as the design is developed and refined, in addition to feedback from key consultees and the findings from the technical and environmental studies that we are undertaking.

**We will hold a second set of public exhibition events closer to submission** of the planning application (which is currently scheduled around spring 2023) to update people on the proposal and present the final design. People will have the opportunity to speak to the project team again about the project and provide written feedback to RES. These events will also refer to the written feedback received from the October 2022 exhibitions and consultation period and explain any changes that have been made to the design in response to the feedback.

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| **If you would like to be kept up to date with the project, please tick this box:** |  |  |

Hard copy comments forms can be handed in at the exhibitions, posted back to RES at **Hill of Fare Wind Farm – Project Team**, Renewable Energy Systems Limited, 3rd Floor, STV, Pacific Quay, Glasgow G51 1PQ, or scanned and emailed to [gavin.shirley@res-group.com](mailto:gavin.shirley@res-group.com).

PLEASE NOTE – there is more room overleaf if you require more space for feedback.

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