

### Project update

#### Public exhibitions

Since the October 2022 public exhibitions and consultation RES has been reviewing the comments received, together with key consultee feedback and further site survey work, and progressing the design.

We have now developed an updated 16-turbine scheme and will be presenting this at a final suite of public exhibitions in June 2023. These events will provide people with an opportunity to review the updated design, speak with the project team, and ask any questions.

A range of information will be available at the public exhibitions, including photomontages and visualisation software to help give an impression of what the site could look like from different viewpoints in the area. Members of the project team will also be on hand to discuss the proposal and answer any questions.

These events will also refer to the written feedback received from the October 2022 exhibitions and consultation period and explain any changes made to the design in response to this feedback.



#### Tuesday 20 June

##### Banchory Town Hall

14 High Street,  
Banchory, AB31 5RP  
11am - 2pm

##### Midmar Hall

Midmar, Inverurie,  
AB51 7NE  
5pm - 8pm

#### Wednesday 21 June

##### Learney Hall

9 Beltie Road, Torphins,  
AB31 4JT  
11am - 2pm

##### Echt Hall

B977, Echt, Westhill,  
AB32 6UL  
5pm - 8pm

Anyone wishing to provide feedback and ideas for local benefits to RES can do this by filling out a 'comments form' at the exhibition events or online from the project website at [www.hilloffare-windfarm.co.uk](http://www.hilloffare-windfarm.co.uk) from Tuesday 20 June when copies of the exhibition information will be available on the project website for people to view.

**The closing date for comments on the updated design is Thursday 6 July 2023.**

Comments submitted to RES during these exhibitions or subsequent consultation period 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 once the planning application has been submitted.

Based on our current programme we are looking to submit our planning application later in summer 2023.

## Benefits from the wind farm

### Community benefit package

RES is proposing a tailored package of benefits for the community from the Hill of Fare Wind Farm that would be worth £5,000 per megawatt (or equivalent) of installed capacity per annum.

This package could include RES' unique Local Electricity Discount Scheme (LEDS), something that has received significant interest from the community. LEDS seeks to deliver direct and tangible benefits to people living and working closest to RES' operational wind farms.

Developed in response to research and feedback from local communities, LEDS offers an annual discount to the electricity bills of those properties closest to a participating wind farm.



### Access and recreation opportunities

At our October 2022 events we received quite a lot of feedback regarding people's interest in maintaining access to the site for recreation as well as the opportunity for improvements to walking and cycling paths as well as car-parking.

In response to this, we are currently in discussion with the landowner to explore the opportunity to create permanent public car-parking facilities at the site entrance to the east as well as other potential opportunities to support site access and recreation.

### Inward investment

The project is predicted to deliver approximately £4.4 million<sup>1</sup> of inward investment into the local area in the form of jobs, employment, and use of local services during construction and the first year of operation.

The project would also deliver more than £1 million in business rates annually to Aberdeenshire Council.

### Other benefits

We are in a climate emergency, cost of living crisis, and face issues with security of energy supply. Onshore wind can address all of these.

Onshore wind alongside other renewable technologies can generate the cheapest form of new electricity generation - and isn't subject to sudden fossil fuel price fluctuations or the uncertainties of global markets. It is quick to build (12-24 months) and the carbon payback time is usually within 1-3 years.

Hill of Fare Wind Farm would be capable of generating enough clean, low-cost electricity for around 101,000 homes<sup>2</sup> and reducing carbon emissions by approximately 107,689 tonnes each year.

The project would also make an important contribution to Scotland's new target of installing 20GW of onshore wind across Scotland by 2030 to help towards meeting our Net Zero carbon emissions by 2045.

## RES in Scotland

### About RES

RES, a privately-owned company with a proud history in Scotland, is the world's largest independent renewable energy company - with operations across Europe, the Americas and Asia-Pacific.

We grew out of Sir Robert McAlpine, a British family-owned firm with over 140 years of experience in construction and engineering - including the Glenfinnan Viaduct in the Highlands and the Emirates Arena and Sir Chris Hoy Velodrome in Glasgow. From our Glasgow office we have been developing, constructing and operating wind farms in Scotland since 1993. We have developed and/or built 21 wind farms in Scotland, with a total generating capacity of 597MW.

At the forefront of the industry for over 40 years, RES has delivered more than 23GW of renewable energy projects worldwide. For further information about RES visit [www.res-group.com](http://www.res-group.com).

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

<sup>1</sup> The £4.4 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.

<sup>2</sup> The 101,000 homes equivalent figure has been calculated by taking the predicted annual electricity generation of the site (based on RES assessments Hill of Fare Wind Farm has a predicted capacity factor of 38.59% - based on a 6.6MW [megawatt] candidate turbine) and dividing this by the annual average electricity figures from the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) showing that the annual UK average domestic household consumption is 3,509 kWh (December 2022). Final wind farm capacity will vary depending on the outcome of planning permission and the turbine type selected.