

Giant's Burn Wind Farm

Public Consultation Feedback Report- June 2025

About Giant's Burn Wind Farm

The proposed wind farm is located approximately 2.5km north-west of Dunoon and 1.9km south-west of Sandbank.

Following feedback from community consultation events which took place in April 2024 and ongoing specialist studies, we presented a revised proposal of 7 turbines: six turbines with a maximum blade tip height of up to 200 metres and one with a maximum tip height of 180 metres.

The table below highlights some key information about the proposal.

	No. of Turbines	Max Blade Tip Heights	Expected Installed Capacity (MW)	Estimated Generation (homes equivalent)	Community Fund (per year)	Battery Energy Storage System Installed Capacity
Giant's Burn Wind Farm	Up to 7	Up to 200m	Approx 50MW	Around 60,000 Homes per year ⁽¹⁾	A minimum of £250,000 per year ⁽²⁾	20MW

⁽¹⁾ Based on 50MW Installed Capacity, wind resource assessment and average Scottish domestic consumption of 3078kWh pa (DESNZ Jan 2024)

⁽²⁾ Community Benefit Fund based on 50MW x £5k per MW of installed capacity. If consented, value of fund determined by actual installed capacity.

The project was introduced into the public domain in February 2024 and the first consultation period took place in April and May 2024. More information on our first consultation can be read on our project website- [Public Consultation Feedback Report 2024](#)

Second Consultation: Sharing the evolution of the project before submission

This overview presents the findings from the feedback received during the second round of consultation, held between 31 March and 21 April 2025. This included online and in-person consultation methods. Replies to comments and queries raised were responded to, if permission was provided, in June 2025.

The consultation was publicised in a variety of ways, including:

- Advertisements in the Dunoon Observer on 21 and 28 March 2025;
- Mailing to over 10,000 households and businesses closest to the proposed site
 - Physical feedback cards along with a Freepost envelope were included in the mailing for those who preferred to submit written feedback;
- Writing to Community Councils and local and neighbouring Ward Councillors, including copies of the adverts to share on local media channels
 - Host Community Councils - Kilmun, Dunoon, Sandbank
 - Neighbouring Community Councils - South Cowal, Hunter's Quay, Cove & Kilcreggan

- Wider engagement Community Councils - Helensburgh, Cardross, Gourock and Inverkip and Wemyss Bay; and
- Providing details of the consultation on the Giant's Burn project website.

In-Person Exhibitions 1-3 April 2025

Following feedback from host Community Councils in 2024 an additional venue in Sandbank was included in the second round of exhibitions.

The in-person events were held at:

- **Tuesday 1 April: 86 visitors**
 - Dunoon Burgh Hall, Dunoon 2pm-7pm.
- **Wednesday 2 April: 96 visitors**
 - Kilmun Village Hall, Kilmun 11am-2pm.
 - Sandbank Village Hall, Sandbank 4pm-7pm
- **Thursday 3 April: 65 visitors**
 - Innellan Village Hall, Innellan 10am-1pm
 - Cove Burgh Hall, Cove 4pm-7pm

On display at each exhibition were nine information boards, covering:

- Information about the developer;
- An overview of the proposed development, including the proposed layout;
- Updates on proposed design changes and biodiversity enhancements;
- Details of key viewpoints;
- Information on proposed construction transport route;
- Zones of theoretical visibility (ZTVs); bare earth and screened versions were provided; and
- Information about the community benefit fund, construction/supplier register and community shared ownership opportunity.

An information leaflet was available to take away, and feedback forms made available to complete at the event or return in a Freepost envelope.

To help provide an understanding of how the project would look, an interactive visual using Google Street View was available to view on iPads, where attendees could view the wind farm from different locations, such as from their home.

247 people attended the exhibitions over the three days, including members from the host and neighbouring Community Councils. There was a wide range of views, and the project team responded to a number of questions and queries which also reflected those submitted on the feedback forms.

Online exhibitions 31 March-21 April 2025

The virtual exhibition, accessed via a link from the main project website, had all the same information as was displayed at the physical exhibitions. This included:

- Exhibition Leaflet Online – provided the same information as the leaflet residents could take away;
- Viewpoint Brochure Online – provided the same viewpoints available to view at the in-person exhibitions;
- Extensive FAQ section to inform the residents and other interested parties about the project;
- A ‘ring back’ service to allow members of the public to have a dedicated chat with our team at a date/time suitable to them; and
- An opportunity to leave comments through the online feedback form.

Summary of Consultation Responses

A total of 503 responses were received by the reply date of 21 April 2025. This represents 5% of the 10,091 households and businesses that were mailed the invitation, feedback form and Freepost reply form. We continue to log and respond to any forms received.

Feedback Form Questions	Percentage of individuals who selected "Yes"	Percentage of individuals who selected "NO"	Percentage of individuals who selected "UNSURE"
Do you think that the country needs to generate more electricity from renewable sources?	67%	26%	7%
Do you agree that onshore wind power is a good way to help achieve this?	40%	49%	10%
Do you think this is an acceptable location for a wind farm?	29%	60%	10%
We will explore the potential to assist in bringing improved broadband to the area. Is this of interest to you?	37%	52%	11%
We are open to offering Community Shared Ownership on our project. If the Giant's Burn project went ahead, would this be of interest?	26%	56%	18%

Key Topics from Consultation

During the consultation period, some questions and comments were frequently raised. The answers to these questions are provided in a separate document for the information of attendees and local representatives, and made available on the project website. Main topics included:

Landscape and visual impact including, proposed development location, proximity to residential areas, and turbine height;

- Impact on local wildlife and the environment, including decommissioning impact;
- Consideration of alternative power sources, such as offshore wind and hydro;
- Connectivity, in particular relating to grid connection and transport route to site;
- Tourism and leisure related responses including proximity to the National Park; and
- Local Benefits, including Community Benefit Fund, and local supply chain.

As part of the application, each of these topics will be fully examined within the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report. The EIA Report submitted as part of our application will be made available for the public to view and comment upon.

Next Steps

We plan to submit a Section 36 Application to the Energy Consents Unit shortly.

Ahead of submission, the next steps for local engagement are:

- Send a copy of this report to host and neighbouring Community Councils and elected representatives;
- Continue to receive feedback and respond to queries;
- Record and store all comments made regarding suggestions for community benefit funding; and
- Continue to update the project website.

Following submission, the next steps for local engagement are:

- Notify host and neighbouring Community Councils of submission;
- Notify residents who have signed up to our project mailing list that a planning application has been submitted;
- Update the project website with planning application submission details; and
- Advertise the planning application submission in local newspapers.

In terms of community shared ownership, we suggest hosting a general information session with Local Energy Scotland during the development stage, to provide the community with more information on shared ownership.

For more information on the project or to ask questions:

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