

Community Newsletter



Kennoxhead Wind Farm, South Lanarkshire

In November 2023, we consulted with the community on our proposals for the revised Larbrax Wind Farm, on the North Rhins Peninsula in Wigtownshire. As a result of the feedback we received, our design team has further refined these proposals. We have been working to create a wind farm design that reduces impact on peatland, forestry, transport, landscape and potential visual impact, from previous proposals consulted upon.

The project now consists of:

- Up to four wind turbines (we previously consulted on five)
- Each up to 149.9m in height
- Generating over 20MW of clean, green energy
- Remain committed to delivering £5,000 per MW of installed wind energy capacity, equating to £100,000 in annual community benefit for the local area.

In this newsletter, you can find out more about the history to the Larbrax Wind Farm project, details of our updated revised proposal, and information about our second round of public exhibitions.

Find out more

The revised Larbrax Wind Farm proposal continues to be refined. From the outset, we have engaged closely and inclusively with the communities close to the proposed site, so that we could listen and respond to your feedback. We will continue to do this and invite you to attend our second round of public consultation exhibitions to hear about the updated proposals for Larbrax Wind Farm, meet the team and ask any questions you may have:

Tuesday 25 June

3pm-7pm - Stranraer Millennium Centre,
75 George Street Stranraer, DG9 7JP

Wednesday 26 June

9.30am-1pm - Leswalt Memorial Hall,
DG9 0LW

3pm-7pm - Portpatrick Village Hall,
The Harbour, DG9 8TU

Site for revised Larbrax wind farm proposal



Background To The Project

Between 2013 – 2016, a proposal for Larbrax Wind Farm was consulted on and submitted to Dumfries and Galloway Council, which was ultimately consented at appeal by the Scottish Government in 2016.

From 2016 – 2023, work took place to make the project both technically and commercially viable, including discussions with turbine suppliers about the procurement of the consented turbines, and Scottish Power Transmission on the proposed grid connection. The culmination of this work is the revised proposal for Larbrax Wind Farm.

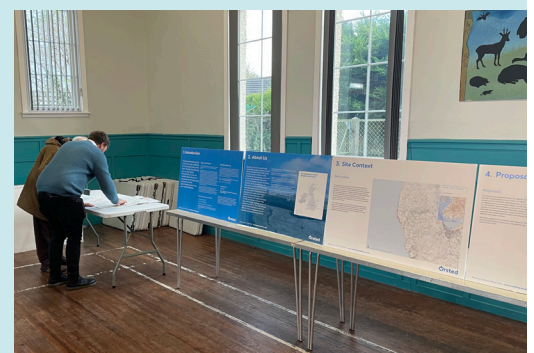
Ørsted is now progressing the revised proposal for Larbrax Wind Farm which addresses technical and commercial barriers and, if approved, would make a valuable contribution to Scotland's renewable energy and climate change goals, while returning community and economic benefits to the local area.

Updated environmental and ecological surveys have already been completed, which have been utilised to create the final wind farm design. They will also be used to complete the Environmental Impact Assessment, as part of the planning application.

Nearly 70% of people who attended our first round of exhibitions indicated that they supported the proposals.

Revised Larbrax Wind Farm - anticipated project timeline

- **Early Summer 2024** Second public consultation events held to display late-stage proposal.
- **Late Summer 2024** Anticipated date of planning submission to Dumfries and Galloway Council.
- **2025** Anticipated date of planning decision.
- **2027** Construction to commence, if approved.





Community

Ørsted is dedicated to being an active partner in the communities where we develop, build, operate and own green energy assets such as onshore wind farms. In Scotland, we offer a community benefit programme to support communities close to our wind farm sites. We're keen to back local community projects wherever we can.

Community benefit fund

Every year over the lifetime of Larbrax Wind Farm, Ørsted will pay £5,000 per megawatt of installed wind energy into a community benefit fund - equating to approximately £3.5 million over the lifetime of the wind farm once operational.

We want to consult the people who live and work near our projects to ensure that community benefit funds support those initiatives that are of most value to local people.

Community ownership

Ørsted also offers local communities surrounding our onshore wind projects the opportunity to own part of the project.

By owning a part of Scotland's green energy supply, local people have the chance to benefit directly over the long-term benefits onshore wind energy brings.

If the community were eager to explore community ownership options, Ørsted would offer the opportunity to purchase a stake in the Larbrax Wind Farm.

Education and skills

Skills and training are a vital part of Scotland's transition to a green economy that is powered by renewable energy. We will support skills development and local job opportunities as we develop Larbrax Wind Farm.

In 2014, the Larbrax Wind Farm Skills Fund was announced as part of the original Larbrax Wind Farm, which we wish to continue. Ørsted will work with Dumfries and Galloway College to explore additional educational opportunities in the energy sector – helping to reinforce the College's existing offering in Stranraer and bridging local skills gaps.



About Ørsted

As a global leader in offshore wind right here in the UK, we're continuing our green transformation journey by expanding our onshore wind portfolio. Ørsted partners with industry leaders to deliver cost-effective and environmentally sound onshore solutions that meet the growing demand for clean, renewable power, using the lowest cost renewable energy, in onshore wind. We currently have 4 GW of onshore wind assets in operation and under construction in the U.S. and Europe, providing green energy to thousands of homes while boosting local economies.

Onshore wind is an unlimited and renewable source of clean energy and will play a vital role in meeting ambitious net-zero targets set out by the UK and Scottish governments while helping to realise the global shift to green energy.



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Contact us

Our project team has extensive experience in the design, construction and operation of wind energy projects and we are committed to delivering Larbrax Wind Farm in a way that benefits both the communities and natural environment surrounding the site.

We hope to see you at our upcoming public exhibition events.

Please contact us if you have any questions about the proposal, or suggestions for the community consultation.

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