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Cruach Bhreac Wind Farm proposal

Statement of Community Consultation



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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose of the document

RES has developed this Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) in connection with its proposal for the Cruach Bhreac Wind Farm.

The purpose of this SoCC is to set out how RES intends to consult communities and stakeholders about the proposal, before submission of the planning application. It includes:

- what RES will be consulting on
- who RES will consult with
- how RES will consult
- how people can respond to the consultation
- how RES will use the consultation feedback responses

Effective pre-application consultation enables local knowledge, concerns and opportunities to be identified, helps to shape the project design and ensures the community's view and priorities are considered from the outset.

2 Definitions

"Community/Communities" means the residents, businesses, landowners and community groups who live, work in, or have a strong connection to the area and may be affected by or interested in the Project.

"Consultation round" means an organised activity undertaken to inform stakeholders and communities about the Project and gather feedback, including but not limited to public exhibitions, meetings and other engagement activities.

"Consultation period" means the period of time written feedback may be provided to RES for a consultation round.

"the Project" means the proposed Cruach Bhreac Wind Farm located to the south of Loch Fyne, approximately 1.5km to the south and southeast of Lephinmore, and 2.9km to the northeast of Largiemore.

"Public exhibition" means a drop-in session that enables members of the public to view project information, engage with the project team, and provide feedback on the proposal.

"Stakeholder(s)" means elected representatives including, but not limited to, community council members, ward councillors, MSPs and MPs.

"SoCC" means this, and future iterations of this, Statement of Community Consultation.

3 Cruach Breach Wind Farm

The Project is located on land to the south of Loch Fyne, approximately 1.5km to the south and southeast of Lephinmore, and 2.9km to the northeast of Largiemore.

Based on the initial studies undertaken, and subject to refinement throughout the development process, the Project comprises:

- 12 wind turbines up to 200m tip height
- At each wind turbine, associated low to medium voltage transformers and related switchgear
- Wind turbine foundations
- hardstand areas for erection cranes at each wind turbine location
- a network of tracks including passing places and site entrances from the public road
- borrow pits (dependent on availability of stone on site)
- a substation compound containing a control building and communications mast
- a network of buried electrical and communications cables
- temporary construction compounds

Please note that these details may be subject to adjustments as the Project design evolves.

The Project would make a meaningful contribution to energy security and climate commitments generating up to 86.4 MW of renewable energy, enough to power approximately 97,000 homes[1] every year.

The Project would also make a significant economic contribution to the local area with a predicted £3.5 million of inward investment realised in the local area, in the form of jobs, employment, and use of local services during the development, construction and first year of operation.

Furthermore, the Project, if consented, would deliver a community benefit package worth £5,000[2] per MW (or equivalent) of installed capacity per annum. RES takes a tailored approach and works directly with the community to understand how the wind farm could support the local area and help to secure long-term economic, social and environmental benefits. This approach will help to deliver a tailored community benefits package that is aligned with the priorities of the local community.

RES is also happy to consider shared ownership, as part of the scheme, if there is an appetite for this from local community groups.

1 *The homes figure has been calculated by taking the predicted annual electricity generation of the site (based on initial RES assessments Cruach Bhreac has a predicted capacity factor of 43%)and dividing this by the annual average electricity figures from the DESNZ showing that the annual GB average domestic household consumption is 3,323 kWh (December 2025) Final wind farm capacity will vary depending on the outcome of the planning process and the turbine type selected.*

2 *The £5,000 per MW per annum benchmark is drawn from the Scottish Government's current Good Practice Principles for Community Benefits from Onshore Renewable Energy Developments. We are aware of the ongoing consultation on proposed updates to this guidance and will have regard to any revised recommendations when finalised.*

4 About RES

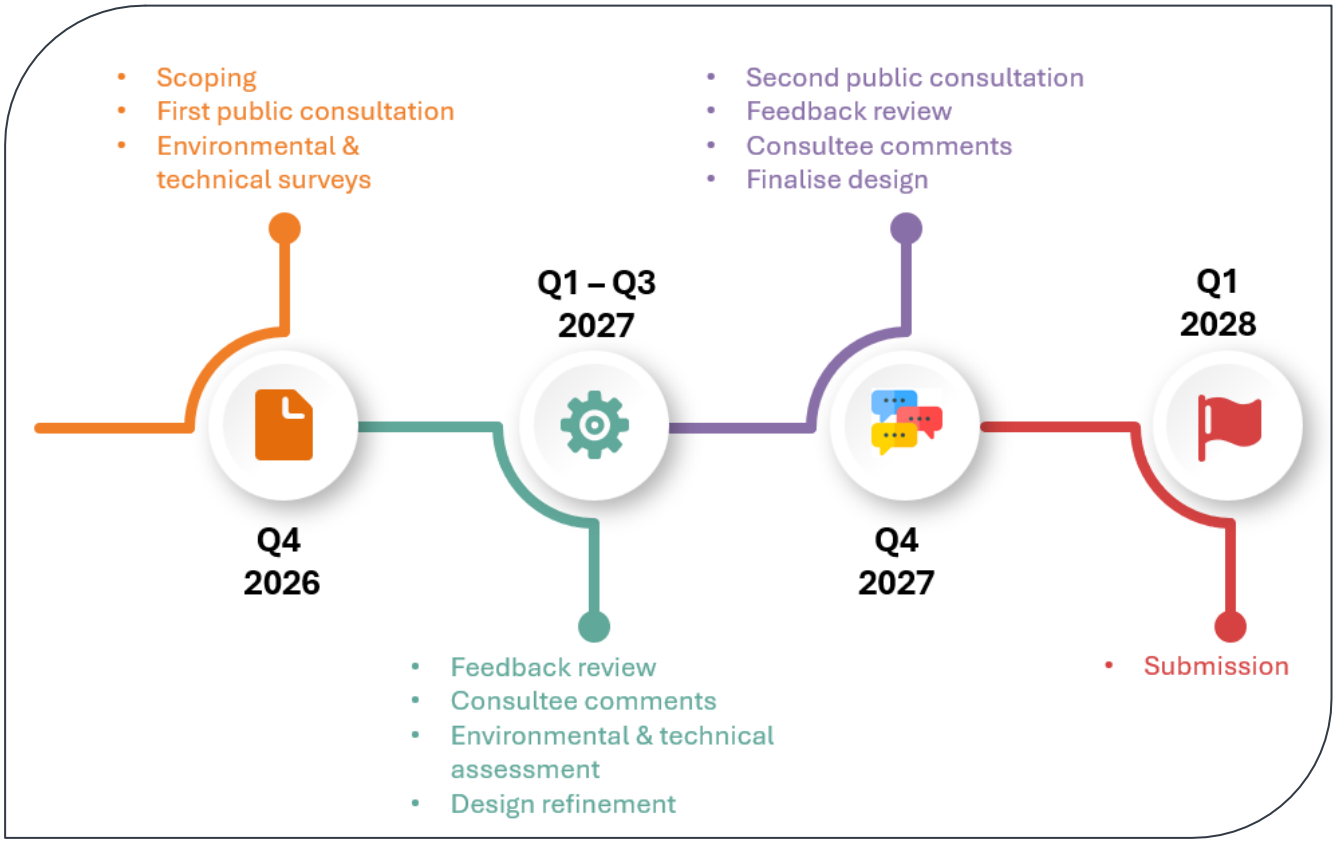
RES is the world's largest independent renewable energy company, working across 24 countries and active in wind, solar, energy storage, green hydrogen, transmission, and distribution. An industry innovator for over 40 years, RES has delivered more than 29GW of renewable energy projects across the globe and plans to bring more than 26GW of new capacity online in the next five years.

RES is a privately-owned and family run company with a proud history in Scotland. We have been developing, constructing, and operating wind farms from our Glasgow office since 1993. To date, we have developed and/or built 23 onshore wind farms in Scotland, with a total generation capacity of over 700MW and currently operate 27 wind farms with over 750MW of generation capacity across the country.

RES developed, constructed, and now asset manage the 11-turbine Freasdail Wind Farm in Tarbert and the 14-turbine Blary Hill Wind Farm near Glenbarr.

For more information, please visit www.res-group.com.

5 Estimated project timeline



6 Consultation activity

6.1 Who RES will consult with

RES will consult widely in accordance with this SoCC, and the consultation process is open to anyone with an interest in the Project.

RES has identified a consultation zone (CZ) as shown in shown in Figure 1 below (and appended to this SoCC), for the purpose of communicating with the local community and stakeholders. The CZ has been developed taking into account the proximity of local homes and businesses, and theoretical visibility of the wind farm (based on the initial layout). There are approximately 1900 properties within the CZ.

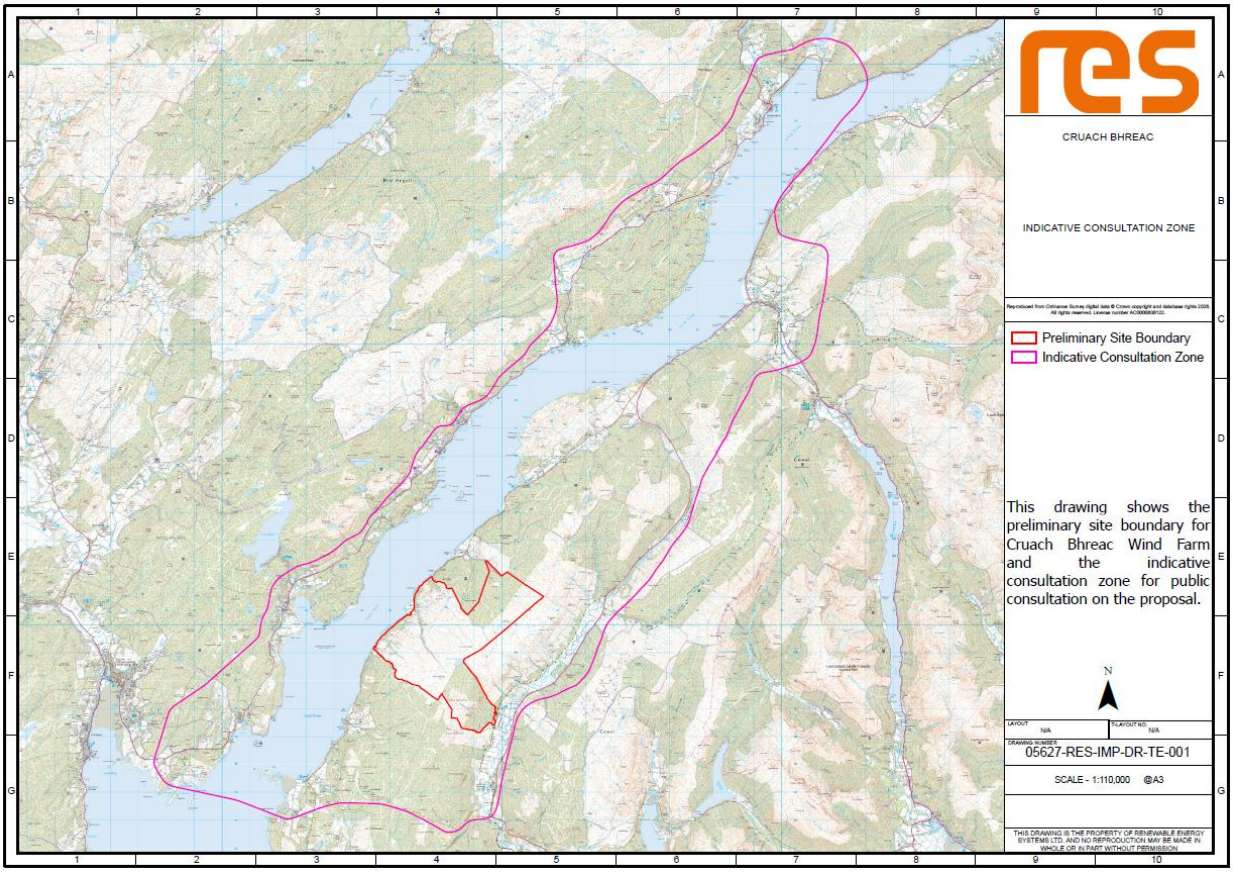


Figure 1 – consultation zone

Within the CZ, RES will consult any person or group likely to be directly impacted by the Project by virtue of their living or working in proximity to the site. This will include:

- Community councils representing community council areas within the CZ
- Elected representatives for areas within the CZ, including ward councillors and MSPs
- Local residents and businesses
- Relevant local interest groups, such as residents' associations, community groups and groups with particular specialisms, such as environmental groups

RES is also committed to making sure that individuals and organisations outside of the CZ are given the opportunity to participate in the consultation, as appropriate.

6.2 How RES will consult on the proposal

6.2.1 Near neighbour consultation

Prior to consultation with the wider communities, RES will consult with the nearest neighbours to the proposed wind farm. This will help towards our understanding of local issues and sensitivities and can create more informed wider consultation discussions.

6.2.2 Consultation rounds

A minimum of two consultation rounds will be held for the Project to enable communities to find out information about the Project, speak to members of the project team and leave feedback on the proposal.

First consultation round

The first consultation round will be held in week commencing 30 November 2026 and will comprise three public exhibitions to be held in:

- Strachur or Strathlachlan (venue to be confirmed)
- Glendaruel (venue to be confirmed)
- Inverary (venue to be confirmed)

Each public exhibition is expected to be held between 3pm and 8pm to maximise participation and ensure as many members of the community as possible can engage with the Project and provide feedback.

A range of information will be available to view, including details of the site location, design layout, proposed infrastructure, site constraints, likely turbine delivery route, and environmental considerations. In addition, we will provide visualisations comprising wirelines and photomontages to help give an impression of how the current site design and layout may appear from different viewpoints in and around the local area.

All of the information provided at the public exhibitions will also be available to view on a dedicated project website. Information will be available in hard copy, Braille, large text, additional languages or audio, on request.

Second consultation round

A second consultation round is expected to be held in Q4 2027 and will comprise three public exhibitions which are likely to be held at the same venues, and at the same times, as the first consultation round.

Visitors to the second consultation round will be able to see a range of information including any updates to the design layout and infrastructure and the results of environmental and technical surveys and assessments. Updated visualisations will also be provided. In addition, a summary of feedback from the first consultation and how RES has responded to it, will be provided.

All of the information provided at the public exhibitions will also be available to view on a dedicated project website. Information will be available in hard copy, Braille, large text, additional languages or audio, on request.

Additional consultation rounds

If, following the two consultation rounds, RES considers it is necessary to undertake further geographically targeted or supplementary consultation rounds, this would be undertaken, so far as it is relevant and proportionate.

6.2.3 Stakeholder briefing meetings

RES will seek to brief political stakeholders, representing wards, constituencies and community council areas within the consultation zone.

RES will also consider invitations to, or requests for, meetings with affected stakeholders, other local groups or special interest organisations on a case-by-case basis.

6.2.4 Webinars

RES will consider hosting webinars on selected environmental and technical subjects, to give interested parties and stakeholders the opportunity to explore key issues in greater depth and have their questions addressed in real time.

6.2.5 Dedicated project contacts

Dedicated project contacts will provide members of the public and stakeholders with a clear, accessible and reliable route for obtaining information, asking questions and sharing feedback throughout the consultation process.

6.2.6 Project website

A dedicated project website will provide a single, accessible source of information, helping members of the public and stakeholders stay informed and engaged throughout the project lifecycle.

6.2.7 Stakeholder site visit

As the wind farm design is finalised, stakeholders will be invited to attend a visit to the site of the proposed wind farm, to include a tour of the site and selected viewpoints.

6.2.8 Feedback forms

For both consultation rounds, feedback forms will be available both digitally and in hard copy at the public exhibitions. Feedback forms will also be available on the project website.

The feedback form will include an option for people to register for future updates on the project. Once registered, people will receive updates at key project milestones.

The consultation period for each consultation round, will run for a minimum of four weeks. Feedback may still be submitted after each closing date but may not be able to be considered in relation to the design development. Each consultation period will be clearly publicised in the methods outlined in **Section 6.3**.

6.3 How RES will publicise the consultation

RES will use a variety of methods to make people aware of the Project and publicise the consultation.

6.3.1 Consultation newsletter

Newsletters will be sent to all properties within the CZ, publicising the consultation rounds including the location, dates and times of the public exhibitions. The newsletter will also include information on how people may leave written feedback on the proposal and the deadline for such.

6.3.2 Stakeholder updates

RES will provide regular email updates to stakeholders regarding the consultation rounds.

6.3.3 Newspaper advertising

An advert publicising the consultation rounds will be published in the Dunoon Observer and Argyllshire Advertiser. The adverts will run for a minimum of one week and contain information including the location, dates and times of the public exhibitions. The adverts will also include information on how people may leave feedback on the proposal and the deadline for such.

6.3.4 Information notices

Posters publicising the consultation rounds, including the location, dates and times of the public exhibitions, can be provided to community councils to be used on local noticeboards, etc on request.

6.3.5 Other

RES will provide digital assets for use on community council social media, on request.

6.4 What RES will consult on

6.4.1 First consultation round

For the first consultation round, RES will provide information on the preliminary design and layout of the Project.

RES will be seeking feedback on:

- Aspects of the public exhibition people found most useful and suggestions for how future events could be improved
- The overall proposal
- The preliminary design layout of the Project
- Community benefits and community shared ownership

- Economic benefits, jobs and supply chain opportunities
- Local knowledge that could help inform the design
- Any other comments or concerns that should be considered as the Project evolves.

6.4.2 Second consultation round

For the second consultation round, RES will provide information on the updated design and layout of the Project, alongside the results of environmental and technical surveys and assessments.

At this stage, the layout design will be almost finalised, however, the second consultation round will provide people the opportunity to submit written feedback to RES, if they wish, on the updated design. The feedback has the potential to influence and improve the overall quality of the planning application from a community perspective.

7 Responding to the consultation

Feedback to RES, for both consultation rounds, should be in writing.

Consultation responses can be made in the following ways:

- Completing an online feedback form accessed via the project website
- Attending a public exhibition and completing a digital or printed feedback form
- Emailing the project team via the contact details published on the project website
- Writing to RES at the address published on the project website.

The closing date for providing written feedback to RES, for both consultation rounds, will be clearly publicised.

Any feedback received could be made public but no personal information will be published. Any personal data received as part of the consultation will be stored and protected in accordance with the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulation. The privacy notice will be available on the project website.

8 How RES will use the consultation feedback

8.1 First consultation round

Alongside the results of environmental and technical surveys and assessments, written feedback to RES will play an important role in shaping the design development of the Project. It will help the project team refine the design and address local considerations, where possible.

8.2 Second consultation round

All written feedback received will be carefully reviewed and considered, alongside technical and environmental assessments, as RES finalise the wind farm proposal and prepare the planning application.

A summary of all written feedback from the first consultation round, and how RES has responded to it, will be presented during the second consultation round. A Pre-Application Consultation Report will accompany the planning application summarising the engagement undertaken with local communities before the application is submitted, the feedback received, and how that feedback has informed the proposals.

Appendix A – Consultation zone