

FREASDAIL WIND FARM



Newsletter 1

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RES is pleased to introduce its plans for Freasdail Wind Farm, located near Whitehouse on the Kintyre Peninsula. We invite you to be part of the consultation process for the project and look forward to receiving your feedback on our proposal.



FIND OUT MORE!

We will be holding public exhibitions to present further information on our proposal for Freasdail Wind Farm. Local residents will have the opportunity to meet the development team, find out information, ask questions and leave comments on our proposal.

Friday 24th August, 2pm - 8pm: Whitehouse Village Hall

Saturday 25th August, 10am - 3pm: Victoria Hall, Campbeltown

www.freasdail-windfarm.co.uk

WHAT ARE WE PROPOSING?

We started our initial site investigations at Freasdail Wind Farm looking at a 16 turbine scheme. Our wind farm designs evolve as a result of the site studies we undertake and our consultation process. We have now reduced the proposed number of turbines to 11 and each turbine will have a maximum height of 100 metres to the tip of the blade. Depending on final turbine selection, Freasdail Wind Farm could be capable of generating up to 22MW of clean electricity using the natural power of the wind. This is renewable energy equivalent to the average annual needs of almost 13,000 homes – or approximately 31% of the households in Argyll and Bute*.

We are hoping to submit a planning application in the autumn and have started a consultation process with the local community to present our current proposals. This process will enable the community to feed in their views and opinions on our proposal, and that will help shape our final application.

Freasdail Wind Farm is one of two projects RES is currently developing on the Kintyre Peninsula. We have another project, called Blary Hill, located near Glenbarr.

* The homes equivalent has been calculated by taking the predicted annual electricity generation of the site (based on RES studies Freasdail has a predicted capacity factor of 30.1%) and dividing this by the annual average electricity consumption figures from the Department of Energy and Climate Change 2010 (4370 kWh). The result has then been compared with National Records of Scotland Estimates of Households and Dwellings in Scotland, 2011

Wind Turbines at Hill of Towie Wind Farm, Moray. Turbine height to blade tip 100m.



WE BELIEVE IN MEANINGFUL AND PRODUCTIVE CONSULTATION

The aims of our consultation process are to:

- Engage early with the community to facilitate a constructive consultation process; to help RES understand and address concerns.
- Assist the local community in understanding the benefits and impacts of the proposed wind farm.
- Add value and improve the quality of our proposal through meaningful and productive consultation.
- Work with the community to define the structure of the community benefits offered as part of the development.

THE CONSULTATION PROCESS

Under the Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006, which came into force in 2009, RES is required to submit a Proposal of Application Notice (PAN) report setting out how we will consult with the local community over our plans. We submitted our PAN to Argyll and Bute Council and this has been approved. It can be downloaded from our website www.freasdail-windfarm.co.uk.

We have sent our PAN report to all the local Community Councils and we are taking on board their views on how we should undertake our wider public engagement. We have created a Community Liaison Group, where each Community Council can send representatives and local residents are able to attend to discuss the wind farm.

Before we submit our planning application, we will create a Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) report and submit this to Argyll and Bute Council. The report will document the engagement process and steps we have taken to adapt our proposal, if necessary. We will ensure the findings are presented with transparency and integrity; once complete the report will be published on our website.

At this stage we are inviting local residents to submit comments directly to RES. Once an application is submitted there will be the opportunity to submit representations to Argyll and Bute Council*.

* In accordance with Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) Scotland Regulations 2008, Pre-Application Consultation 7(2). Any persons wishing to submit comments can do so either in writing or by e-mail to: Rachel Anderson, RES, Third Floor STV, Pacific Quay, Glasgow, G51 1PQ rachel.anderson@res-ltd.com 0141 404 5531. The closing date for the submission of comments is 14th September 2012. Persons submitting comments in response to the Pre-Application Consultation are advised that comments submitted to RES at this time are not representations to the planning authority (Argyll and Bute Council); there will be an opportunity to submit representations to the planning authority should a planning application be made.

Kelburn Wind Farm in North Ayrshire began generating renewable electricity in 2012. Turbine height to blade tip 100m.



WANT TO VISIT A WIND FARM?

There is no better way to find out more about wind energy than visiting an operational wind farm. There, you can see for yourself how turbines work and their impact on the surrounding area. RES is always keen to support visits to wind farms and, if you would like to join a trip, please do contact Rachel Anderson, (contact details overleaf).

WE HOPE YOU HAVE FOUND THIS NEWSLETTER USEFUL AND YOUR FEEDBACK ON OUR PROPOSAL WOULD BE APPRECIATED

1 Do you support renewable energy development?

Yes

No

Undecided

2 If you support renewable energy developments, do you support the development of wind farms in appropriate locations?

Yes

No

Undecided

3 Which of the following describes your reaction to the proposed Freasdail Wind Farm?

Support

Neutral

Object

What further information would you like about the wind farm and do you have any comments about our proposal?

Name: Mr/Mrs/Ms

Address:

Postcode:

Email:

Your details will be held on RES' database for the purposes of obtaining and assessing feedback on RES' proposal for a wind farm at Freasdail. Your contact details will be stored in accordance with the Data Protection Act, and will not be passed on to third parties. Please contact us if you would like your details to be removed from RES' database.

Wind turbines at Black Hill Wind Farm, Scottish Borders. Turbine height to blade tip 78m.



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RES IN SCOTLAND

RES is one of the world's leading independent renewable energy companies. We are a privately owned British company and grew out of Sir Robert McAlpine. We play a vital role in developing and constructing projects that contribute to Scotland's energy supply. RES has developed and/or built over 6.5GW of wind capacity worldwide. In the UK, we are responsible for the development of around 10% of the current wind energy capacity. In Scotland, RES has built nine projects, including the recently completed Hill of Towie Wind Farm in Moray and Kelburn Wind Farm in North Ayrshire.

At RES we are proud of our reputation for designing projects that optimise power performance whilst minimising any effects on local people and the environment. We work closely with communities, local authorities and independent experts to ensure our wind farms are built to the highest standards. We want to be good neighbours and listen to and address any questions or concerns you may have. Please contact Rachel Anderson in the first instance.

Hill of Towie Wind Farm in Moray started generating renewable energy in 2012. Turbine height to blade tip 100m.



For those reading this newsletter by post, we obtained your address through a national postcodes database. If you do not wish to receive further information from us about this proposal, please write to us and let us know.



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Rachel handles the local community liaison and is your point of contact for information about the wind farm, the community fund and any media enquiries.

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