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Dear Resident,

Neven Point Wind Farm proposal – update

As you may be aware, GreenPower has been developing a wind farm proposal on the southern edge of Eday.

About GreenPower

GreenPower is an award-winning independent Scottish-owned renewable energy company headquartered in Alloa, near Stirling. We were founded in 2000 by CEO Rob Forrest, one of the early pioneers and leaders in renewable energy. GreenPower has developed over 260MW of consented renewable energy projects ranging from a hydropower plant and single wind turbines to utility scale wind farms – in addition to a growing portfolio of onshore wind, solar and green hydrogen projects in active development.

We are passionate about sustainable renewable energy projects which help tackle the climate emergency and benefit local communities. Fundamental to our approach is the importance of meaningful and constructive engagement to ensure that our projects are well designed and responsibly delivered.

For more information about GreenPower please visit www.greenpowerinternational.com

Project overview

The Neven Point Wind Farm project was acquired by GreenPower in June 2022. We reduced the initial 8-turbine proposal to a 6-turbine design. Shortly after this, in August 2022, we held a public exhibition to gather initial community feedback.

Since then, we have undertaken extensive technical and environmental survey work - and this data, together with community feedback received, has helped to further inform the layout. This has resulted in some key design changes, including a further revised 5-turbine layout.

Due to the time that has lapsed since our first consultation event in August 2022, we are renewing our pre-application consultation process and holding further consultation events.

November public exhibition – Neven Point Wind Farm Redesign

We are holding a public drop-in exhibition event to gather feedback on the revised 5-turbine proposal on **Tuesday 19th November** from **2pm until 8pm** at **Eday Heritage Centre** and this will also be advertised in The Orcadian newspaper. No appointment is necessary, just drop in whenever suits you.

The exhibition will provide a range of information about the project - including maps and visualisations to help illustrate what the proposal could look like, as well as an overview of next steps and likely timescales. Our project team and myself will be on hand to discuss the project, listen to your views and answer any questions that you may have.

All of the key information presented will also be available to view online, from the date of the exhibition event on the project website at www.greenpowerinternational.com/current-projects/neven-point-wind-farm/.

If you require help with transport please let us know by Friday 8th November by getting in touch using the contact details below so we can look to assist.

Your feedback

The exhibition event and consultation will allow you to submit further feedback to GreenPower on the proposal. Anyone can do so in writing by completing a comments form at the Heritage Hall. The comments form will also be available online from the project website (see above) to download and scan/email or print/post to GreenPower.

Written comments submitted to GreenPower during the exhibition and subsequently are not representations to the determining authority (Orkney Islands Council). There will be an opportunity to submit written representations to the determining authority once a planning application has been submitted and a formal statutory consultation is initiated.

Delivering meaningful benefit

If consented, the project could deliver between £100,000 to £150,000 per year in community benefit depending on the final capacity of turbines installed. As such, in addition to seeking feedback on the design and our approach to the development at the upcoming exhibition, we are also keen to engage with residents on the sorts of benefits that they would like to see delivered from the project, should it go ahead.

For example, historical feedback has indicated that some residents are keen to receive a discount off their electricity bills each year and/or to receive help installing additional energy efficiency measures in their homes. This is something that GreenPower will be seeking specific feedback on at the upcoming November exhibition - and we will make a commitment to explore this fully if further feedback confirms that there is enough interest in delivering lower energy bills for residents. Ensuring community benefits are transparently managed and distributed fairly is also very important to us.

We will publish a 'commitments register' as part of the drop in exhibition event and when the project is submitted into planning, to capture commitments we make to the community regarding design changes or benefits to be delivered from the project. This document will accompany the planning application.

Lastly, if you have any queries or want to contact us at any time you can reach us at enquiries@greenpowerinternational.com or on 07407 896076.



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