

Commitments Register – summary

Neven Point Wind Farm



This is a register of commitments from GreenPower, setting out what the community can expect from the proposed Neven Point Wind farm, Eday, Orkney, Scotland – as of November 2024.

Many items are commitments that GreenPower makes as a matter of standard practice from the outset. Others are a result of feedback and consultation to date. Additional commitments will be added as necessary from ongoing consultation.

Commitment
1) GreenPower is committed to consulting with the local community and engaging positively with constructive feedback.
2) GreenPower is committed to consultation on how community benefit funds should be used and managed. GreenPower will provide an annual community benefit fund at £5,000/MW, index-linked, of installed capacity in accordance with current Scottish Government policy.
3) GreenPower will: (i) ensure that the community benefit funding will be managed according to an agreed management plan; (ii) oversee financial management; and (iii) ensure accountability to the community by regular reporting on where funding has been allocated and spent.
4) If required, GreenPower will provide appropriate back office management of the fund, at no cost to the community.
5) We recognize there has been strong early interest in an energy discount scheme and energy-efficiency improvement programme. If this is confirmed as part of the current period of community consultation GreenPower will work alongside the community to plan and deliver this as a significant priority for community benefit funds.

6) We recognise there is interest in shared community ownership of the project and that this aligns with Scottish Government policy which seeks to increase the uptake of community ownership. We welcome this and will consider potential investment structures that are available alongside the community. We will have open discussion with any interested parties about how this could work and to understand the community appetite and interest in such an investment

7) Water supplies, watercourses and drains will be protected by stringent controls in the Construction Management Plan.

8) All cabling between turbines and to the site substation will be underground.

9) GreenPower will improve and create better access to the War Ness walk .

10) GreenPower will:

- a. seek to maximise opportunities for local businesses and local skills and services to be involved in the project.
- b. establish a local business and services contractor register.
- c. host 'meet the buyer' events for local businesses to enable those who can provide products and services during construction and operation to meet GreenPower and our contractors and to get the opportunity to tender to secure work on the project.

11) Construction and transport management plans will ensure that the ferry service and the normal operation of the pier will be protected and maintained.

12) GreenPower is committed to regular, ongoing communication with the community about the schedule of construction works. The plan and format for these communications will be agreed in advance with the relevant community parties, including the Community Council and other groups, and a dedicated space on our project website - to ensure comprehensive coverage and communication.

13) We will consult with the community on the detailed Transport Management Plan

14) Maintenance and repair of any damage to roads and verges is taken extremely seriously by GreenPower and we will welcome stringent planning conditions in this regard given the islanders' previous experience of issues around the West side Road. We commit to monitoring road conditions during construction and ensuring that any damage caused by our contractors is promptly repaired

15) We will put in place a dedicated reporting and liaison system for transport and other construction related concerns.

16) During tendering, GreenPower commits to applying weight to competitive tenders that can commit to:

- a) providing training opportunities for members of the local community during work on the project.
- b) taking on new local apprentices.

17) GreenPower is committed to the delivery of habitat management works as part of the development.

18) In addition to mitigating any potential effects of the project on biodiversity and habitats, GreenPower is also committed to delivering a programme of biodiversity enhancement works in accordance with Scottish Government policy. There are potential opportunities around Ward Hill within the red line boundary of the site including habitat improvement for ground nesting birds. Details of this will be set out when the planning application is submitted.

New commitments as a result of additional consultation feedback will appear below

