



Drumduff Extension Wind Farm, West Lothian

Drumduff Wind Farm Community Open Day

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A planning application is being prepared for changes to the consented 3-turbine Drumduff Extension Wind Farm. The project will sit next to GreenPower's existing 3-turbine Drumduff Wind Farm off the Heights Road, near Blackridge in West Lothian. The updated proposal will increase the consented turbine tip heights by 15-30m, to a maximum height of 180m.

At a time when the climate emergency demands new sources of green energy, this project extends an existing wind farm with 3 new turbines, located in a well-established area of wind developments, and for a small number of turbines with good energy yield.

Generating up to 17 megawatts of renewable electricity, Drumduff Extension Wind Farm will generate renewable electricity equivalent to the consumption of up to approximately 12,100 homes, making a significant contribution to Scotland's demand for green electricity, saving approximately 17,100 tonnes of carbon emissions each year¹.

Amending the consented project will provide for maximum flexibility so that the most modern and economically viable turbines suited to the site can be utilised.

1. <https://www.renewableuk.com/energypulse/ukwed/>

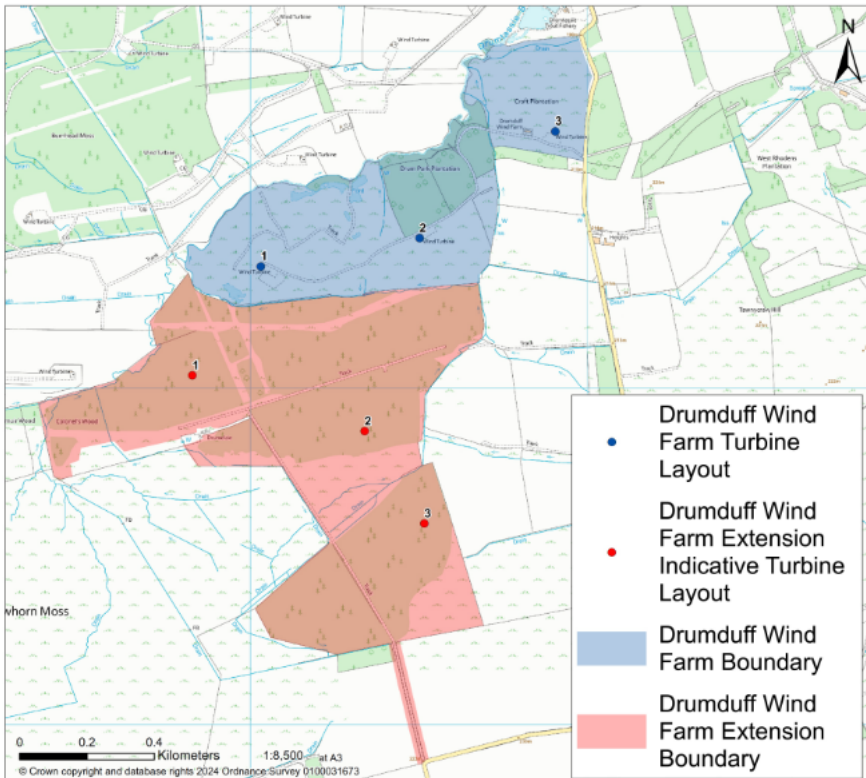
About GreenPower

Formed over 20 years ago, GreenPower is one of Scotland's leading independent renewable energy developers and is well known in West Lothian for developing and operating Drumduff Wind Farm.

About the project and location

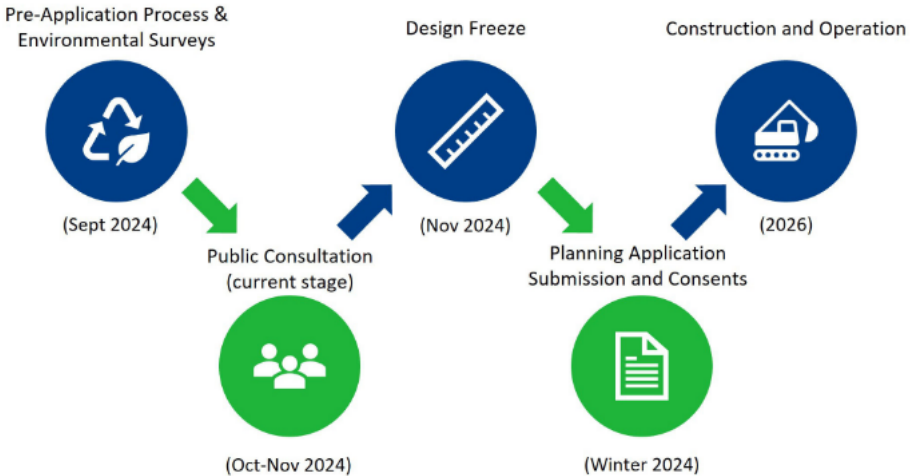
The three turbines will be in a commercial forest next to an established cluster of wind developments. The wind farm and our proposed peat restoration programme will help tackle climate change and support the Scottish Government's aspiration to deliver on its renewable energy and biodiversity targets.

Two of the proposed turbines (turbines 1 and 2) will be up to 180m, and the third turbine (turbine 3) will be up to 149.9m, from ground level to the top of the blade tip. These are modern, high-efficiency turbines, and we believe they will fit well in the landscape alongside the neighbouring turbines when viewed from key local viewpoints.



What stage is the project at?

Most environmental and engineering surveys have been completed, and public consultation is underway. Once feedback from the consultation events has been received, and incorporated into the design where possible, the Environmental Impact Assessment will be prepared to support the submission of the new planning application at the end of 2024. During consultation, GreenPower is seeking the view of stakeholders and the local community on the revised layout.



Local Benefits

GreenPower is committed to delivering a community benefit fund at £5,000 per MW of generating export capacity, which will be index-linked from the date of construction. We will consult with the local community on how to most effectively manage and target the new funds. We will also arrange local business events where local contractors will be encouraged to get involved in delivering the project, including via civil engineering contracts, groundworks and support services.

Local people may be familiar with projects delivered via funding from the existing Drumduff Wind Farm, including installation of the Blawhorn Moss boardwalks, and provision of food vouchers and activity packs to local families during the pandemic. Other GreenPower projects have delivered varied local benefits, from purchase of art and sports equipment for local clubs, to supporting costs for community events and village hall upgrades.



Opening of new boardwalk at Blawhorn Moss - pupils from the local primary school with Rob Forrest CEO, GreenPower and Adrian Warman, Head of Operation, Thrive Renewables with Amee Hood, NNR Reserve Manager and Heather Reid, Board Member, NatureScot.

What happens next?

GreenPower is finalising a wide range of environmental surveys, including traffic and transport assessments and landscape and visual studies as well as investigating the socio-economic effects of the development.

We will hold public exhibitions and consultations, advertised in the local newspaper and on the GreenPower website. Further project information will be available on our website at the project page:

greenpowerinternational.com/current-projects/drumduff-wind-farm-extension/

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