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Tweedsmuir Community Council
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Dear Mr. Parker,

Grayside Wind Farm Development – Consultation

Introduction

Arcus Consultancy Services Ltd are continuing to prepare a planning application on behalf of Grayside WF Ltd (the Applicant) for consent to install and operate Grayside Wind Farm (the Development). We are progressing towards a fixed design and are compiling the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report with a view to submitting an application to Scottish Government's Energy Consents Unit (ECU) in line with a revised programme in the first quarter of 2022.

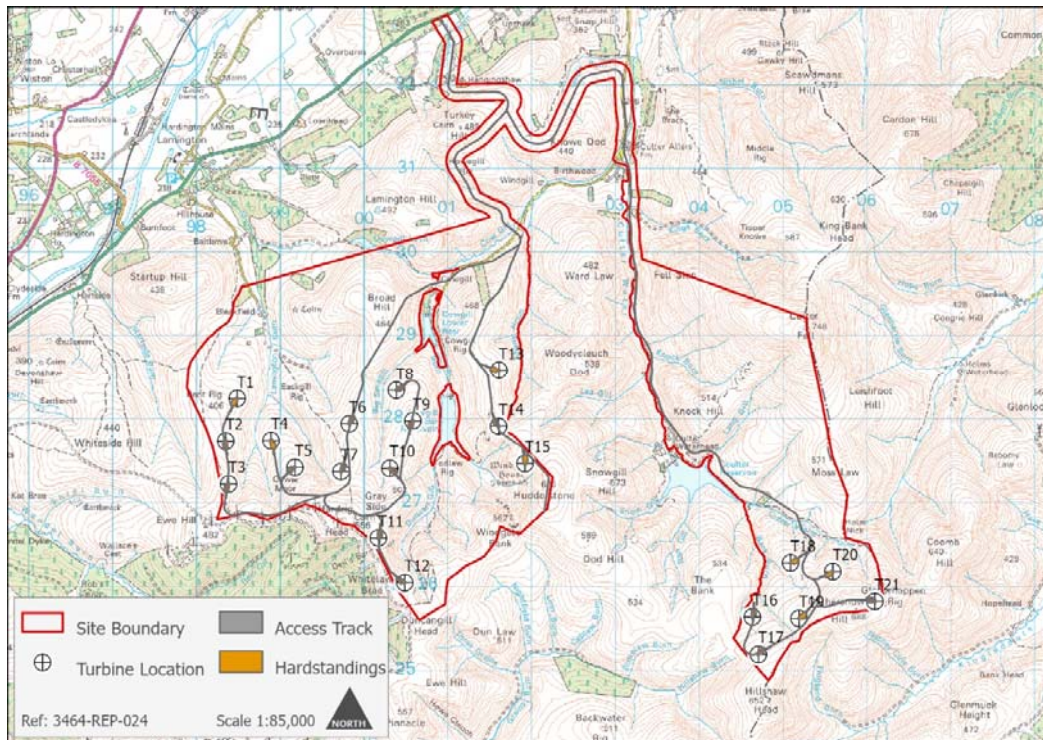
The Site and Development

The location of the proposed wind farm remains immediately north of the existing Clyde and Clyde Extension wind farms, approximately 1.7 kilometres (km) south of Lamington and 5.7 km north east of Abington.

At our initial online exhibitions in February, the Development comprised up to 27 wind turbines, with a maximum tip height of 200 metres (m), and associated infrastructure, with a generation capacity exceeding 50 megawatts (MW).

Following the environmental surveys undertaken to date and ongoing consultation with various consultees, we have further developed the design which can be seen in Plate 1 (overleaf).

Plate 1: Current Layout



The current layout comprises 21 of wind turbines, at a maximum tip height of 200 m. The design will be further refined and confirmed following further studies (including phase 2 peat probing), additional consultation with statutory consultees and ongoing discussions with SSE/Greencoat UK Wind Plc. regarding potential, alternative access routes. The final design will be available for comment upon submission of the planning application to the Scottish Government's Energy Consents unit (ECU).

Public Consultation

In February 2021, Arcus hosted two web-based consultation events regarding the Development in South Lanarkshire. Clarifications requested during the events as well as FAQs raised since remain available to view on the project website (<https://graysidewindfarm.co.uk/faqs/>).

Further to the events held in February, and subsequent to our previous correspondence in May 2021, Arcus would like to re-engage with Tweedsmuir Community Council ahead of upcoming 'in-person' consultation events.

Following extensive investigations and collation of baseline environmental information, the second round of consultation events for the Development will take place in line with our COVID-19 prevention measures (enclosed) at:

- Abington Hall, Carlisle Road, Abington, ML12 6SD on Wednesday 27th October 2021, 16:30 – 20:30; and
- Coulter Hall, Birthwood Road, Coulter, ML12 6PT on Thursday 28th October 2021, 15:30 – 20:30.

Prior to attending the events, we are recommending that members of the public book a 15-minute exhibition slot to assist us in managing attendee numbers via the booking function which will shortly be available on the project website.

For anyone unable to attend the consultation events; questions or requests for clarification in respect of the Development may be submitted by **5th November 2021** via the following channels:

- **Project Website:** www.graysidewindfarm.co.uk;
- **Email:** info@arcusconsulting.co.uk with subject 'for the attention of Grayside WF'; or
- **Phone:** 07917 797 943.

Further feedback/comments on the Development can be emailed or posted back to the address within the footer of this letter; or alternatively, completed online via the project website. We ask that any such feedback is provided by **12th November 2021**.

Community Council

As an attempt to manage attendee numbers at these events in light of COVID-19 protocols, we would like to offer to present a further project update directly to the Community Council, either during an upcoming Community Council meeting (in person or online) or via a stand-alone video-conference call. If this is something which is of interest, please get in touch with us to arrange a suitable date and time.

Additionally, and as mentioned in our previous correspondence we would welcome the Community Council's assistance in sharing details of the upcoming consultation events via your social media channels or website in order that we can maximise community engagement. To this end, we have also enclosed a digital notice detailing the events, which can be shared online.

The Applicant remains keen to engage with local community groups and so, if you would like to discuss the points above in more detail, we can arrange to do this via a one-to-one telephone or video call. We are available Monday – Friday from 9am to 5pm.

We appreciate that although we move slowly towards some semblance or 'normality' this is not the usual consultation format that you may be used to; however, we are committed to taking the views on the community on-board and would very much welcome your input on the items highlighted within this letter.

We are grateful for your engagement to date and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



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PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT


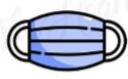







Enclosed:

- Public Consultation Events – Guidance for Attendees; and
- Social Media Digital Notice

COVID-19

Public Consultation Events

Event Etiquette

	Practice physical distancing and avoid physical contact
	Wear a mask indoors. Wear a mask outdoors when physical distancing cannot be maintained and where required by authorities
	Wash or sanitize your hands on arrival and often
	Follow respiratory etiquette. Avoid touching your face. If you cough or sneeze, make sure to use a tissue or the inside of your elbow
	Open windows regularly to ensure fresh air
	Do not share your belongings. Sanitize equipment before use
	Attendees are encouraged to perform a self-test / lateral flow test before attending the event.
	Adhere to event Covid-19 protocol.
	Contact the event Covid-19 coordinator in case of comments or questions

Please do not attend the event in case of positive result.

Social Media Digital Notice

On behalf of Grayside WF Limited (the Applicant), Arcus Consultancy Services Ltd (Arcus) are hosting two public exhibition events to provide you with more information about the proposed Grayside Wind Farm and opportunity to ask any questions. With the easing of COVID-19 restrictions, 'in-person' events are now possible, subject to COVID-19 safety measures. The location, dates and times of the events are detailed below:

- Abington Hall, Carlisle Road, Abington, ML12 6SD on Wednesday 27th October 2021, 4:30pm – 8:30pm; and
- Coulter Hall, Birthwood Road, Coulter, ML12 6PT on Thursday 28th October 2021, 3:30pm – 8:30 pm.

Prior to attending the events, we would recommend booking a 15-minute exhibition slot via our website to help us manage attendee numbers in line with our COVID-19 protocols.

Please be aware that the following COVID-19 safety measures will be implemented at the events:

- Physical distancing and avoidance of any physical contact;
- Wearing of masks indoors, and outdoors when physical distancing cannot be maintained or where required by authorities;
- Washing or sanitizing of hands on arrival and often;
- Following respiratory etiquette, avoid touching your face and ensure you use a tissue or the inside of your elbow if you cough or sneeze; and
- We encourage attendees to perform a self-test/ lateral flow test before attending the event, please DO NOT attend the event in the case of a positive result.

For full details of the events please go to www.graysidewindfarm.co.uk.