



**7 Turbines**  
with tip heights  
of 149.9m



**30.1 MW**  
A generating capacity of up  
to 30.1MW, powering more  
than 18,000 homes\*



**£150k per year**  
A Community Benefit Fund  
of £150,000 per year and  
an opportunity for local  
community investment

## Community Update

EDF Renewables (EDFR) will start building the West Benhar onshore wind farm on 1st March 2021. It comes after we secured permission for some redesigns to our original consent in September last year.

The changes include an increased blade tip height, from 138.5m to 149.9m and an increased operational life from 25 years to 30. The planning permission allows for the installation of 8 turbines, but EDFR will only build 7 turbines. This is down to technological advances in turbines, so fewer are needed.

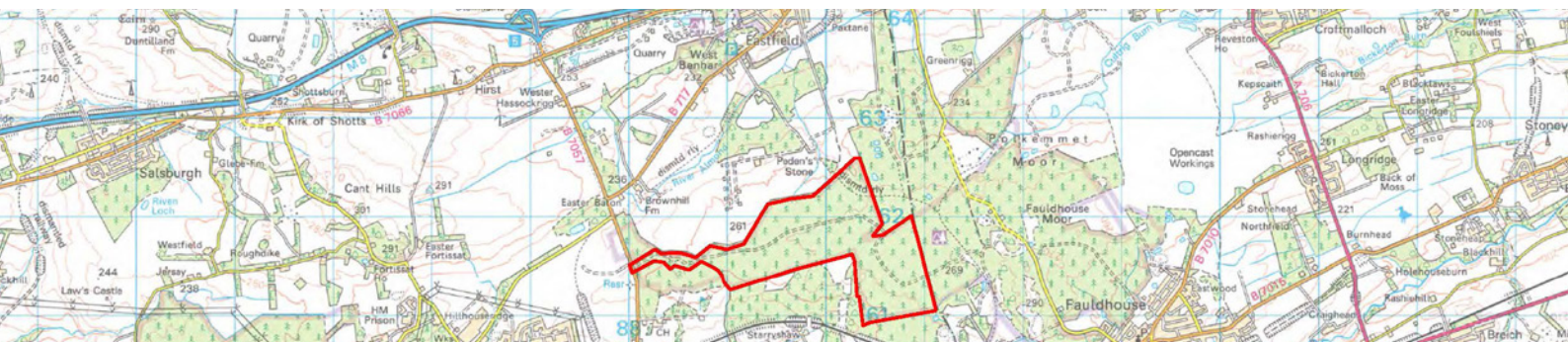
The capacity of the 7 turbines will mean greater electricity generation and the additional five years of operational life means more community benefit.

The Community Benefit Fund is set at £5000 per MW which works out at £150,000 every year. Due to the additional five years of operational life there will be an additional £750,000 for the fund.

## Community Liaison

Over the next few months we will be engaging with the community to discuss investment opportunities and the Community Benefit Fund. Due to the current Covid-19 restrictions, these meetings will take place virtually. We will keep this under review and hope to establish a Community Liaison Group (CLG) made up of representatives from the local community and the project team, this group will meet regularly to circulate project information during construction of the wind farm.

We expect construction to take 15 months. One of the first things you will see us doing is tree felling and setting up our construction building. Turbine delivery will start in mid-February 2022 with the project being completed by June 2022 at the earliest.



# Our commitments to you

Various mitigation commitments associated with the construction of the West Benhar Wind Farm have been made. Some of these are outlined below:

- There is a commitment to undertake a Road Condition Survey prior to the commencement of construction to ensure that any degrading of the road surface that can be attributed to the wind farm construction can be remedied.
- A Construction & Environmental Management Plan will be adopted to ensure that the construction of the project takes in to account environmental protection measures committed to during the planning process, as well as current best practice.
- There is a commitment to only undertake construction activities between the hours of 0700 and 1800 Monday to Friday and between 0800 and 1200 on a Saturday. There will no construction on Sunday or Bank Holidays unless otherwise agreed with North Lanarkshire Council.
- There is a Waste Management Plan, a Peat Management Plan and a Habitat Management Plan each of which set out commitments to ensure appropriate mitigation is implemented to minimise impacts as a result of the construction of the wind farm.
- An Ecological Clerk of Works has been appointed to oversee the construction process, and implement the measures contained within the Habitat Management Plan.
- There is a Traffic Management Plan which defines routes and timings of deliveries to site, to ensure that vehicles approach the site from the north and access via the B717 Benhar Road.
- Site security will be in place during construction to prevent unauthorised access and enhance overall security.

## Forestry and Land Scotland

The West Benhar Wind Farm is on the national forests and land managed by Forestry and Land Scotland (FLS) on behalf of Scottish Ministers. FLS continue to work closely with EDF Renewables to deliver this project. The Scottish Government continues to support the generation of energy, including electricity, from renewable sources as part of its strategy for improving sustainability, benefitting communities, reducing the effects of climate change and maximising financial returns for Scotland's national forests and land. West Benhar is just one of many projects.



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