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Enoch Hill 2 Wind Farm Planning Application Pre-Application Consultation Report August 2023

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1. Purpose of this Report

This Pre-Application Consultation ('PAC') Report has been prepared by RWE Renewables UK Onshore Wind Limited ('the Applicant'), to support an application for planning consent under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended) in relation to the construction and operation of the Enoch Hill 2 Wind Farm ('the Proposed Development'), located within the East Ayrshire Council (EAC) boundary.

The Proposed Development would comprise a wind farm generating station with an installed capacity of up to 10MW megawatts (MW) and a battery storage facility of up to 11MW, overall providing a combined installed capacity of up to 21MW for an operational period of 35 years.

Due to it its capacity, exceeding 20MW, the Proposed Development is considered as a 'Major Development', under The Town and Country Planning (Hierarchy of Developments) (Scotland) Regulations 2009.

The Scottish Government Planning Circular 3/2022 recognises that, for proposed major and national developments, there are statutory requirements for consultation with communities before a planning application can be made. The circular provides guidance on the procedures to be implemented for the pre-application consultation and identifies the contents of the PAC Report.

This PAC Report outlines the pre-application consultation that has been undertaken prior to the submission of the Proposed Development's planning application to EAC and includes the information required by Annex C Content of Pre-Application Consultation Report of the Planning Circular 3/2022.

2. The Proposed Development

The Proposed Development is to be located on a land ('the Development Site') situated approximately 6km south-west of the settlement of New Cumnock and approximately 9km to the east of Dalmellington in East Ayrshire. The Development Site covers an area of approximately 128ha hectares (ha) however, the proposed infrastructure would occupy approximately 1.6ha of this. Access to the Development Site is via an existing track off Afton Road to the east of the Development Site which connects to the existing access track through the Pencloe Forest.

Proposals are to erect up to two wind turbines - each having an installed generating capacity of up to 5MW megawatts (MW) and a maximum tip height of 149.9m — and a battery storage facility providing a storage capacity of up to 11MW. The proposals will also include site access tracks, crane hardstandings, a temporary construction compound, control building and substation compound. The Proposal is considered a Major Application under The Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997.

The Development Site was identified as suitable for development following extensive site selection and iterative design studies, taking into consideration wind resource, site accessibility, environmental considerations (including designations), other wind developments in close proximity to the Development Site and relevant planning policies. Further detail on the site selection and layout design process can be found with the Design and Access Statement, Planning Statement and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report accompanying the application.

3. Introduction

RWE places great importance on the value of engaging with and seeking to involve local people in development proposals, both prior to and following the submission of any onshore application. Effective engagement with the public can lead to better plans, better decisions and more satisfactory outcomes for all parties concerned. RWE is dedicated to undertaking effective and early consultation methods. Local residents' values and issues of importance vary, and we design our consultation programme to reflect that.

In preparation of the submission of the Proposed Development's planning application, RWE carried out a number of public consultation events which are summarised below.

4. Overview of Consultation Activity

Initial public consultation for the Proposed Development commenced on 25th April 2023 with a community drop-in event in New Cumnock (attendance 33) in collaboration with RWE's Enoch Hill Wind Farm project that was about to enter construction. This event allowed members of the public an initial look at the plans for the Proposed Development in advance of the formal consultation events as set out in the Proposal of Application Notice (PAN).

After confirmation of the PAN, two further public consultation events were held on the 14th and 28th June 2023 that where dedicated to the Proposed Development. Attendance figures at these two events were 12 and 13 people respectively.

During all three events, members of the project team were on hand to answer any questions and feedback forms were supplied and completed.

Attendance was also made at the 26th April 2023 New Cumnock Community Council Meeting. An RWE representative provided an update to members and answered questions from the council members.

The table below provides a summary of the consultation undertaken from April to June 2023.

Consultation Activity	Date
Submission of initial Proposal of Application Notice (PAN) to East	3rd April 2023
Ayrshire Council	
Initial community drop-in session	25 th April 2023,
	2pm-6pm
	New Cumnock
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Attendance at New Cumnock Community Council Meeting to present plans	26 th April 2023, 7pm
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	New Cumnock
Submission of revised Proposal of Application Notice (PAN)	24 th April 2023
to EAC	
Proposal of Application Notice (PAN) issued to all agreed	6 th April 2023
stakeholders as set out in the PAN	
Advanced draft of the newspaper notice issued to EAC	22 nd May 2023
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Notice of public consultation events emailed to all	6 th June 2023
stakeholders set out in PAN	
Notice of public exhibitions published in Cumnock Chronicle	7 th June 2023
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Notice of public exhibitions published in Kilmarnock Standard	7 th June 2023
Individual mail drop invites to public exhibitions delivered to	7 th June 2023
local properties.	
Local notice display (New Cumnock & Dalmellington)	7 th June 2023
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Public consultation event	14 th June
	2023
	2-7pm
	New Cumnock
Public consultation event	28 th June 2023
	2-7pm
	New Cumnock
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5. Feedback

Completed feedback forms from the 14th June 2023 event contained the following information. Attendance total was: 12

Question 1: Approximately how far do you live from the site of the proposed wind farm?	Question 2: What do you think about the proposed layout for Enoch Hill 2 Wind Farm?	Question 2: Specific Concerns	Question 3: Do you have any comments on our proposed delivery route? Is there anything that you would like to see included in our traffic management plan?	Further Comments
Between 5-10KM	I'm neutral	Two turbines too much!! Too aggressive on the countryside destroying moss ecosystems, moving trees and wildlife, depleting CO2 biodiversity.		I feel the layout was well explained. Enjoyed my tour of the event. Anna Eberts was really very nice and had a good knowledge about the project.
Between 5-10KM	I like it			
Between 2-5KM	I have specific concerns about this wind farm			
Between 2-5KM	I'm neutral	Maybe not Enoch Hill 2 but speeding traffic through Burnside.	Makes sense to use existing roads.	We require you to set up a traffic management liaison group along the length B741. Mainly Enoch Hill traffic.
Between 5-10KM	I'm neutral		Will routes be used later as tourist trails (heritage, backpacking, bridle paths)?	I would like money to go towards New Cumnock employment.

Completed feedback forms from the 28^{th} June event contained the following information. Attendance total was: 13

Question 1: Approximately how far do you live from the site of the proposed wind farm?	Question 2: What do you think about the proposed layout for Enoch Hill 2 Wind Farm?	Question 2: Specific Concerns	Question 3: Do you have any comments on our proposed delivery route? Is there anything that you would like to see included in our traffic management plan?	Further Comments
Between 2-5KM	I have specific concerns about this wind farm	Visual impact, Damage to countryside and nature, destruction of peat etc.		When will it end? We have our fair share

Appendix A - Proposal of Application Notice (PAN)

PROPOSAL OF APPLICATION NOTICE

Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (Section 35B)
The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland)
Regulations 2013 (Regulations 4 -7)

To be completed for all developments within the national or major categories of development

Name of Council
Address

East Ayrshire Council
Council Headquarters
London Road
Kilmamock
KA3 7BU

Proposed development at [Note 1]

A Major Application on land to the south of Dalleagles, SW of New Cumnock (site location plan attached)

Description of proposal [Note 2]

Up to two wind turbines up to 149.9m to blade tip: each would consist of a tubular steel tower supporting three blades with a rotor diameter up to 136m; with a generating capacity of up to 10MW (up to 5MW each). Additional supporting ancillary infrastructure will be required including:

- Access tracks connecting the turbines and other infrastructure elements;
- An upgraded vehicular access from the public highway (Afton Road);
- Hard standing areas (e.g. crane pads);
- Temporary working areas e.g., construction compound;
- Control Building;
- · Electrical cabling between the control building and turbines;
- Battery Storage; with a capacity of up to 11MW
- One permanent anemometer mast to monitor weather conditions;
- Approx 6 culvert water crossings; and
- Infrastructure required to provide a connection point to the 132/33kV substation to be located at the consented Enoch Hill Wind Farm.

This proposal is considered a Major application under Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

Notice is hereby given that an application is being made to

[Note 3] East Ayrshire Council Council by [Note 4] RWE Renewables UK Ltd

Of [Note 5]

RWE Renewables UK Ltd, Earn House, Broxden Business Park, Perth, PH1 1RA

In respect of [Note 6]

Public Exhibitions, Newsletters, Online Virtual Consultation room, Website (www.rwe.com/enochhill2) and Feedback Forms

PROPOSAL OF APPLICATION NOTICE

To take place on [Note 7] 1st Exhibition - 25/04/23 in New Cumnock,

2nd Exhibition - TBC following comments received at first event,

Virtual Exhibition – continuous

[Note 8] The following parties have received a copy of this Proposal of Application Notice

Community Councils: New Cumnock CC, Dalmellington CC, Carsphairn CC Kirkconnel & Kelloholm CC, Netherthird & District CC, Sanquhar & District CC

Ward Councilors for Cumnock & New Cumnock, MSP and Regional MSPs and MPs

[Note 9] For further details contact Nicholas Taylor

on telephone number

07595125111

And/or at the following address RWE, Earn House, Broxden Business Park, Perth, PH1 1RA

[Note 10] I certify that I have attached a plan outlining the site

Signed

Nicholas Taylor

On behalf of

RWE Renewables UK Ltd

Date

03/04/23

Appendix B - Newspaper Notice

The Town and Country Planning
(Development Management Procedure) (Scotland)
Regulations 2013 as amended by The Town and Country
Planning (Pre-Application Consultation) (Scotland) Amendment
Regulations 2021.

RWE Renewables UK Ltd hereby give notice of pre-application consultation events to be held in relation to the following proposed development which is located approximately 6km south west of New Cumnock on land neighbouring our Enoch Hill Wind Farm: "the construction of a wind farm of up to two wind turbine generators and associated infrastructure including battery storage."

In advance of submitting an application for planning permission, the drop-in consultation events will take place on:

Wednesday 14th June 2023, between 2pm and 7pm at New Cumnock Bowling Club, New Cumnock, KA18 4AN

Wednesday 28th June 2023, between 2pm and 7pm at New Cumnock Bowling Club, New Cumnock, KA18 4AN

The events will provide information on the proposed development, and the Project Team will be in attendance to discuss the proposals and answer any questions.

A project website **www.rwe.com/enochhill2** will also be launched in the coming weeks.

Further information relating to the proposed development may be obtained from Liberty One, the Applicant's consultant, by contacting 0141 264 2831 or by email at enochhill2@libertyone.co.uk.

Persons wishing to make comments on the proposed Enoch Hill 2 Wind Farm may do so at the above event, via the website, or in writing to RWE Renewables UK, c/o Steven Livingston, Liberty One, SPACES, 1 West Regent Street, G2 1RW by Wednesday 5th July 2023.

This notice does not relate to a planning application and comments should not be made to East Ayrshire Council. Any comments made to the Applicant are not representations to the Planning Authority. If a planning application is subsequently submitted by the Applicant to East Ayrshire Council, normal neighbour notification and publicity will be undertaken and you will have the opportunity to make formal representations regarding the proposal at that time.

Appendix C - Mail Drop Invite

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Enoch Hill 2 Wind Farm Public drop-in event

RWE Renewables is exploring the potential of installing two wind turbines on land neighbouring our Enoch Hill Wind Farm.

We invite you to attend our forthcoming public consultation drop in event, where you can view and comment on our proposals.

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In addition to the in-person event, a project website www.rwe.com/enochhill2 is also available to view where you will find information and photomontages of the project. Electronic and printable comment forms will also be available so that feedback can be provided to the project team on the proposals.

If you are unable to access the website to view the information please contact Nicholas Taylor who will be happy to arrange a suitable alternative.

Email nicholas.taylor@rwe.com or call 01224060326

Persons wishing to make comments on the proposals shown at the first event may do so at the above event, via the website, or in writing to RWE Renewables UK, c/o Steven Livingston, Liberty One, SPACES, 1 West Regent Street, G2 1RW by Wednesday 5th July 2023.

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www.rwe.com/enochhill2

Appendix D - Local notice displays

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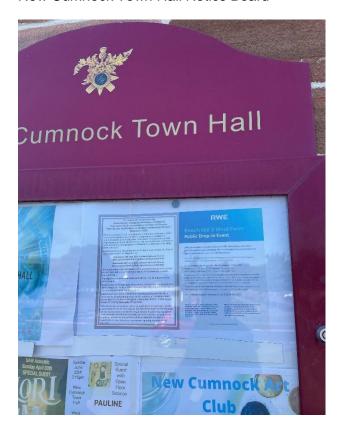
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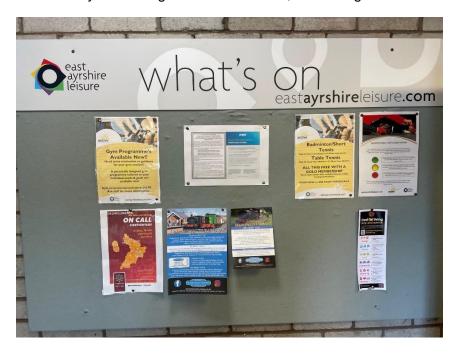
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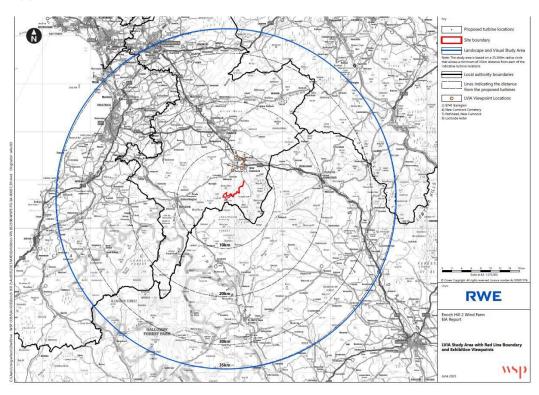
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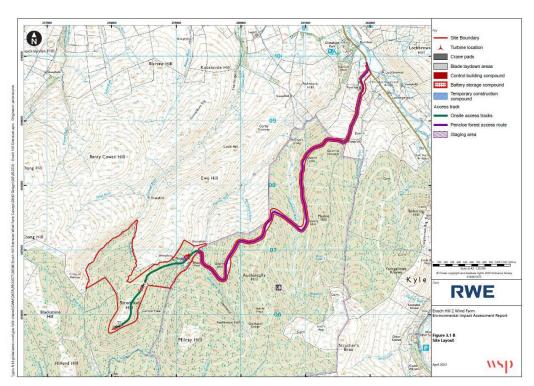


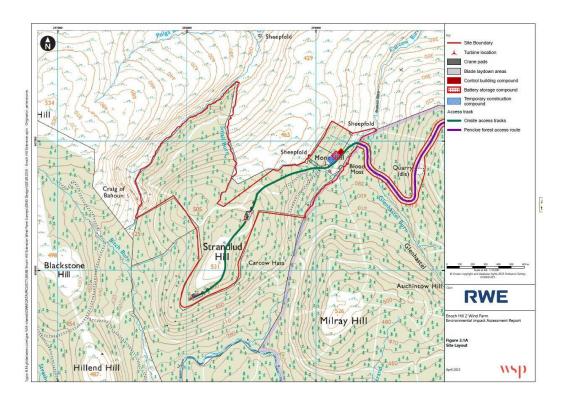
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Appendix E – Public Exhibition Content







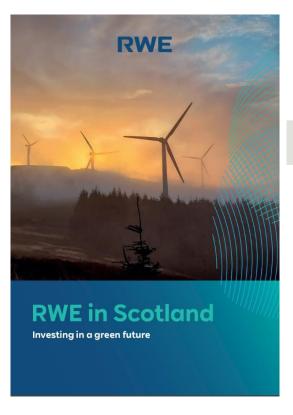












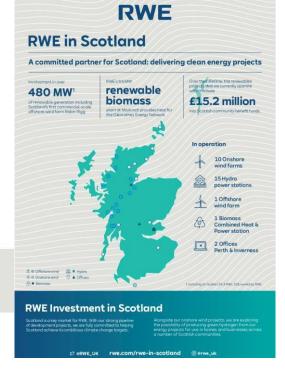






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Appendix F – Feedback Form



E	noch Hill 2 Wind Farm – Feedback From
1.	Approximately how far do you live from the site of the proposed wind farm?
	☐ Within 2km
	☐ Between 2-5km
	☐ Between 5-10km
	Over 10km
2.	What do you think about the proposed layout for Enoch Hill 2 Wind Farm?
	☐ I like it
	I'm satisfied it takes into account key sensitivities in the area
	☐ I'm neutral
	I don't like wind farms in general
	☐ I have specific concerns about this wind farm; for example, concerns about specific turbines (please state)
3.	Do you have any comments on our proposed delivery route? Is there anything that you would like to see included in our traffic management plan?
	Please Turn Over

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	pleting our survey. If you have any further comments, please use the box below.
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Appendix F – Consultation Event Photographs



