

## Community wind farm could be worth millions to New Cumnock

- **Planning Application submitted (18/0354/PP)**
- **New report highlights investment opportunities**

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The Ashmark Hill Community Wind Farm proposal, which could create a multi-million pound investment fund for New Cumnock, has been lodged with planning officials.

Innogy Renewables UK Ltd, one of Europe's leading renewable energy developers, has submitted a planning application to East Ayrshire Council for a seven-turbine development at Ashmark Hill, to the south of the village. Should planning consent be granted, groups in New Cumnock could have access to millions of pounds for community regeneration projects.

In addition to a guaranteed community benefit contribution of £5,000 per megawatt of installed capacity per year, which could deliver around £3 million over the lifetime of the wind farm, innogy has also committed to offering the New Cumnock Development Trust the opportunity to invest in the scheme on a shared revenue basis.

Following the community's response to an investment consultation in 2017 and a discussion with community representatives, regeneration consultancy Regeneris have produced an independent report to highlight how the community could invest the funding from the Ashmark Hill Community Wind Farm.

The potential opportunities identified in the report include projects to benefit job seekers, start-up and small businesses as well as larger scale projects such as the development of a major tourism attraction in the area. To read the report visit: [www.innogy.com/ashmark-hill](http://www.innogy.com/ashmark-hill)

Karen Fox, innogy's Project Manager for Ashmark Hill Community Wind Farm, said: "This is a rare opportunity for a project to facilitate millions of pounds of fresh investment into East Ayrshire and in particular the area around New Cumnock, whilst at the same time, generating home grown renewable electricity.

"We have been in discussions about this proposal with a working group of community representatives for some time. We have committed to offering the community up to a 15 per cent share of net revenue, which is an opportunity for New Cumnock to take a meaningful stake in the scheme and, in addition to the community benefit fund, to share in the financial benefits of the wind farm once operational."

For more information on the proposed Ashmark Hill Community Wind Farm visit: [www.innogy.com/ashmark-hill](http://www.innogy.com/ashmark-hill)

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We plan, build and operate plants to generate power and extract energy from renewable sources. Part of our portfolio are wind and hydro power plants as well as solar and biomass plants. Currently, we are particularly strongly represented in our home market, Germany, followed by the United Kingdom, Spain, the Netherlands, Poland and Italy. Our aim is to expand renewables in Europe further, both on our own and working with partners. We believe that working together in this way is the key to making the energy transition a success. With an installed capacity of more than 925 megawatts in offshore wind and with over 2100 megawatts in onshore wind, innogy is one of the major operators in Europe. At the moment we are focusing on continuing to expand our activities in wind power. That's why, in addition to our core markets, we are already active in new markets such as the USA and Ireland. Another growth technology is the construction of utility-scale photovoltaic power plants - for example in Australia.