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Pre-Application Consultation Report



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Executive summary

Purpose of this report

This Report has been produced for the purpose of summarising the pre-application consultation activities undertaken by Stornoway Wind Farm Limited for a proposed wind farm on the site of the Consented Stornoway Wind Farm, Isle of Lewis. It provides information on how Stornoway Wind Farm Limited has sought to engage with the various stakeholders and summarises the feedback received. The Report also sets out how the feedback has influenced the development of the project.

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1. Introduction and Project Background

- 1.1.1 Stornoway Wind Farm Limited (SWL) is a subsidiary of Lewis Wind Power Holdings Limited (LWP), which is a joint venture between EDF Renewables Ltd and Wood Investment Services in partnership with the Stornoway Trust.
- 1.1.2 Stornoway Wind Farm Limited (the 'Applicant') is submitting an application under section 36 of the Electricity Act (1989) (as amended) to construct and operate the 'Proposed Development' comprising up to 35 turbines with a generating capacity in excess of 50MW on the site of the Consented Stornoway Wind Farm. The Applicant also seeks a direction from the Scottish Ministers pursuant to section 57(2) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended) that planning permission is deemed to be granted for the Proposed Development.
- 1.1.3 This Pre-Application Consultation Report describes the consultation programme undertaken for the new wind farm (the Proposed Development) on the same site (the Development Site) as the consented Stornoway Wind Farm.
- 1.1.4 In 2012 permission was granted for a 36-turbine wind farm on land 1.5km to the west of the town of Stornoway on the Isle of Lewis. A variation to the Consented Stornoway Wind Farm was granted in 2016 allowing for the installation of larger turbines up to 145m high, with a rotor diameter of up to 128m. The Proposed Development incorporates larger, more productive turbines that would increase efficiency and renewable energy yield compared to the Consented Stornoway Wind Farm and so would make an important contribution to achieving renewable energy and greenhouse gas reduction targets.
- 1.1.5 The Proposed Development therefore incorporates a number of changes to the Consented Stornoway Wind Farm including the use of taller turbines than those permitted under the original consent. As a result, the consultation activities detailed in this report have been undertaken in relation to a new application at the same site (the Development Site), under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989.
- 1.1.6 Lewis Wind Power takes the utmost care with its site selection and recognises the vitally important role of effective communications and consultation activities. This is to give all local stakeholders the opportunity to learn more about the proposal and to make their views known whilst the design process is ongoing and ahead of any application being submitted.
- 1.1.7 Open, honest and transparent communications have therefore been maintained with all stakeholders throughout the original and revised application process for the Proposed Development. As such, the final design of the Proposed Development has followed an iterative process that has responded to the comments of consultees and the additional information gathered throughout the full public consultation and design process.
- 1.1.8 This report provides details of the range of methods, materials and activities undertaken during the consultation process to demonstrate what has been done during the pre-application phase to comply with the requirements of meaningful community engagement. In doing so, this report also explains outcomes of the consultation programme, details the response of Stornoway Wind Farm Limited (SWL) to feedback and how key issues raised by consultees have been addressed.

2. Public Consultation in Context

2.1 Scottish Government Advice

2.1.1 Proposals for wind farms with a potential electrical generation capacity greater than 50 megawatts (MW) are subject to the consenting procedures set out in Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 (the Electricity Act) and applications are made directly to the Scottish Ministers.

2.1.2 As the Proposed Development is for a wind farm of over 50 MW (it is anticipated to be approximately 196 MW), an application is being made under the Section 36 process.

2.1.3 Scottish Government Policy on community consultation on new wind farm applications is set out the Planning Series Circular 3:2013 - Development Management Procedures¹. This circular promotes early and open negotiations between prospective applicants and all relevant parties to enable the local community and all those with an interest in the proposals a clear opportunity to provide comment and feedback on the proposals.

2.1.4 In particular, Circular 3:2013 emphasises the Scottish Government's intention to encourage improved trust and positive working relationships from the earliest stages in the planning process and to provide, where possible, an early opportunity for community views to be reflected in proposals. As part of this requirement it is stated that:

"Both pre-application consultations with the community and pre-application discussions with the planning authority and statutory consultees are intended to add value at the start of the development management process. They should improve the quality of the proposal and allow prospective applicants the opportunity to amend their emerging proposals in light of community, statutory consultee and planning authority opinion."

Planning Series Circular 3:2013, paragraph 2.2

2.1.5 Circular 3:2013 also requires that prospective applicants should have meaningful and proportionate engagement with those who represent the views of potentially affected communities, guided by PAN 3/2010: 'Community Engagement', the National Standards for Community Engagement or other locally agreed or adapted framework or set of principles.

2.1.6 In identifying the priorities for community engagement, PAN 3/2010 emphasises that community engagement must be meaningful and proportionate and that it must take place at an early stage so that it can help to influence the shape of plans and proposals.

2.1.7 It places particular emphasis on the importance for developers to involve residents at the earliest opportunity so that they can feel confident that engagement in the process has been meaningful. In particular it notes that:

"Effective engagement with the public can lead to better plans, better decisions and more satisfactory outcomes and can help to avoid delays in the planning process. The Scottish Government expects engagement with the public to be meaningful and to occur from the earliest stages in the planning process to enable community views to be reflected in development plans and development proposals."

PAN 3/2010, p.3, paragraph 2

¹ <https://www.gov.scot/publications/planning-series-circular-3-2013-development-management-procedures/>

2.2 Lewis Wind Power Commitment to Effective Consultation

- 2.2.1 In line with PAN 3 (2010), Lewis Wind Power is committed to undertaking effective and early consultation methods, both to ensure full local understanding of the Proposed Development and to encourage feedback, views and comments that would help to shape the Proposed Development.
- 2.2.2 As this is a new application on the site of a consented but unbuilt wind farm, SWL was able to use the consultation programme and feedback for the original application to provide the basis for continued links and ongoing dialogue with local stakeholders and communities. This was achieved by the implementation of a number of principles that sought to:
- Maximise opportunities for **local engagement** in the consultation process;
 - Maintain **transparency** in the detail of the proposals;
 - Encourage full and **meaningful feedback**; and
 - Thoroughly **analyse and account** for the feedback generated.
- 2.2.3 To meet these objectives and to demonstrate full commitment to meaningful consultation for the Proposed Development, the following key stages were incorporated in the programme:
1. **Notification** - agreeing the principles of consultation process and re-affirming the key stakeholders and local communities for engagement.
 2. **Information** - developing the materials and methods to ensure that all details of the Proposed Development can be disseminated as widely as possible to enable interested and affected groups to provide their views.
 3. **Consult** - provide the means and opportunities for members of the public and key stakeholder groups to liaise with the project team and put forward their questions, ideas and aspirations for the development.
 4. **Measure and analyse results** - having allowed an acceptable timeframe for everyone with an interest to comment, the results of the consultation are assessed.
 5. **Review** - the feedback is reviewed and responded to in a positive way where possible. This will not always be possible – often feedback from different stakeholders will be conflicting and it may be that constraints prevent some amendments being taken on board.
 6. **Respond** – to the pre-application consultation by taking feedback into account where possible in finalising the design.
 7. **Submit proposals** – at the end of the process the final wind farm design is submitted to the Scottish Government for determination. This Report describes how pre-application feedback has fed into the design process.

2.3 Consultees

- 2.3.1 To ensure an inclusive approach to the consultation process, it was important to give the public and other stakeholders the opportunity to consider the proposals and discuss their thoughts and ideas with members of the project team.
- 2.3.2 EIA stakeholders were introduced to the Proposed Development when a Scoping Report was circulated in July 2018 and consultees were asked to provide feedback to contribute to the Scottish Government's subsequent Scoping Opinion.

- 2.3.3 Early contact with public and political stakeholders was initiated by letters and offers of introductory meetings. This was followed up by a series of public exhibitions held in Stornoway Town Hall on Wednesday 10 and Thursday 11 October 2018.
- 2.3.4 The exhibitions were advertised in local newspapers, and on local news websites, and individual letters that were sent to all addresses in Stornoway and any other properties within a 5km radius of the Development Site.
- 2.3.5 Overall, therefore, these consultation activities have sought to include a wide range of local stakeholder groups including the following:

Community Councils – All Consultation Activities:

- North Lochs Community Council;
- Kinloch Community Council;
- Laxdale Community Council;
- Point Community Council;
- Sandwick Community Council.

Tong Community Council Local Residents:

- All local addresses which included all those within a 5km radius of the Development Site; and

Elected Representatives:

- Comhairle nan Eilean Siar (CnES) members for the following wards:
 - ▶ Ward 1 Barraigh, Bhatarsaigh, Eiriosgaigh agus Uibhist a Deas;
 - ▶ Ward 2 Beinn na Faoghla Agus Uibhist a Tuath;
 - ▶ Ward 3 Na Hearadh, Ceann A Deas Nan Loch;
 - ▶ Ward 4 Sgir' Uige Agus Ceann a Tuath nan Loch;
 - ▶ Ward 5 Sgire an Rubha;
 - ▶ Ward 6 Steornabhagh A Deas;
 - ▶ Ward 7 Steornabhagh A Tuath;
 - ▶ Ward 8 Loch a Tuath (Broadway);
 - ▶ Ward 9 An Taobh Siar Agus Nis.
- CnES Planning Board Members;
- MSP constituency members for Na h-Eileanan an Iar; and
- MP for Na h-Eileanan an Iar UK parliamentary constituency.

CnES Council:

- Comhairle nan Eilean Siar (including the Leader of the Council and all CnES Council officers).

Local Business Organisations

- Scottish Water;
- Marine Scotland;
- Transport Scotland;
- Fisheries Management Scotland;
- BT;
- Civil Aviation Authority – Airspace;
- The Crown Estate;
- Defence Infrastructure Organisation;
- Joint Radio Company;
- NATS Safeguarding;
- Mountaineering Council of Scotland;
- RSPB Scotland;
- John Muir Trust;
- Scottish Wildlife Trust;
- Nuclear Safety Division;
- Scotways;
- OFCOM;
- Visit Scotland;
- CH2MHill;
- Highlands and Islands Airport;
- Forestry Commission Scotland;
- British Horse Society;
- Coal Authority;
- Stornoway Angling Association;
- Garden History Society in Scotland;
- Hebridean Whale and Dolphin Trust;
- Sea Mammal Research Unit;
- Airwave Solutions;
- Arquiva;
- The Lewis and Harris Raptor Study Group;
- Outer Hebrides Fisheries Trust;
- Western Isles District Salmon Fisheries Board;

- Local archaeological, recreational, tourism, and other interest groups, as appropriate;
- Western Isles Tourist Board.

3. Consultation Activity Timetable

3.1.1 An ongoing programme of communications and public dialogue has been maintained with local stakeholders and residential communities in the vicinity of the Proposed Development. Specific consultation activities have been undertaken as part of the following main programme:

January 2018

- Lewis Wind Power opened a new office in Stornoway so that people can drop in and talk to employees about its two proposed wind farms.

April 2018

- Announcement that Lewis Wind Power was exploring a number of possible changes to the Consented Development.

July 2018

- Letters informing key stakeholders of the submission of a Scoping Report for the Proposed Development and request for Scoping Opinion to the Scottish Government's Energy Consents Unit;
- Updated project pages on <https://LWP.scot> website with enquiry and contact details.

October 2018

- Distribution of residential notification letter and details of public exhibitions (two events) to all elected members, consultees, stakeholders and residents of Stornoway, or those properties within a 5km radius of the wind farm;
- Press release issued to all local papers and online news platforms on the revised plans for the wind farm and dates for the public exhibitions;
- Newspaper and Web advertisements for the public exhibitions placed in Stornoway Gazette, West Highland Free Press, Events, and the Hebrides News (web);
- Public Exhibition held.

November 2018

- Follow up and respond to specific queries and requests for information made at the exhibitions. January 2019.

February 2019

- Distribution of residential notification letter and details of public exhibitions (two events) to all elected members, consultees, stakeholders and residents of Stornoway plus any properties within a 5km radius of the wind farm that are out with these areas;
- Press release issued to all local papers and online news platforms on the revised plans for the wind farm and dates for the public exhibitions;

- Newspaper and Web advertisements for the public exhibitions placed in Stornoway Gazette, West Highland Free Press, Events, and the Hebrides News (web);
- Public Exhibition held.

4. Community Consultation Activities

4.1 Introduction

- 4.1.1 A range of communications and consultation activities have been carried out to both inform all interested parties about the proposal for the Stornoway wind farm and to encourage attendance at the public consultation events to view plans and review information relating to the forthcoming application, and to discuss issues with the project development team.

4.2 Direct Stakeholder Engagement

- 4.2.1 A range of direct communications activities have been undertaken with specific local stakeholders and interest groups. Written contact was made with letters announcing the intention to submit a revised application at the Consented Stornoway site to local elected members of CnES in the following wards:

- Ward 1 Barraigh, Bhatarsaigh, Eiriosgaigh agus Uibhist a Deas;
- Ward 2 Beinn na Faoghla Agus Uibhist a Tuath;
- Ward 3 Na Hearadh, Ceann A Deas Nan Loch;
- Ward 4 Sgir' Uige Agus Ceann a Tuath nan Loch;
- Ward 5 Sgìre an Rubha;
- Ward 6 Steornabhagh A Deas;
- Ward 7 Steornabhagh A Tuath;
- Ward 8 Loch a Tuath (Broadway);
- Ward 9 An Taobh Siar Agus Nis.

In addition, because this was a previously consented scheme for which a new application was being made, explanatory letters were also issued to members of CnES planning board.

- 4.2.2 The offices of the appropriate MSP and UK Government members of parliament were also notified (by e mail and telephone calls) of the revised plans and invited to make any requests for further information.
- 4.2.3 The exhibitions were advertised in local newspapers and notification letters were sent to all properties located within a 5km radius of the wind farm. The mailings invited residents to the public consultation events held in Stornoway Town Hall.
- 4.2.4 The secretaries and chairs of local community councils were also notified (by e mail) in advance of the public exhibitions, with the invitations also offering meetings or presentations to the community council by members of the wind farm development team.
- 4.2.5 Copies of letters sent to elected members, consultees and local residents are provided in **Appendix A** to this report.

4.3 Website

- 4.3.1 Lewis Wind Power added a section on the Proposed Development to its website at <https://lwp.scot/>. The details included an explanation of the reasons behind the need to prepare a new development proposal, the anticipated differences between it and the original consented scheme and copies of the Scoping Report for the new project. An enquiry e mail address, telephone number and details of the company's local office were also established as part of the information available on the website.
- 4.3.2 A screenshot of the Stornoway website home page is included as **Appendix A** to this report.

4.4 News Releases and Editorial Information

- 4.4.1 Press information on the Proposed Development have been issued at key stages of the consultation programme to all local newspapers, online news platforms, community websites and broadcast media serving the Western Isles.
- 4.4.2 Press releases have been issued to provide advance details ahead of the public exhibitions and this was combined with updated details of the Proposed Development. Copies of the press release were also circulated to local community councils for posting on their own websites and to the CnES Council press office for information and distribution as appropriate.
- 4.4.3 Copies of the press releases and an example of local press coverage are provided in **Appendix A** to this report.

4.5 Project Leaflets

- 4.5.1 Project leaflet have been distributed during the consultation campaign.
- 4.5.2 The initial residential letters and leaflet distributed in October 2018 described the rationale for the need to apply for a revised design for the wind farm and initial proposals for the Proposed Development. The second residential letters and leaflet circulated in February 2019 provided a project update with some proposed amendments to the initial plans.
- 4.5.3 Both leaflets included a range of anticipated Q&As relating to the project, contact details for queries and information on the exhibitions. Both leaflets also provided details of the application process and how residents' views could be provided throughout the development process.
- 4.5.4 The project leaflets were designed to include as much information on the forthcoming application as possible to ensure that even those residents who were unable to attend the exhibitions were made fully aware of the project and had the opportunity to provide feedback.
- 4.5.5 Copies of the leaflet were made available at Public Exhibitions, and from the Lewis Wind Power, Stornoway Office. In addition, additional copies of the leaflet were provided to the community councils on request, for distribution in suitable public places (village halls, libraries, local post offices etc.).
- 4.5.6 Copies of the two project leaflets are provided in **Appendix A** to this report.

4.6 Local Newspaper Advertising

- 4.6.1 Full colour, quarter page advertisements were purchased in the largest circulation local newspapers to promote the public exhibitions in the two weeks immediately preceding both series of the public exhibitions.
- 4.6.2 Two advertisements appeared in each of the Stornoway Gazette and West Highland Free Press ahead of the events. In all cases, online advertising packages were also secured to support the in-paper advertisements. Samples of the newspaper adverts are included in **Appendix A** to this report.
- 4.6.3 Advertisements were also placed on the Heb News website for the two weeks prior to each of the exhibitions.

4.7 Public Exhibitions

- 4.7.1 Two series of community exhibitions have been held to provide information on the project and gather feedback from attendees.
- 4.7.2 Display boards at the exhibitions provided information on:
- The reasons behind the new application;
 - Project details for the proposed new scheme;
 - key areas of work to inform the EIA;
 - Opportunities for community liaison and involvement in the scheme;
 - Implications for common grazings affected;

- The planning application process and further consultation.



- 4.7.3 In each case specific pre-event liaison was undertaken with CNES to discuss and agree the most suitable venues and opening arrangements. Events were also held on different days and at different times, extending into the early evening, to give visitors a range of opportunities to attend at their convenience and to provide feedback.
- 4.7.4 The first stage exhibitions on the scoping consultation were held on the following dates:
- 10 October 2018;
 - 11 October 2018.
- 4.7.5 The second stage exhibitions providing a project update were held on the following dates:
- 10 February 2019;

- 11 February 2019.



- 4.7.6 Members of the development team were available at the events to answer questions, provide clarification on various aspects of the project and provide any information required, including offering follow up visits and meetings if required.
- 4.7.7 At the second series of exhibitions much of the content of the display board focused on issues raised during the initial series of exhibitions, as well as providing a general update on design developments for the scheme.
- 4.7.8 At both exhibitions special visualisation technology capable of animating local views of the proposed wind farm from surrounding areas, with images displayed on a large format TV screen.
- 4.7.9 Copies of the information display banners utilised at the exhibitions are included in **Appendix A** to this report.
- 4.7.10 The primary aim of the exhibitions was to provide an opportunity for all stakeholders to view the proposals for the Proposed Development and to provide their views and feedback to the project team. All visitors to the exhibitions were encouraged to complete a brief questionnaire after viewing the display information.
- 4.7.11 The same questionnaire was used at the two stages of exhibitions to enable a comparison of opinions on the Proposed Development as the layouts and turbine numbers were changed during the iterative design stages of the development. Two additional questions were added to the 2nd stage exhibition to ask if attendees had visited the 1st stage exhibition and how their viewpoint may have changed.

4.7.12

Copies of the questionnaires are included in **Appendix A** to this Report and a review of the feedback received is included in the next section of this Report.

5. Consultation Findings

5.1 Introduction

- 5.1.1 Questionnaires were provided for visitors to complete at both series of exhibitions to encourage them to provide feedback on the Proposed Development. All feedback was considered as part of the design process at different stages of the scheme and for that reason, the responses received are best dealt with separately.

5.2 Feedback from First Series of Public Exhibitions

- 5.2.1 The first stage exhibitions were intended to re-introduce the Proposed Development to local residents and stakeholders, to explain why a revised application was being made and to provide some initial details on the design of the Proposed Development.
- 5.2.2 Details of attendance at the different venues were as follows:

Table 5.1 Exhibition Attendance Stage 1

Exhibition Venue	Number of Attendees	Questionnaires Submitted	Invitations Issued
Stornoway Town Hall	161	31	5000 plus individual letters sent and press adverts published.

- 5.2.3 The exhibitions were mainly attended by Island residents though some visitors to the Island also attended. Six of the 31 questionnaires submitted came from visitors to the Island. The remaining questionnaires were completed by residents with local postcodes. As well as seeking the opinions of those attending on a range of renewables and onshore wind issues, a series of specific questions were asked on the Stornoway scheme to assess whether the views of any visitors had changed since the earlier exhibitions (where they had attended).
- 5.2.4 To help gauge the views of visitors to the exhibition, the questionnaires sought answers to a number of questions that included opinions on general energy matters alongside specific questions on the Stornoway Wind Farm. All but two of the consultee respondents found the consultation event useful and informative (didn't answer the questions).

Questionnaire Responses

- 5.2.5 The following section lists the questions posed on the questionnaires and summarises the responses provided by the attendees that completed them.
- 5.2.6 In answer to the question 'are you concerned about the potential effects of climate change?', respondents said:

Yes	77%
No	10%
Unsure	10%
No answer	3%

- 5.2.7 On renewable energy matters, in answer to the question 'do you support the generation of renewable energy in Scotland?', the following response was received:

Yes	94%
No	0%
Unsure	3%
No answer	3%

- 5.2.8 More specifically, one question asked if they supported the development of onshore wind farms and replied as follows:

Yes	85%
No	6%
Unsure	3%
No answer	6%

- 5.2.9 The questionnaires asked specifically about the Stornoway scheme. In answer to the question 'are you supportive of the existing Stornoway Wind Farm project?', the following replies were made:

Yes	71%
No	20%
Unsure	3%
No answer	6%

- 5.2.10 The questionnaires then asked about the proposed scheme. In answer to the question 'would you be supportive of the potential changes to the Stornoway project if these were implemented?' the following replies were made:

Yes	71%
No	23%
Unsure	3%
No answer	3%

- 5.2.11 Finally, the questionnaire also asked if they had ever visited a wind farm:

Yes	29%
No	68%
Unsure	3%
No answer	0%

- 5.2.12 In terms of specific comments raised by those who completed questionnaires, visitors were asked for their views on the location/format for any future exhibitions. The following individual comments were received:

- Stornoway Co-op / Tesco – go where people are already gathering;
- Wider consultation to community;
- Stornoway Town Hall is fine;
- Seeing consultation as PR exercise. Thinks Crofters should have priority;

- Repeat exhibition 2-3 weeks apart to allow locals working offshore the chance to attend.

5.2.13 In terms of specific comments raised by those who completed questionnaires, visitors were asked for their views on the potential changes to the wind farm. The following individual comments were received:

- Does not approve of current scheme and sees potential changes as further detriment to environment, and tourism;
- Concern over proximity of turbines to Lewis War Memorial;
- Stornoway Trust sold out on their heritage. The multinationals do not care for the community at Stornoway;
- Stornoway Trust is not operation in an open and transparent manner;
- Not clear on the visual or environmental impact;
- Happy with changes but not for an increase in hundreds of turbines.

5.3 Feedback from Project Update/Stage 2 Series of Public Exhibitions

5.3.1 The second series of exhibitions was held in the same venues as the initial events: Stornoway Town Hall. Visiting times were extended into the early evening to maximise opportunities for visits by local residents. The number of visitor's over the two days of exhibitions can be seen in **Table 5.2**.

Table 5.2 Exhibition Attendance Stage 2

Exhibition Venue	Number of Attendees	Questionnaires Submitted	Invitations Issued
Stornoway Town Hall	102	29	5000 plus individual letters sent and press adverts published

5.3.2 The exhibitions were mainly attended by Island residents though there were some visitors to the Island also that attended. All but one of the 29 questionnaires submitted came from local postcodes. As well as seeking the opinions of those attending on a range of renewables and onshore wind issues, a series of specific questions were asked on the Stornoway scheme to assess whether the views of any visitors had changed since the earlier exhibitions (where they had attended).

5.3.3 To help gauge the views of visitors to the exhibition, the questionnaires sought answers to a number of questions that included opinions on general energy matters alongside specific questions on the Stornoway Wind Farm. All of the consultee respondents found the consultation event useful and informative.

Questionnaire Responses

5.3.4 The following section lists the questions posed on the questionnaires and summarises the responses provided by the attendees that completed them.

5.3.5 In answer to the question 'are you concerned about the potential effects of climate change?', respondents said:

Yes	83%
No	14%
Unsure	3%
No answer	0%

- 5.3.6 On renewable energy matters, in answer to the question 'do you support the generation of renewable energy in Scotland?', the following response was received:

Yes	93%
No	0%
Unsure	7%
No answer	0%

- 5.3.7 More specifically, visitors were asked if they supported the development of onshore wind farms and replied as follows:

Yes	69%
No	0%
Unsure	31%
No answer	0%

- 5.3.8 The questionnaires asked specifically about the Stornoway scheme. In answer to the question 'are you supportive of the existing Stornoway Wind Farm project?', the following replies were made:

Yes	34%
No	32%
Unsure	31%
No answer	3%

- 5.3.9 The questionnaires then asked about the proposed scheme. In answer to the question 'would you be supportive of the potential changes to the Stornoway project if these were implemented?' the following replies were made:

Yes	38%
No	28%
Unsure	31%
No answer	3%

- 5.3.10 Finally, the questionnaire also asked if they had ever visited a wind farm:

Yes	48%
No	52%
Unsure	0%
No answer	0%

- 5.3.11 In terms of specific comments raised by those who completed questionnaires, visitors were asked for any further comments or questions they had on the Additional Consent. The following individual comments were received:

- Tolsa Ness Moor better option for site as less visible turbines;
- Happy with current quality of consultation but wants to make sure such high quality consultation is maintained during the lifetime of the scheme etc;
- Better communities stick together to develop wind farms than involve developers;
- Video graphics very helpful. Such graphics needs to be communicated better to the wider community;
- Consultation explained everything very well;
- Expresses thanks for the information and trusts what EDF is doing is right for the island and future generations;
- Full support lies with community wind farms over developer led ones;
- Would only support the wind farm if part of it was relinquished to the communities of the Island and/or so said communities can build their own wind farm on the site;
- Excellent development;
- Concerned at incremental increases in height of turbines, extent of loss of local control/actual benefits of scheme to local communities and drive to export supply for profit rather than serving the locals;
- Impact from the height of the turbines and the lack of guarantees for community benefits (especially ownership);
- Supports the scheme so long as the Kites are protected/able to fly in the area. Wishes developer to consider Airborne wind energy systems;
- The commercial v community benefit seems skewed towards commercial benefit to a disproportionate/unfair degree.

5.4 Community Benefit and Community Ownership Opportunity

- 5.4.1 SWL has reiterated its commitment to establish a community benefit fund for the Proposed Development which would be set up in line with Scottish Government's Good Practice Principles for Community Benefits from Onshore Renewable Energy Developments.
- 5.4.2 SWL has committed to make up to 20% of the project available for community ownership and is working closely with the Stornoway Trust and CNES as they seek to develop a joint venture to explore options for acquiring a stake in the project.
- 5.4.3 Both matters were raised during the consultation activities by interested parties and throughout it was explained that if the Proposed Development is consented and built, then the community ownership opportunity would be completely separate from the community benefit fund.
- 5.4.4 Some enquires on the community benefit fund were received during the exhibitions. It was explained that the fund value would be in line with Scottish Government recommendations, currently £5,000 per MW, per annum over the lifetime of the project, and that the funds would be designed and used to address specific local needs. It was also explained that detailed discussions on how any community benefit fund for the Proposed Development would be most appropriate during the period leading up to construction, if the application is granted consent.

6. Developer Response to the Public Consultation

6.1 Introduction

- 6.1.1 Throughout the pre-application consultation activities carried out for the Proposed Development, the principles, approach and contacts made during consultation for the Consented Development have been maintained and provided a starting point for renewed dialogue with all local stakeholders.
- 6.1.2 In tandem with the feedback received from the consultation process, the important work carried out by the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) has significantly helped to shape and evolve the design layout of the Proposed Development. In addition, where potentially significant effects have been raised or identified by consultees, wherever possible the design of the project has been adjusted.
- 6.1.3 The following section sets out the key issues raised during the pre-application consultation period. Where appropriate, comments have been made to address these issues or highlight where changes have been made to the Proposed Development as a direct result of the feedback received.

6.2 Visual Impact and Turbine Heights

- 6.2.1 The feedback from the public exhibitions for the Proposed Development from those that have concerns (or are opposed to) the development centred mainly on the landscape and visual impact of it both in isolation and cumulatively. Consultee responses that addressed the potential visual impact of the Proposed Development often also expressed concern that such impacts would be exacerbated by the use of turbines that are taller than those permitted in the previously Consented Development. As such, ensuring that the Proposed Development remains an appropriate scale with a balanced layout has been a priority of the design process.
- 6.2.2 In order to reduce the potential visual impacts of the Proposed Development and the taller turbines, a design using mixed-height turbines has been developed. The turbine heights located in the east of the Development site (10 turbines) would be limited to a maximum height of 156m to blade tip to reduce their impact when viewed from Stornoway (including Greater Stornoway) and other receptors in the east and northeast.
- 6.2.3 The potential visual effects of the Proposed Development have been further reduced by using proposing turbines in the north western part of the site, to increase the set-back distance of the turbines as far as practical from the outer edge of Greater Stornoway and, overall, parts of the Proposed Development would be further away from Stornoway than was proposed in the previously consented scheme.

6.3 Community Benefits

- 6.3.1 Besides expressing concern about the potential visual effects of the Proposed Development and the turbines heights, consultee responses also queried the potential benefits of the Proposed Development for local communities.

- 6.3.2 It is normal practice for a Developer to establish a local community fund for consented wind farms at the prevailing Scottish Government rate, currently £5,000 per MW each year over the lifetime of the project. Such a community fund would be specifically designed to meet local needs and would be administered locally at arms' length from the Developer.
- 6.3.3 A crofter's fund would also be established for those Crofters who would no longer be able to work the land due to the construction and operation of the Proposed Development.
- 6.3.4 Specific details on the management and operations of the community fund can only be determined once a decision on the application has been made. In general community benefit funds are set up in order to support local environmental, training, education and employment schemes.
- 6.3.5 SWL has committed to make up to 20% of the project available for community ownership and is working closely with the Stornoway Trust and CnES as they seek to develop a joint venture to acquire the Trust's option of up to 20% of the Proposed Development.

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Folley, Grant

Subject: Stornoway Wind Farm Update

Dear Councillor,

RE: Stornoway Wind Farm

I am writing to let you know that we will have an advert in this week's Stornoway Gazette to publicise an exhibition we are holding to consult on potential changes that Lewis Wind Power may seek to make to its existing plans for the Stornoway Wind Farm project.

The exhibition will be held over 10th and 11th October in Stornoway Town Hall, and we will write to invite you more formally and to share more detailed information next week but I wanted to make sure you were aware of the event ahead of the advert in tomorrow's paper.

If you have any questions at this stage then please let me know.

Kind Regards

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Subject: Stornoway Wind Farm - Public Consultation Event - Invite + Further Information

Dear Councillor,

Stornoway Wind Farm Scoping Consultation – Public Exhibition

Following from my previous e-mail, I am writing on behalf of Lewis Wind Power to invite you to the Stornoway Wind Farm Scoping Consultation public exhibition.

The event is designed to set out potential changes that Lewis Wind Power may seek to make to its existing plans for the Stornoway Wind Farm project and to get your feedback at this early stage of our considerations.

The location and timings are as follows:

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The exhibition forms a key part of our work to develop a comprehensive understanding of possible impacts these potential changes could have, and how these should be assessed if we ultimately proceed with a full planning application. Members of the wind farm development team will be present at both events to answer questions and to present a 3D visualisation of the potential wind farm layout.

We would be happy to provide any further information you may need and/or meet to discuss any aspects of the scheme personally with you, either during or after the exhibitions. If you would like to arrange a time to meet privately, please contact me directly to arrange a convenient time.

Alternatively, please feel free to drop in at any time over the two days of the exhibition.

Please also find attached to this e-mail a leaflet which provides further information regarding our proposals and the consultation process. Further information on the exhibition and on the scoping exercise is available on the publications page on our new website - www.lwp.scot

Alternatively, please drop into our Stornoway office at the address above to find out more.

I very much hope you will be able to join us.

Yours Faithfully

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From: Folley, Grant
Sent: 01 October 2018 12:20
Subject: Stornoway Wind Farm Scoping Consultation – Public Exhibition
Attachments: Stornoway Wind Farm - October Consultation Leaflet.pdf

Dear Sir/Madam,

Stornoway Wind Farm Scoping Consultation – Public Exhibition

You were recently consulted on an EIA Scoping Report submitted by Lewis Wind Power relating to the Stornoway Wind Farm proposal. Following from the EIA Scoping process, Lewis Wind Power have arranged an initial public consultation event to discuss our proposals with the local community. Although the focus of the event will be to provide information for local residents, we would welcome representatives of any Consultees, as such I am writing on behalf of Lewis Wind Power to invite you to the Stornoway Wind Farm Scoping Consultation.

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We will keep you up to date with further information regarding our proposals as the EIA (Environmental Impact Assessment) and wind farm design process progresses. However, in the mean time we would be happy to provide any further information you may need and/or meet to discuss any aspects of the scheme personally with you, either during or after the exhibitions. If you would like to arrange a time to meet privately, please contact me directly to arrange a convenient time.

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After viewing the materials you will have the opportunity to give us your views by completing a questionnaire that will be available at the exhibitions.

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From: Folley, Grant
Sent: 30 January 2019 15:47
Subject: Stornoway Wind Farm - Prior Notice of Pre-Application Consultation Events

Dear Councillor,

RE: Stornoway Wind Farm

I am writing to let you know that we will be publicising Lewis Wind Power's intention to seek an additional consent for its proposed Stornoway Wind Farm with a press release and advert in local media tomorrow.

I also wanted to make sure you were aware that we will be setting out the detail of our latest proposals at a public exhibition in Stornoway on Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th February 2019.

We will write tomorrow to invite you formally to the event and to share more detailed information, but I wanted to make sure you were aware of the exhibition ahead of the adverts and coverage in local media.

If you have any questions at this stage then please let me know.

Kind Regards
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Folley, Grant

From: Folley, Grant
Sent: 31 January 2019 18:04
Subject: Stornoway Wind Farm Pre Application Consultation – Public Exhibition

Dear Councillor

Stornoway Wind Farm Pre Application Consultation – Public Exhibition

Following from my previous e-mail, I am writing on behalf of Lewis Wind Power to invite you to the Stornoway Wind Farm Consultation public exhibition. The location and timings are as follows:

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Timings 1200 to 1930
Dates: Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th February

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The exhibition will be a chance for local residents and businesses to find out more about our plans and also to ask questions and provide feedback ahead of our application for consent later this year.

Since our consultation event in October, we have made a number of changes to the proposed layout, with the heights of the larger turbines coming down from 187m to 180m – very much in line with a number of planning applications on the Scottish mainland – and we have also moved the proposed sites for a number of turbines further away from the town of Stornoway in response to local feedback.

We believe that we may need to have the option of this new design if we are to successfully compete against offshore wind for the long term government contracts required to support our investment in the project. Contracts are awarded by National Grid on a competitive basis with onshore wind farms on Lewis and Shetland competing with major offshore wind developments in the North Sea, where costs have reduced by more than 60% in recent years. The next auction process is scheduled to commence in May.

The additional consent application does not impact on our commitment to work with our partners at the Stornoway Trust and the Comhairle nan Eilean Siar as they seek to take a significant ownership stake in both the Stornoway and Uisenis wind farms through a new joint venture.

We hope the community of the Western Isles will get behind our application, which we believe gives us a stronger chance of being able to deliver the project, with the success of Stornoway Wind Farm and our Uisenis development central to unlocking investment in the new interconnector with the mainland.

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Subject: Stornoway Wind Farm Pre-Application Consultation – Public Exhibition

Dear Sir/Madam,

Stornoway Wind Farm Pre-Application Consultation – Public Exhibition

Last year you were consulted on an EIA Scoping Report submitted by Lewis Wind Power relating to the Stornoway Wind Farm proposal. LWP have arranged a pre-application consultation exhibition in Stornoway; although the focus of the event will be to provide information for local residents, I am writing on behalf of Lewis Wind Power to invite you to the public exhibition.

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28 January 2019

Dear Householder

Stornoway Wind Farm Pre-Application Consultation – Public Exhibition

I am writing on behalf of Lewis Wind Power to invite you to the Stornoway Wind Farm Pre-Application Consultation.

The event will set out the details of Lewis Wind Power's plans for an additional consent for the Stornoway Wind Farm project and the changes we have made to our plans since the initial public exhibition in October of last year. We will also outline the differences between our intended application and the project's existing consent.

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Dates: Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th February 2019

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Details of the plans will also be made available at www.lwp.scot.

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About Lewis Wind Power

Stornoway Wind Farm



Stornoway Wind Farm

The Stornoway Wind Farm would be located to the west of the town of Stornoway in an area close to the three existing wind farm sites.

The project has planning consent for up to 36 turbines and is sited on land owned by the Stornoway Trust, a publicly elected body which manages the Stornoway Trust Estate on behalf of the local community.

The local community stands to benefit as follows:

- Community benefit payments currently estimated at £900,000 per annum, which would go to an independent trust to distribute to local projects and organisations
- Annual rental payments to local crofters and the Stornoway Trust - which we estimate could total more than £1.3m, depending on the CfD Strike Price secured and the wind farm's energy output
- Through the proposed community shareholding which would be held by the Stornoway Trust



The Company

Lewis Wind Power is the developer of the Stornoway Wind Farm. Registered in Scotland, the company is a 50:50 joint venture between EDF Renewables and Wood.

EDF Renewables owns and operates 34 wind farms across the UK, as well as a battery storage unit. The company is part of EDF Energy, which produces 40% of Scotland's electricity, employs more than 1,300 people in Scotland and supplies power to the country's local authorities, schools, public buildings and hospitals through a single contract awarded by the Scottish Government.

Wood is a global leader in the delivery of project, engineering and technical services to energy and industrial markets. Headquartered in Aberdeen, the company operates in more than 60 countries across oil and gas, chemicals, environment and infrastructure,



power & process, clean energy, mining, nuclear and general industrial sectors. It has 4,900 employees based in Scotland.

LWP has been working with the Stornoway Trust and the Comhairle nan Eilean Siar to progress renewable energy development on Lewis since 2003. To date the company has invested some £12m in the development of the Stornoway Wind Farm Project.

Our Team

Lewis Wind Power is managed and run by employees of the two company partners, EDF Renewables and Wood. The team is based across a number of locations, including Stornoway, Edinburgh and Gateshead. Our community engagement team is based in Stornoway on the Isle of Lewis.



David Morrison
Stakeholder Engagement



Kerry MacPhee
Community Liaison

Community Involvement

Lewis Wind Power supports a number of local events and initiatives through our sponsorship programme.



Hebcelt Festival

'The islands' flagship event', the Hebridean Celtic Festival or Hebcelt is an international Celtic music festival, which takes place annually in Stornoway on Lewis, in the Outer Hebrides of Scotland. LWP is sponsor of the Islands Stage and this year is sponsoring the Young People Programme, a celebration of the talented young musicians in the Outer Hebrides culminating in a headline spot during the 2018 festival. www.hebceltfest.com



The Lochs Show

Lewis Wind Power is sponsor of The Lochs Show the biggest event of its kind in the Western Isles. The show takes place each July in Laxay, Isle of Lewis, and is organised by the Lochs Agricultural Society. www.lochsshow.org.uk



Stramash

Stramash is a non-profit, unincorporated, constituted volunteer community group which has a primary objective to promote music and performing arts in the Western Isles. Throughout the year, the Group offers many services free of charge to any musician, performing artist or any other community group in the Western Isles. www.facebook.com/stramashfestival/



Volunteer Week, The Volunteer Centre Western Isles

Lewis Wind Power was a key supporter of Volunteers Week 2018 with sponsorship of the Volunteer Centre Western Isles' work to celebrate local volunteers and volunteer involving organisations.

www.volunteercentrewi.org

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Subject: Press Release

From: Niall Stuart

Sent: 25 September 2018 10:47

To: Niall Stuart [REDACTED]

Subject: Embargoed Press Release - Lewis Wind Power Public Exhibition on Stornoway Wind Farm Project

Sent on behalf of Lewis Wind Power

Embargoed for print or publication until Thursday 27th September



LEWIS WIND POWER TO HOLD PUBLIC EXHIBITION ON STORNOWAY WIND FARM PROJECT

Consultation event to be held on 10th and 11th October

Lewis Wind Power (LWP) will be holding a public exhibition on potential changes it may seek to make to its existing plans for the Stornoway Wind Farm project in Stornoway Town Hall on Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th October.

The company announced in April that it was exploring a number of possible changes to the wind farm to ensure that it looks at all the options that could boost its competitiveness in future auctions for government-backed support for renewable energy projects.

LWP is assessing the potential to increase tip heights from 145 metres to 155 metres on the turbines closest to Stornoway and up to 187m in the parts of the wind farm further away from the town.

Speaking on behalf of Lewis Wind Power, Darren Cuming said:

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6. There are a number of projects on the Scottish mainland in the planning system looking at turbine heights of 200m or greater. Examples can be found on the [Energy Consents Unit website](#)

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4. Full details of the proposed consent application will be made available at www.lwp.scot ahead of the exhibition
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6. Scottish and Southern Energy Networks has stated that the case for the new interconnector is dependent on the success of the two largest wind farm projects in development on Lewis which are the Uisenis and Stornoway wind farms. See <https://www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/news-views/articles/2018/8/ssen-submits-needs-case-to-ofgem-for-western-isles-transmission-link/>

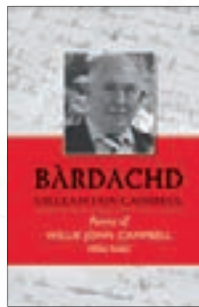
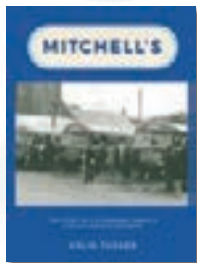


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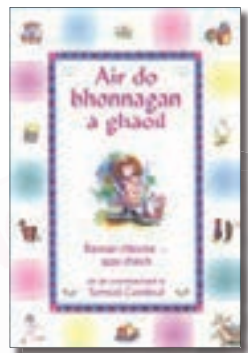
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Crofters claim gains in wind-farm battle

A Crofting Commission's decision in September on the right of three Isle of Lewis townships to develop their own community-owned wind farms is being hailed as a major step forward for their campaign, despite the fact the Commission rejected their applications.

Campaigners have pointed out that the ruling by the Commission has confirmed the principle they were fighting for – that crofting communities have the power to develop wind farms on their common grazings land without the landowner's consent.

They say the Commission turned down their applications on a separate argument as to whether their wind farms would be 'to the detriment' to the landowner, a point which the crofters dispute because they have offered to pay the same rent as any private developer.

Rhoda Mackenzie, a township representative, said: "This Commission decision, while disappointing in its final conclusion, is a major breakthrough for the rights of crofting."

"This is such a revolutionary use of the law that we always knew it would have to be confirmed in the Land Court at the end of the day but at least we now have the Commission's endorsement on all the substantive points of principle."

"Our outstanding disagreements with the Commission are on a point of fact and of procedure which we are happy to let the Land Court decide."

Section 50B of the 1993 Crofting Act was passed into law in 2007 by the last Labour Administration in Holyrood with the intended aim of allowing crofting communities to use their common grazings for new activities – expected to be in the areas of horticulture, recreation and growing winter feed.

Most significantly the clause stated that the consent of landowners was not required, the only caveat being that the proposed use should not be detrimental to the landowner.

However, the law was languishing forgotten on the statute book, until the three Lewis townships decided to use it in a bid to develop community wind farms on their own common grazings.

This recourse to section 50B was because they were being blocked by their landowner, the Stornoway Trust, which would not give consent to

their plans because it signed a lease over the same land 13 years previously to Lewis Wind Power, now owned by EDF and Wood Group.

The townships' 50B applications were submitted to the Crofting Commission in September 2016 and the landowner responded with a six-page objection, having been given leave to make its objection a year late.

As well as maintaining the community developments were detrimental to its interests, the landowner also objected to the core principle of using Section 50B for community wind farms.

In its decision last week, the Commission rejected the landlord's objections to the principle of using 50B. The Commission decided that Section 50B was not limited to agricultural uses only and said there was no "express restriction in the uses to which the part of the common grazings can be put, other than that the use must not be detrimental to the interests of the owner".

The townships are now preparing their appeal to the Scottish Land Court to overturn the decision that their developments would be detrimental to the landowner and also on the grounds that the landowner's objection was submitted a year late.

Calum MacDonald, former Government Minister and MP for the Western Isles as well as founder of the UK's largest community-owned wind farm (the Point and Sandwick Trust wind farm at Beinn Ghrideag), said: "The Commission's decision is historic as it begins to reverse the traditional relationship of landowners and crofting communities in Scotland."

"Crofting communities have stewardship over half a million hectares in Scotland and some of the most spectacular and treasured landscapes in Europe. Now, for the first time, these communities can take the initiative in the sensitive and sustainable development of this land whether or not they have the landowner's consent."

Four crofting townships - Sandwick North Street, Melbost & Branahue, Sandwick East Street and Aignish are involved in the Section 50B applications to develop community-owned wind farms on their common grazings. However, the Crofting Commission did not rule on the Aignish application.

Wind power display

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Stornoway Wind Farm Scoping Consultation

Venue: Stornoway Town Hall,
20 South Beach, Stornoway HS1 2BJ

Timings 11:00 to 19:30

Dates: Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th October

Lewis Wind Power is consulting on potential changes that the company may seek to make to its existing plans for the Stornoway Wind Farm project.

We hope you can take the time to join us at our exhibition to find out more about the possible changes and to give us your feedback at this early stage of our considerations.

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The Exhibition

Lewis Wind Power (LWP) is exploring a number of potential changes it may seek to make to the company's existing plans for the Stornoway Wind Farm project. This work forms part of the company's strategy to ensure that it looks at all the options that may be required to compete successfully in future auctions for government-backed support for renewable energy projects.

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The event is open to all and no need to make an appointment – please feel free to 'drop in' at any point over the two days.

Background and Potential Changes

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Lewis Wind Power is now exploring a number of potential changes to its plans for the site, including:

- An increase in maximum tip height from 145m to 155m on the eight turbines closest to the eastern perimeter of the wind farm, which is closest to the town of Stornoway;
- An increase in tip height up to a maximum of 187m on the other turbines which are located further from the town;
- Increase in rotor diameter 128m up to a maximum of 150m;
- Revised site layout in order to accommodate the longer blades;
- Co-location of a battery storage system.

Reason for potential changes to existing plans

Any wind farms built on the Western Isles will be required to pay significantly greater grid charges than projects on the mainland, as they will pay for their share of the installation and operation of a new interconnector.

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Community ownership

LWP is working closely with the Stornoway Trust, the local community landowner, and Comhairle nan Eilean Siar as they seek to develop a joint venture to acquire the Trust's option of up to 20% of the Stornoway Wind Farm and the council's option of up to 30% of the Uisenis Wind Farm. The proposed joint venture would be one of the largest community owners of renewable power anywhere in the UK.

Community benefit

An annual payment of £5,000 (index linked) per MW over the life time of the project. As an example, a scheme of 180MW would mean an annual payment of £900,000 per annum for the local community to invest in local projects and priorities.

Local suppliers

LWP has committed to using a contracting strategy for building the wind farm that will maximise the potential for the use of local suppliers and facilities during the construction phase of the wind farm.

Rental payments

The Stornoway Wind Farm would be sited on the Stornoway Trust Estate and pay an annual commercial rent to the Trust for the land required by the project. LWP would also make payments to the common grazings that comprise the wind farm site with payments subject to approval by the Scottish Land Court.

Employment and Wider Economic Development

A report commissioned by EDF Renewables and produced by respected consultancy BVG Associates found that during construction of LWP's wind farms and the interconnector to the mainland there would be more than 600 people employed at the peak of construction activity. Longer term, onshore wind projects on the Western Isles in aggregate could add up to £33m a year to the local economy and support several hundred jobs on an ongoing basis as a result of the forecast community benefits, ownership and further community wind farm development enabled by the interconnector.

Delivery of the interconnector with the mainland

No further onshore wind development can take place on Lewis as the electricity network is at full capacity. Scottish and Southern Energy Networks has recently proposed a new 600MW interconnector with the mainland, dependent on Stornoway and Uisenis wind farms going ahead. A cable of that size would leave significant capacity for additional renewable energy development on the Western Isles.

Crofting

Stornoway Wind Farm would be sited across a number of common grazings to the west of Stornoway and therefore approval is being sought from the Scottish Land Court for a 'scheme for development' in accordance with section 19A of the Crofters (Scotland) Act 1993. This process has been followed by other wind developments in other parts of Scotland, such as Viking Wind Farm on Shetland, and also by the Pentland Road Wind Farm here on Lewis.

The Court is currently assessing the 'scheme for development' that we have developed in close consultation with local grazings, which reflects the wind farm and its supporting infrastructure.

It is important to stress that rights to grazing would continue, though there will be restrictions on access for Health and Safety reasons during construction. The physical area ultimately taken up by the turbines and other wind farm infrastructure would represent a small percentage of the overall site area.

What happens next?

If LWP does decide to pursue the potential revisions further then we would develop more detail on any changes and consult on these in depth before submitting any application for a consent.

A planning application would involve the development of a full Environmental Impact Assessment and the Comhairle nan Eilean Siar would be consulted, along with other key consultees such as Scottish Natural Heritage. The final decision on any proposed changes would ultimately be made by the Scottish Government, with all local people and organisations having the chance to submit their views directly as part of ministers' considerations.

We will share our intentions over coming months but LWP will continue to move forward by preparing to bid for a Contract for Difference in next year's auction on the basis of the project's current consent.

Further Information

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What Happens Next?

In Scotland, the consenting process for onshore electricity projects over 50MW is managed by the Scottish Government. Over coming weeks we will be reviewing the questions asked and comments made, ahead of submitting our application to Scottish Ministers.

Applications are required to be accompanied by an Environmental Statement which describes the effects the development is likely to have on the environment. The application and the environmental statement will be available locally for public inspection, with the local planning authority and public bodies such as Scottish Natural Heritage and the Scottish Environmental Protection Agency invited to submit their views on the application, along with local residents and businesses.

We will make a public announcement at the point we make an application for the additional consent and the full details will be set out on our own website and the Energy Consents Unit will publish all relevant documentation and communications relating to our application as they collate the analysis and information required for ministers to come to a final decision on our application.

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Stornoway Wind Farm

Pre-Application Consultation



Venue: Stornoway Town Hall, 20 South Beach, Stornoway HS1 2BJ

Timings: 1200 to 1930

Dates: Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th February 2019

Lewis Wind Power is consulting on its plans for an additional consent for the Stornoway Wind Farm project and the changes we have made to our proposals since the initial public exhibition in October of last year. We will also outline the differences between our intended application and the project's existing consent.

The exhibition

This event is designed to set out the details on Lewis Wind Power’s proposals for an additional consent for the Stornoway Wind Farm. The exhibition outlines changes we have made to our plans in light of feedback from our exhibition held in October last year, and also the feedback provided by organisations such as Scottish Natural Heritage.

The event is part of our work to develop a comprehensive understanding of the potential impacts of our proposals and to get as much local feedback as possible ahead of applying to the Scottish Government for consent.

Existing Consent

Stornoway Wind Farm was originally consented by the Scottish Government in September 2012. The consent was for up to 36 wind turbines with a tip height of up to 143.5m and for associated infrastructure on land to the west of Stornoway

In 2015 the Scottish Government approved a variation of the 2012 consent to allow for the installation of larger turbines up to 145m high with a rotor diameter of up to 128m, and a revised internal track layout.

Additional Consent Application

Layout comparisons

	Existing Consent	Additional Consent - Scoping Layout October 2018	Additional Consent - Current Plans, February 2019
Number of Turbines	36	33	35
Maximum Tip Height	145m	187m	180m
Maximum Rotor Diameter	128m	150m	150m
Number of turbines within 2km of nearest dwelling	11	4	3
Battery Storage Facility	No	Yes - 50MW	Yes - 50MW
Control Buildings/Sub- Station	1	1	3 (additional substations in north and south)

The latest proposal incorporates a new layout to take into account; visual, ecological and ornithological constraints identified during the most recent Environmental Surveys and through consultation feedback from the public and bodies such as CNES and SNH.

The tip heights proposed are very much in line with a number of developments in the planning process, on the Scottish mainland, as the industry seeks to deploy larger turbines to reduce costs. Battery storage facilities are increasingly being included in new renewable energy developments.

Reason for seeking additional consent

Larger wind farms built on the Western Isles will be required to pay significantly greater grid charges than projects on the mainland, as they will pay for their share of the installation and operation of a new interconnector.

As such, they can only proceed if they successfully bid for a long-term contract for power backed by the UK Government, known as a ‘Contract for Difference’ (CFDs) which guarantee a price per unit of power over 15 years. These contracts are awarded through a competitive auction process, with island projects required to bid against each other and other technologies including offshore wind meaning that only the most cost-effective projects can go ahead.

LWP has invested £12m into the Stornoway Wind Farm to date and will continue to invest significantly in order to prepare the project for the CfD auction later this year.

Project Benefits

The development of the Stornoway Wind Farm would provide significant economic benefits to the Isle of Lewis and the wider Western Isles:

Community Ownership

The Stornoway Trust, the local community landowner, and Comhairle nan Eilean Siar are currently developing a joint venture to acquire a significant community ownership stake.

Community Benefit

The project would make an annual payment of £5,000 (index-linked) per MW over the life time of the project. As an example, a 180MW scheme would mean an annual payment of over £900,000 per annum for the local community to invest in local projects and priorities.

Local Suppliers

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Rental Payments

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Welcome to the Stornoway Wind Farm Scoping Consultation

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Background to the project

Stornoway Wind Farm was originally consented by the Scottish Government in September 2012. The consent was for up to 36 wind turbines with a tip height of up to 143.5m and associated infrastructure. The consent included over 50 planning conditions on the development to ensure its impacts would be acceptable.



In 2015 the Scottish Government approved a variation of the 2012 consent to allow for the installation of larger turbines up to 145m high, with a rotor diameter of up to 128m, and a revised internal track layout.

Since the variation to the original consent was approved, LWP has been working to discharge some of the important planning conditions, including the relocation of an existing meteorological radar and ensuring revised approach procedures for Stornoway Airport can be implemented. In addition, a detailed site investigation has been carried out in relation to the ground conditions on the site.

Despite holding a planning consent, an agreement for connection to the grid, and a lease with the Stornoway Trust, LWP has not begun the construction of the wind farm for two important reasons.

The wind farm is dependent on the delivery of a new grid connection with the mainland as the electricity grid on Lewis is at full capacity. Scottish and Southern Energy Networks (SSEN) recently submitted a proposal for a new 600MW cable to the energy regulator Ofgem, but even if approved by the regulator later this year, the connection will not be in place until late 2023.

The high capital cost of building a wind farm and the high charges the projects will pay to use the new grid connection means that they cannot proceed without a 'Contract for Difference', the new financial support scheme for renewable electricity. Contracts for Difference, or CfDs, are awarded through a competitive auction process, and the first auction that the project will be able to take part in is expected to get underway in May 2019.

LWP has invested £12m to date, and will continue to invest significantly in order to prepare the project for the CfD auction next year.

Potential revised proposals

Lewis Wind Power is now exploring a number of potential changes to its plans for the site as part of its work to ensure it looks at all the options that may be required to secure a Contract for Difference. These potential changes include:

- An increase in maximum tip height from 145m to 155m on turbines closest to the eastern perimeter of the wind farm which is closest to the town of Stornoway;
- An increase in tip height up to a maximum of 187m on the other turbines which are located further from the town;
- An increase in rotor diameter from 128m up to a maximum of 150m;
- A revised site layout in order to accommodate the longer blades;
- Co-location of a battery storage system.

We are 'scoping' on 33 turbines but this could increase or decrease slightly if we proceed with our proposals, depending on the feedback received and from our analysis of the optimal layout of the wind farm.



It is important to stress that at this stage no decisions have been made and the company is at an early stage of exploring the potential for these changes. A new consent application would be required if LWP were to pursue these changes, and this would involve further consultation with local residents, businesses and stakeholder organisations, as well as 'statutory consultees' such as Comhairle nan Eilean Siar, Scottish Natural Heritage and the Scottish Environment Protection Agency.

Battery Storage

There has been significant growth in battery storage across Great Britain in recent years, with large-scale batteries being used to store energy for use at times of peak demand or to provide services to help manage the flows of power on the local electricity grid. These are often co-located with solar or wind energy projects

LWP is at the very earliest stages of assessing the potential to add a battery storage facility to Stornoway Wind Farm, which would mean that any excess energy could be kept and then used during periods when it isn't windy. We will be doing further analysis on this possible facility over coming months, as well as speaking with the local power grid operator, Scottish and Southern Energy Networks.

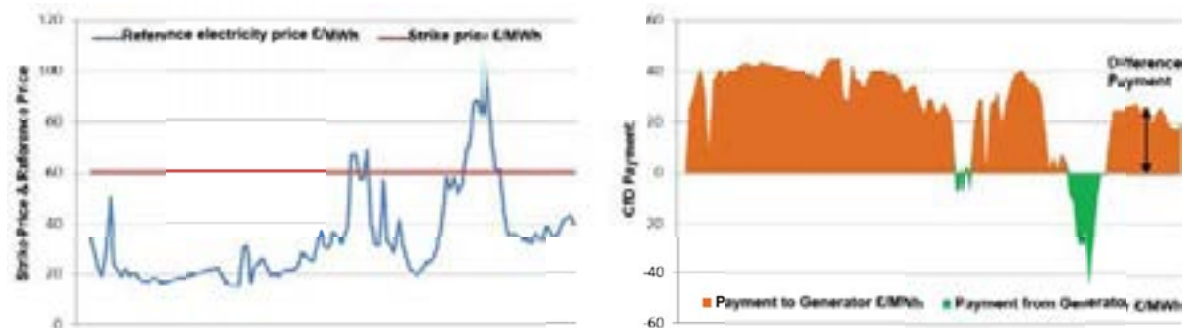


Reason for potential changes to existing plans

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As such, they can only proceed if they successfully bid for a long-term contract for power backed by the UK Government, known as a 'Contract for Difference', which guarantees a price per unit of power over 15 years.

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CfD contracts are awarded through a competitive auction process, with island projects required to bid against each other and other technologies including offshore wind. This means that only the most cost-effective projects can go ahead.

Since the project was awarded its existing consent, the wind industry has moved to significantly larger turbines - onshore and offshore - resulting in considerable reductions (over 60% for the most competitive schemes) in cost and therefore public subsidy.

In line with its competitors, and other developers throughout the world, LWP is therefore looking at all the possible options to make the project as competitive as possible, and the use of larger generators or turbines could have a significant impact on the cost of each unit of energy produced.

Environmental Impact Assessment

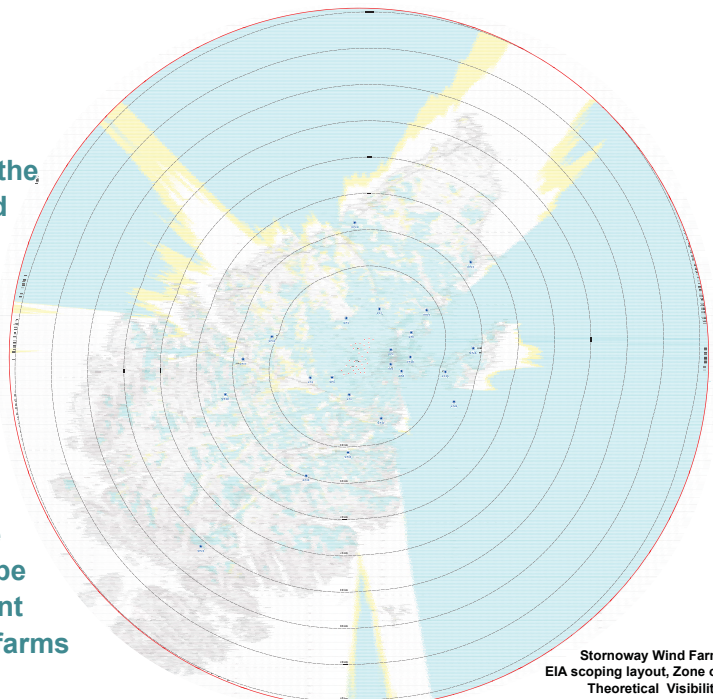
Given that the possible changes would require a new application, early discussions have been held with the Energy Consents Unit (ECU) of the Scottish Government, and the Comhairle nan Eilean Siar regarding the potential revisions to the scheme. A scoping report has been submitted to ECU which would help guide the required submission, should LWP decide to proceed with a new consent application. The key areas of work are detailed below.

Landscape and Visual

A comprehensive assessment of the impact of the potential wind farm on the existing character and value attached to the local landscape is currently being undertaken.

In order to fully demonstrate the visibility of the potential wind farm, photomontages will be prepared from specific viewpoints, including key locations and public rights of way in agreement with the Comhairle and other stakeholders. The landscape assessment will also take into account the cumulative impact of other wind farms in the local area.

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Environmental Impact Assessment

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The hydrology and soils assessment consider soil/peat depths and hydrological flows to predict how the development may cause damage to habitats through removal, erosion, desiccation and degradation. It will make recommendation for measures to avoid and mitigate such impacts as well as avoiding any pollution impacts on water bodies.

Traffic and Transportation

Vehicle movements to/from sites will consist of some abnormal vehicle loads, notably the turbine components. The EIA will consider the effects of these movements on the local road networks and details whether traffic flows will require management. The precise access route to site is not yet defined, and would need to be finalised prior to submission of any new consent application.



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White Tailed Eagle
Stornoway Wind Farm site
Blade delivery at Corriemollie Wind Farm
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Environmental Impact Assessment

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Noise

As part of the development process, LWP would require to satisfy the planning authorities that the wind farm would comply with national noise guidelines known as ETSU-R-97 which establishes noise levels to ensure people are not subject to disturbance.

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Project benefits

The development of the Stornoway Wind Farm would provide significant economic benefits to the Isle of Lewis and the wider Western Isles.

Community Ownership

Lewis Wind Power is working closely with the Stornoway Trust, the local community landowner, and Comhairle nan Eilean Siar, as they seek to develop a joint venture to acquire the Trust's option of up to 20% of the Stornoway Wind Farm and the council's option of up to 30% of the Uisenis Wind Farm. The proposed joint venture would be one of the largest community owners of renewable power anywhere in the UK.

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Local Suppliers

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The Stornoway Wind Farm would be sited on the Stornoway Trust Estate and pay an annual commercial rent to the Trust for the land required by the project. LWP would also make payments to the common grazings that comprise the wind farm site with annual payments subject to approval by the Scottish Land Court.

Delivery of the Interconnector

No further onshore wind development can take place on Lewis as the electricity network is at full capacity. Scottish and Southern Energy has recently proposed a new 600MW interconnector with the mainland, dependent on Stornoway and Uisenis wind farms going ahead. A 600MW cable would leave significant capacity for additional renewable energy development on the Western Isles.

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Crofting

Stornoway Wind Farm would be sited across a number of common grazings to the west of Stornoway and therefore approval is being sought from the Scottish Land Court for a 'scheme for development' in accordance with section 19A of the Crofters (Scotland) Act 1993. This process has been followed by other wind developments in other parts of Scotland, such as Viking Wind Farm on Shetland, and also by the Pentland Road and Beinn Ghrideag wind farms here on Lewis.

The Court is currently assessing the 'scheme for development' that we have developed in close consultation with local grazings, which reflects the wind farm and its supporting infrastructure. In summary, this statutory process is designed to protect interested parties by ensuring that

- (1) the development is for a "reasonable purpose",
- (2) carrying it out would not be "unfair",
- (3) there is fair recompense to each member of the crofting community in the area affected by the development for the effects of the development, and
- (4) the Land Court is satisfied that the community would be likely to benefit financially.

In addition to the payments we would make to the relevant grazings, the wind farm would also deliver a number of indirect benefits, such as new access tracks and fencing.

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What happens next?

Thanks for taking your time to visit the exhibition - we hope you found the information useful. Your feedback is important and over coming weeks we will be reviewing the questions asked and comments that have been made.

If LWP does decide to pursue the potential revisions further then we would develop more detail on any changes and consult on these before submitting any application for a consent.

Any new application would involve the development of a full Environmental Impact Assessment on the revised proposals, and the Comhairle nan Eilean Siar would be consulted, along with other key consultees such as Scottish Natural Heritage. The final decision on any proposed changes would ultimately be made by the Scottish Government, with all local people and organisations having the chance to submit their views directly as part of Ministers' considerations.

We will share our intentions over coming months but LWP will continue to move forward by preparing to bid for a Contract for Difference in next year's auction on the basis of the project's current consent.

We will also be undertaking a similar exercise at our Uisenis project in Spring 2019.

There are LWP staff on hand to answer any queries you may have. Should you wish to make any comments feedback forms are provided to complete before you leave the exhibition.



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Fallago Rig wind farm
EDF-R 2013

Welcome to the Stornoway Wind Farm Pre-Application Consultation

This event is designed to set out the details on Lewis Wind Power's proposals for an additional consent for the Stornoway Wind Farm.

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The exhibition is part of our work to develop a comprehensive understanding of the potential impacts of our proposals and to get as much local feedback as possible ahead of applying to the Scottish Government for consent.

Please take as much time as you need to read the exhibition material and to speak with the LWP staff who are here to answer any queries you may have. We would very much value any feedback you may wish to leave on the forms that are provided.



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Our Existing Consent

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LWP has invested £12m into the Stornoway Wind Farm to date and will continue to invest significantly in order to prepare the project for the CfD auction later this year.

Additional Consent Application

Lewis Wind Power is now intending to seek an additional consent for a different design to ensure that the company has all the options it believes may be required to secure a Contract for Difference and to deliver the project.

At our exhibition in October last year we set out our initial plans for a new and additional consent. This detailed proposals for:

- 33 turbines;
- An increase in maximum tip height from 145m to 155m on the eight turbines closest to the eastern perimeter of the wind farm which is closest to the town of Stornoway;
- An increase in tip height up to a maximum of 187m on the other turbines which are located further from the town;
- An increase in rotor diameter from 128m up to a maximum of 150m;
- A revised site layout to accommodate the longer blades;
- The potential for the co-location of a battery storage system.

Having undertaken further technical analysis and reviewed the feedback received at the exhibition and from 'statutory consultees' we have updated our plans, and our latest intentions are to seek consent for:

- 35 turbines in total;
- Tip heights of up to 156m and a maximum rotor diameter of 136m on the ten turbines closest to the eastern perimeter of the wind farm which is closest to the town of Stornoway;
- Maximum tip height of 180m and rotor diameter of up to 150m on the 25 other turbines which would be located further from the town;
- A revised site layout to take into account visual, ecological and ornithological constraints;
- The potential for the co-location of a battery storage system.

The tip heights proposed are very much in line with a number of developments in the planning process on the Scottish mainland as the industry seeks to deploy larger turbines to reduce costs, and battery storage facilities are increasingly being included in new renewable energy developments.

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Battery Storage

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The proposed battery storage facility would allow the storing of excess energy to be used in periods of no or lower wind speeds. We will be doing further analysis on this possible facility over coming months, as well as speaking with the local power grid operator, Scottish and Southern Energy Networks.



Summary of Proposals

The following table sets out the key aspects of the existing consent, the scoping layout we consulted on in October 2018, and our latest intentions.

	Existing Consent	Additional Consent - Scoping Layout October 2018	Additional Consent - Current Plans, February 2018
Number of Turbines	36	33	35
Maximum Tip Height	145m	187m	180m
Maximum Rotor Diameter	128m	150m	150m
Number of turbines within 2km of nearest dwelling	11	4	3
Battery Storage Facility	No	Yes	Yes

It can be seen that the plans for our additional consent would reduce significantly the number of dwellings within two kilometres of the nearest turbine, and there has also been a reduction in the planned height of the tallest turbines since we consulted in October.

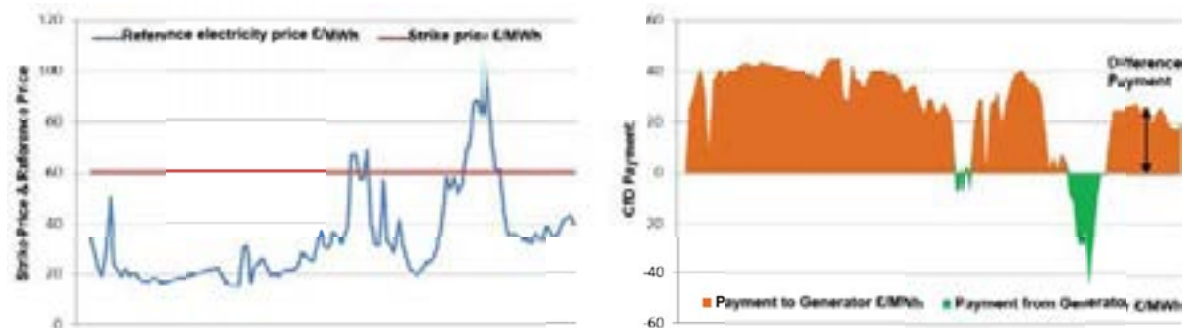


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In line with its competitors, and other developers throughout the world, LWP is therefore looking at all the possible options to make the project as competitive as possible, and the use of larger generators or turbines could have a significant impact on the cost of each unit of energy produced.

Environmental Impact Assessment

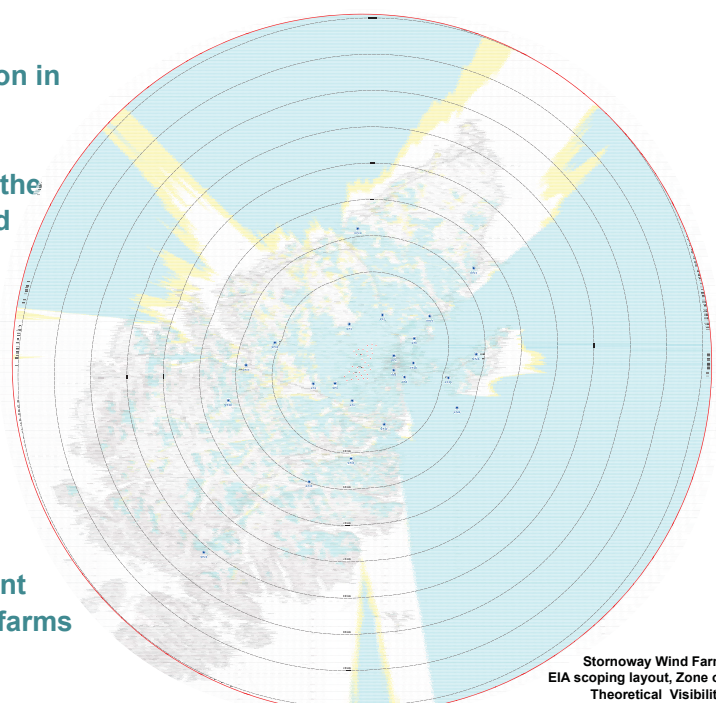
The Scottish Government issued a Scoping Opinion outlining the requirements for the Environmental Impact Assessment to support any additional consent application. The key areas of work are detailed on the following banners.

Landscape and Visual

The latest plans have been revised to consider comments received from consultees and at the public exhibition in October.

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Environmental Impact Assessment

Ornithology and Ecology

The ecology and ornithology assessments follow extensive monitoring programmes. They consider all impacts on species and habitats in and around the wind farm site. The latest plans have been developed using this data and where possible, infrastructure has been relocated to reduce impacts. The EIA will propose further mitigation to include additional monitoring and habitat enhancement.



Peat/Hydrology

The latest plans have been developed to avoid areas of deeper peat and other sensitive hydrological features; the hydrology and soils assessment consider soil/peat depths and hydrological flows to predict how the development may cause damage to habitats through removal, erosion, desiccation and degradation. The EIA will propose measures to avoid and mitigate such impacts as well as avoiding any pollution impacts on water bodies.

Traffic and Transportation

Vehicle movements to/from sites will consist of some abnormal vehicle loads, notably the turbine components. The EIA will consider the effects of these movements on the local road networks and details whether traffic flows will require management. The access points to the wind farm remain as per our current consent; all turbine components will be delivered to Arnish Point and will then be transported to the site by road.



Environmental Impact Assessment

Archaeology/Cultural Heritage

The project design will seek to avoid any physical impact on archaeological features in and around the site.

The EIA will assess the direct and indirect impact of the wind farm on cultural heritage interests. The latest plans have sought to increase the distance between the closest turbine and the Druim Dubh stone circle, which is situated to the south-east of the wind farm.



Noise

As part of the development process, LWP would require to satisfy the planning authorities that the wind farm would comply with national noise guidelines known as ETSU-R-97 which establishes noise levels to ensure people are not subject to disturbance; the monitoring and assessment would consider daytime and night time noise levels. It will also take into account factors such as wind shear and low frequency noise, as recommended by industry best practise guidelines.

Any additional consent will be required to adhere to the noise limits set for the closest residential properties under the existing consent.



Project benefits

The development of the Stornoway Wind Farm would provide significant economic benefits to the Isle of Lewis and the wider Western Isles:

Community Benefit

The project would make an annual payment of £5,000 (index linked) per MW over the life time of the project. As an example, a 180MW scheme would mean an annual payment of over £900,000 per annum for the local community to invest in local projects and priorities.



Community Ownership

The Stornoway Trust, the local community landowner, and Comhairle nan Eilean Siar, are currently developing a joint venture to acquire a significant community ownership stake in both the Stornoway and Uisenis Wind Farm. We believe that the proposed joint venture would be the largest community owner of renewable power anywhere in the UK.



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The Stornoway Wind Farm would be sited on the Stornoway Trust Estate and pay an annual commercial rent to the Trust for the land required by the project. It is proposed that this rent is shared on a 50/50 basis with the common grazings that comprise the wind farm site. The level of these payments will be subject to approval by the Scottish Land Court.

It is important to stress that rights to grazing would continue, though there would be restrictions on access for Health and Safety reasons during construction. The physical area ultimately taken up by the turbines and other wind farm infrastructure would represent a small percentage of the overall grazings.

Project benefits

The development of the Stornoway Wind Farm would provide significant economic benefits to the Isle of Lewis and the wider Western Isles:

Local Suppliers

LWP has committed to using a contracting strategy for building the wind farm that will maximise the potential for the use of local suppliers and facilities during the construction phase of the wind farm. We will be holding an event later this year to engage with local businesses and organisations to make them aware of the opportunities to work with us and to make sure we understand the range of skills and capabilities across the Western Isles.

Employment and Wider Economic Development

A report commissioned by EDF Renewables and produced by respected consultancy BVG Associates found that during construction of LWP's wind farms and the interconnector to the mainland there would be more than 600 people employed at the peak of construction activity.

The report found that longer term, onshore wind projects on the Western Isles in aggregate could add up to £33m a year to the local economy and support several hundred jobs on an ongoing basis as a result of the forecast community benefits, ownership and further community wind farm development enabled by the interconnector.

Delivery of the Interconnector

No further onshore wind development can take place on Lewis as the electricity network is at full capacity. Scottish and Southern Energy has recently proposed a new 600MW interconnector with the mainland, dependent on Stornoway and Uisenis wind farms going ahead. A 600MW cable would leave significant capacity for additional renewable energy development on the Western Isles.



What happens next?

In Scotland, the consenting process for onshore electricity projects over 50MW is managed by the Scottish Government. Over coming weeks we will be reviewing the questions asked and comments made, ahead of submitting our application to Scottish Ministers.

Applications are required to be accompanied by an Environmental Statement which describes the effects the development is likely to have on the environment. The application and the environmental statement will be available locally for public inspection. The local planning authority and public bodies such as Scottish Natural Heritage and the Scottish Environmental Protection, along with local residents and businesses will be invited to submit their views.

We will make a public announcement at the point we make an application for the additional consent and the full details will be set out on our own website and the Energy Consents Unit will publish all relevant documentation and communications relating to our application.



Thank You

We would like to thank you for taking the time to visit the exhibition to find out more about our plans. We hope you found the information useful and we would welcome any comments, questions or queries. Your feedback is important and over coming weeks we will be reviewing the questions that have been asked and comments that have been made as we finalise our plans.

If you would like any further information or have any suggestions you want to share with us at any time, please contact David Morrison, Stakeholder Engagement, or Kerry McPhee, Community Liaison, Lewis Wind Power:

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*Photograph of Stornoway Wind Farm Site
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2. About yourself		
Are you a local resident or visitor to the area?	Resident	Visitor
If you're a resident please provide your postcode:		
Are you here as a representative of any organisation or group?	Yes	No
If so, which organisation?		
How old are you?	Under 20	40-49
	20-29	50-59
	30-39	60+

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Name.....

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