



# Watten Wind Farm

## Public Exhibition



**Up to 7 Turbines**

with tip heights of up to  
220m



**47.6 MW**

A generating capacity of  
more than 47MW

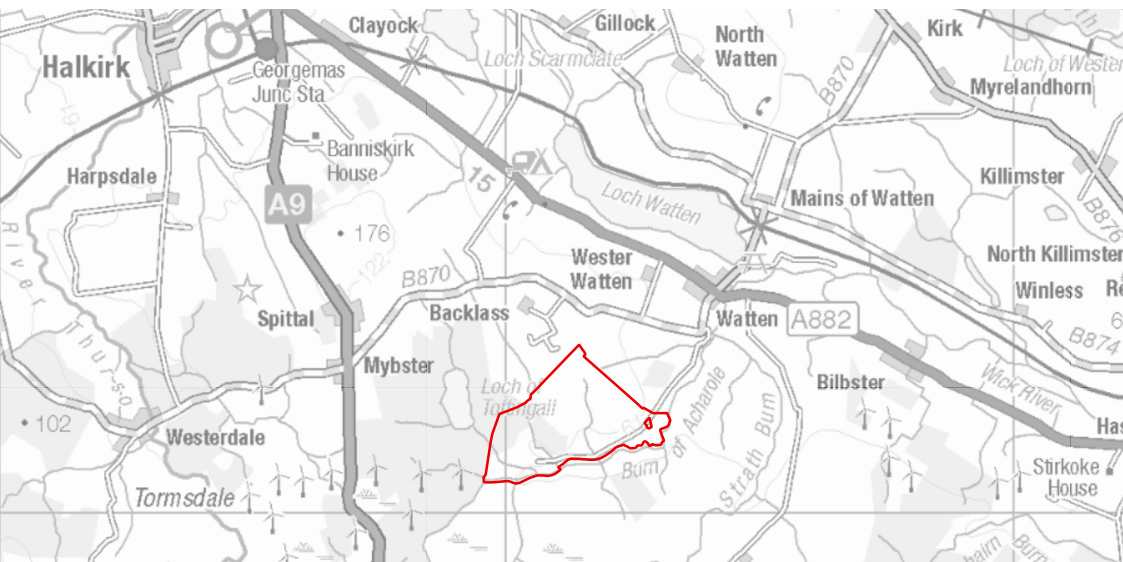
Image: Dorenell Wind Farm

## Dear local resident,

In June and November 2022, we held exhibitions in your area to let the local community know we were proposing a wind farm and battery storage system approximately 3km south west of Watten.

Since then we have been carrying out extensive consultation and various studies to finalise the proposals and prepare the planning application. We have now finalised our planning application which we intend to submit to the Energy Consents Unit at the Scottish Government in July.

We invite you to come along to one of our exhibitions to find out more.



# Date and time of events

Date: **Monday 26th June '23**  
Time: 3pm - 7pm  
Venue: Spittal Village Hall,  
Spittal,  
KW1 5XR

Date: **Tuesday 27th June '23**  
Time: 3pm - 7pm  
Venue: Watten Village Hall,  
Watten,  
KW1 5YJ

## What happens next

At the exhibitions we will explain the findings of the various studies carried out as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment and show the layout of the proposed wind farm with accompanying photomontages to help you assess visual impact. Copies of the materials on the display boards will be uploaded to the website after the exhibitions.

Please note these exhibitions are not part of the planning consultation process. The planning application will be open to comments from members of the public, as well as statutory consultees once it has been validated by the Scottish Government following submission.

Anyone unable to attend the in-person exhibitions can view the information on the Watten wind farm webpage at [www.edf-re.uk/our-sites/watten](http://www.edf-re.uk/our-sites/watten) after the events.

Details of how and where to submit these comments will be available at the exhibition, on the project website and within adverts in The Caithness Courier, John O'Groat Journal and Press and Journal. If you have any questions in the meantime, please get in touch.

## Contact Us

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## Find out more about the proposed Watten wind farm

Since we first outlined the proposals, we have made some changes to the design as a direct result of feedback from the consultation events:

- The number of turbines has been reduced from eight to seven and some have been relocated to avoid deep peat.
- We have committed to minimising the loss of trees by keyholing, where individual trees are removed rather than the more traditional approach of clear felling on the site.
- We will liaise with the local community to improve recreational access.

The final wind farm design we are proposing is for seven turbines of up 220m. This 47.6 MW wind farm would generate sufficient electricity for the average domestic needs of over 25,000 homes\* each year. Our proposal also includes a battery storage system.

### Who we are:

EDF Renewables UK is an established wind farm developer and operator. We are part of the French utility company EDF and have 10 wind farms across Scotland including Corriemoillie in Ross-shire and Dorenell in Moray. We are proud of our track record in working closely with the local communities in the areas where we currently have wind farms and we would plan to do the same here in Caithness.

\* Load factors based on the five year rolling average on uncharged configuration basis using Table 6.5 of "Digest of UK Energy Statistics" - latest figures as per July 2021 release.