

What will be the benefits to the local community?

The wind farm will be an important source of low carbon electricity, contributing to Government targets for increased renewable energy generation and reduced CO₂ emissions.

It is the intention of EDF Renewables to establish a local community benefit fund linked to the wind farm which will be in place once it becomes operational. The fund value would be in line with the recommended Scottish Government rate - currently £5,000 per MW each year for the lifetime of the wind farm.

The fund would be designed to meet specific local objectives and would be administered locally at arms' length from EDF Renewables in line with Scottish Government guidance.

EDF Renewables also supports the principle of community investment in our wind farms. If community groups or other stakeholders have an interest or view on this, we would welcome your feedback.

EDF Renewables

EDF Renewables is part of one of the world's largest electricity companies and our investment in innovation in the UK is bringing down costs for consumers and delivering significant benefits for communities.

The EDF Renewables operating portfolio of 36 wind farms and battery storage units are providing some of the much-needed new affordable low carbon electricity in the UK.

Further information: www.edf-re.uk



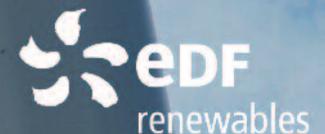
Cloich Forest Wind Farm

Project update and new proposal

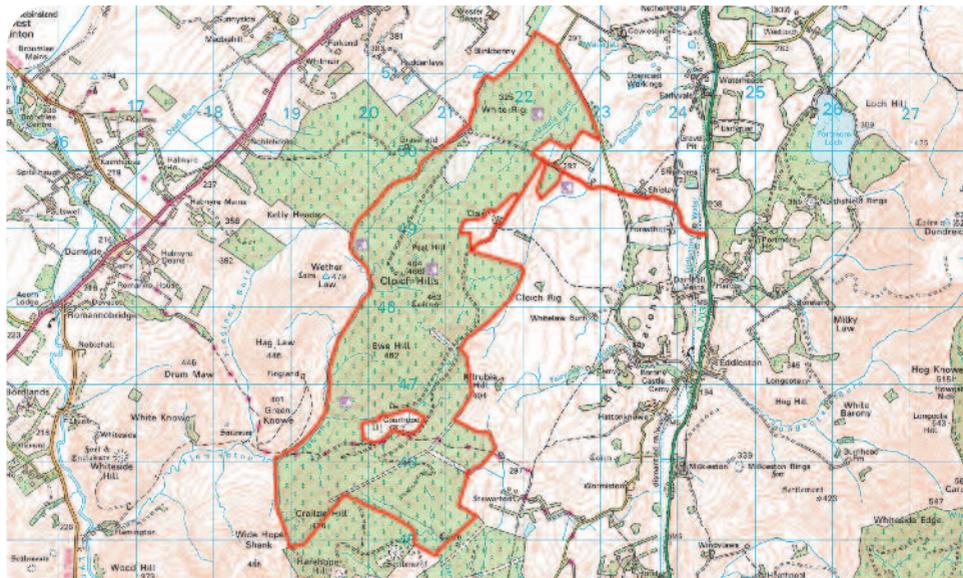
Public consultation events

Tuesday, 18th February 2020
Newlands Activity Centre,
Romanno Bridge,
3.00pm - 7.00pm

Wednesday, 19th February 2020
Eddleston Village Hall,
Eddleston,
3.00pm - 7.00pm



Cloich site plan



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Site Boundary

The proposal

EDF Renewables is developing a new layout for the Cloich Forest Wind Farm.

Consent for a wind farm at Cloich Forest was granted in July 2016 by the Scottish Government's Energy Consents Unit (ECU) following a submission by the previous owners, Partnership for Renewables (PfR).

EDF Renewables bought the development portfolio of PfR in 2017 and is now reviewing the project to improve the productivity of the wind farm.

The consented wind farm has an 18 turbine layout with a vertical blade tip height of 115m. EDF Renewables is now looking at increasing the productivity from the site with fewer, larger turbines.

Local public exhibitions will be attended by members of the development team with whom you can discuss the project. We would be glad to introduce the proposed changes to you and hear your comments on the early-stage developments.

At the events you will have the opportunity to complete questionnaires and provide less formal feedback which is often invaluable for improving the design of a wind farm.

Your questions answered

Why hasn't the wind farm been built yet?

Since the application for the Cloich Forest Wind Farm was first submitted by Partnership for Renewables (PfR) in 2012, and consented in 2016, there have been changes in the ownership of the project and turbine technology has improved.

EDF Renewables purchased the PfR development portfolio in 2017 and is now undertaking a design review in order to make the wind farm more productive.

What is now being proposed?

The process of re-designing the wind farm is still at an early stage. A final design and turbine parameters will not be finalised until the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process is at a more advanced stage.

However, our initial re-design of the wind farm is considering fewer turbines (potentially up to 14 turbines instead of 18) at an increased maximum height of up to 149.9m.

Because the installed capacity will still be over 50MW (previously consented at 54MW), a new Section 36 application will be made to the Scottish Government's Energy Consents Unit. They have issued a Scoping Opinion for the EIA which is available to download from their website www.energyconsents.scot

Why are you increasing the height of the turbines?

Commercial turbines are generally becoming larger with greatly improved generation outputs that can be achieved from an increased rotor size, alongside a significant reduction in electricity generation costs.

What information will you produce to help everyone understand how any new project will compare to the visual appearance of the approved wind farm?

As part of the re-design, we have recently issued an Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Report that sets out the various environmental topics that will be considered. The EIA will include a landscape and visual impact assessment which will include photomontage and wireline illustrations.

What is the point of these exhibitions?

We will ensure that local residents are informed of our plans as we move forward and the exhibitions provide an opportunity for anybody interested in the wind farm to discuss the design and planning process with our development staff and to provide project feedback at an early stage in the re-design.

When we have a final design, we will hold further public exhibitions in 2020. Questionnaires will be available at these events to enable everyone who attends to provide feedback and to help inform our proposal.