

Next steps

Commenting on the updated design

This exhibition forms part of our pre-application consultation and, whilst the design is almost finalised, this event provides you with an opportunity to submit written feedback to RES, if you wish, on the updated design.

Our team are here to discuss the project with you and do our best to answer any questions that you may have, but please note that **formal feedback to RES on the updated design needs to be submitted in writing**.

Anyone wishing to provide feedback to RES on the proposal and ideas for local benefits can do so in writing by filling out a 'comments form' at the exhibition events or online from the Hill of Fare project website at www.hilloffare-windfarm.co.uk from Tuesday 20 June when copies of the exhibition information will be available on the project website for people to view. If you have any questions about this please speak to our project team.

The closing date for comments is Thursday 6 July 2023.

Comments submitted to RES during these exhibitions or subsequent consultation period are not representations to the determining authority (The Scottish Government's Energy Consents Unit). There will be an opportunity to submit representations to the determining authority once a planning application has been submitted.



Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) Report

A Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) Report will accompany the planning application submission. The report will summarise the communications activity that has been undertaken on the project and consultation feedback received.

Indicative timeline

	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Submission (Section 36)	■						
Consent determination		■ 12-18 months					
Discharge of planning conditions			■ 12 months				
Procurement process				■ 12 months			
Construction process					■ 24 months		
Commissioning							■ 4-6 months

Planning submission timescales

The Hill of Fare Wind Farm will have an installed generating capacity greater than 50MW (megawatts). As such, the application for planning consent will be submitted by RES to the Scottish Government's Energy Consents Unit under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 (the Electricity Act) and determined by Scottish Ministers. Aberdeenshire Council will be a statutory consultee in the process.

We currently expect to submit the Section 36 application later in Summer 2023.

In the meantime, we will write up the detailed Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR). This is an extensive and comprehensive document which reports on the survey findings and subsequent assessment of the proposal on key topic areas including:

- Landscape and visual
- Cultural heritage
- Ornithology
- Ecology
- Hydrology
- Acoustics
- Traffic and transport
- Aviation and Infrastructure
- Socioeconomics
- Synergistic effects

The EIAR will accompany the planning application and be available for public viewing and comment as part of the formal consultation period run by the determining authority.

Once the Section 36 planning application has been submitted the determining authority will advertise the planning submission and hold a statutory consultation period whereupon members of the public, as well as statutory consultees, can submit their formal comments on the proposal. These representations will then be assessed against the proposal and a planning decision made by the determining authority in due course.

Further information

Further information about the project, including Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), can be found on the Hill of Fare project website at www.hilloffare-windfarm.co.uk together with contact details for our project team. A copy of the key information presented at this exhibition, including an electronic copy of the comments form (which can be filled in online or downloaded), can also be found on the website.

If you would like to be kept up to date with the proposal, please fill in a comments form with your details and ask to be added to our project newsletter mailing list.