

Welcome

Overview

Thank you for taking the time to attend this exhibition. The event presents the updated design for our Hill of Fare Wind Farm and energy storage proposal, approximately 6km north of Banchory in Aberdeenshire, which we have been exploring in partnership with the landowner, Dunecht Estates.

Since the project first became public in August 2022, we have undertaken an extensive amount of technical and environmental site survey work. We have also considered feedback from a wide range of key consultees on the proposal including local Community Councils and Aberdeenshire Council.

Public exhibition events were held in the local area in October 2022 to engage with people on the proposal and early scoping design. Those events, together with the subsequent consultation period, generated a significant amount of written feedback from the public for the project team to consider.

We are now at a stage where most of the site survey work is complete, the updated 16-turbine design is being refined and finalised, and the Environmental Impact Assessment (an extensive document which will accompany the planning application) is underway.

October 2022 exhibitions summary

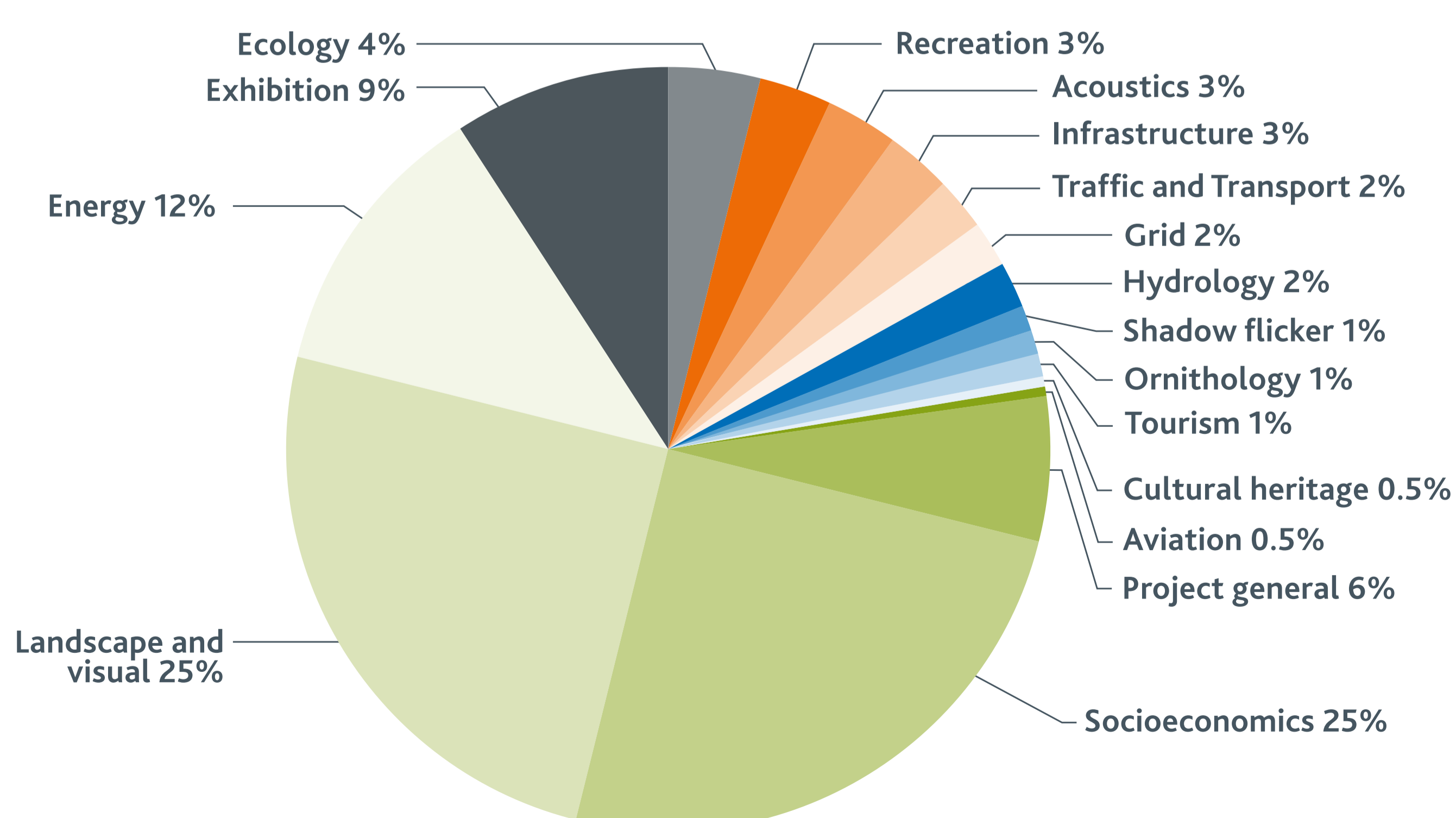
The October 2022 exhibitions, held to introduce the project and seek feedback on the early scoping design, were well attended - attracting more than 370 people across the four events in Crathes, Echt, Midmar and Torphins.

Over 380 comments forms were received during the consultation period and just under 3,000 comments were provided across a variety of topics. The graph below shows the balance of topical comments received, with the following of most interest:

- **Socioeconomics** (community benefit, supply chain)
- **Landscape and visual** (turbine height, site location)
- **Energy** (onshore wind, other technologies)
- **Exhibition** (format, staff, communications)
- **Ecology** (wildlife and species, habitat)
- **Recreation** (access, activities and use of hill)
- **Acoustics** (predicted sound levels)
- **Infrastructure** (battery storage, substation, tracks)

We are grateful to everyone who provided feedback.

Breakdown of topical comments



About this exhibition

The purpose of this final suite of public exhibitions is to provide you with an opportunity to review the updated 16-turbine scheme, speak with the project team and ask any questions that you may have. Our project team comprises a range of experts on topics including landscape, acoustics, ecology and hydrology to help with your questions.

A wide range of project information is available at this exhibition including:

- **Infrastructure design updates** (turbines, tracks, battery storage, on-site substation, grid connection)
- **Environmental Impact Assessment considerations** (such as hydrology and private water supplies, peat, acoustics, shadow flicker, cultural heritage, ecology and ornithology)
- **Visualisations** (photomontages and wirelines as well as visualisation software) to help give an impression of what the site could look like from different viewpoints within the area



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 again to RES, if you wish, on the updated design.

Once the proposal is submitted into planning there will be an opportunity to submit formal comments on the proposal to the determining authority. More information about how to do this is provided on the 'Next steps' board.

As part of these exhibitions, we have produced a 'Report on feedback' which summarises the feedback received from the October 2022 exhibitions and subsequent consultation period and highlights any changes that have been made to the design in response to this feedback. Copies of this Report are available as part of the materials presented at this exhibition.