

HILL OF FARE WINDFARM PROPOSAL KNOW THE ISSUES

(HOFWIG)

WHAT IS HAPPENING ?

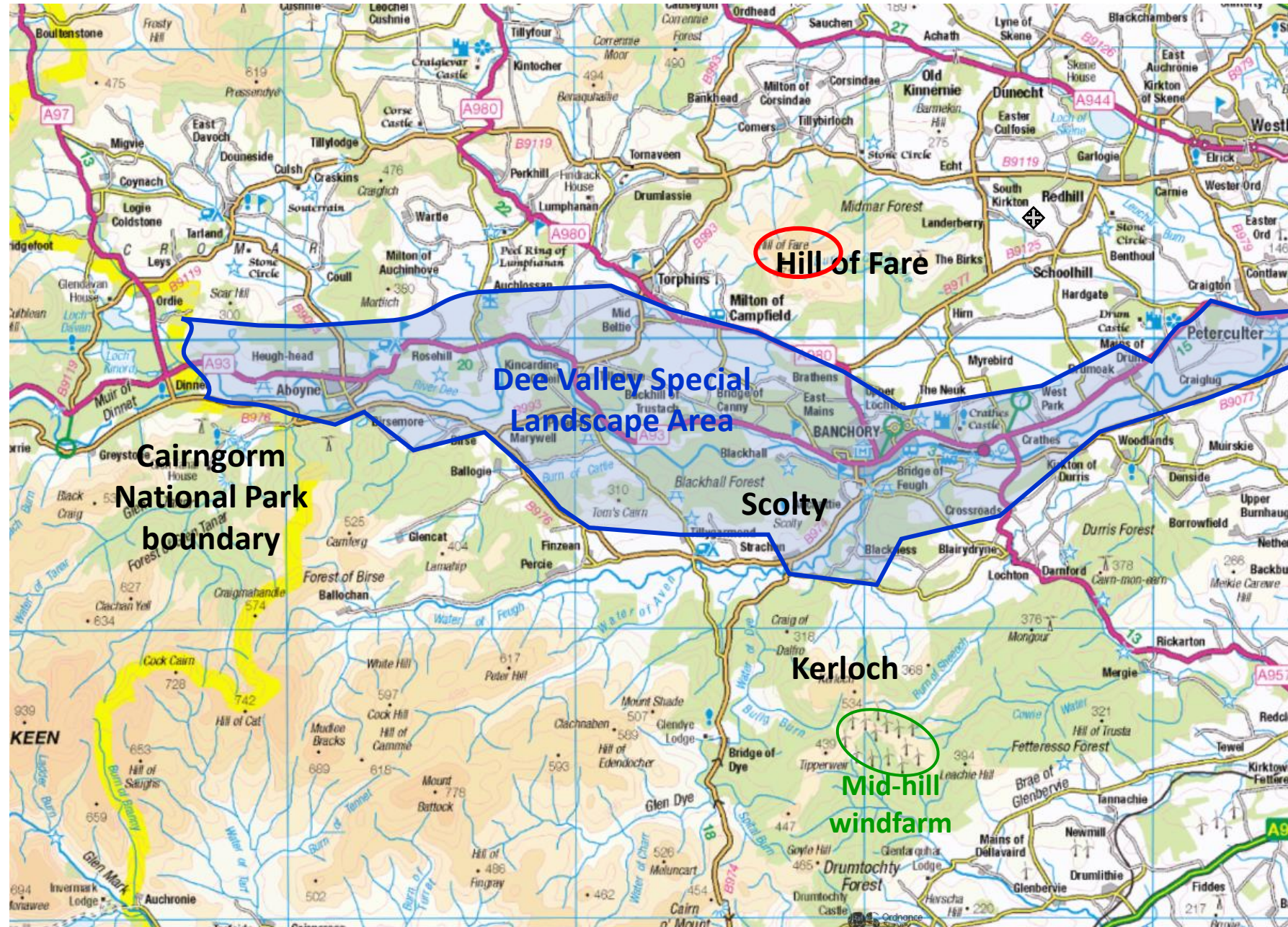
- RES and Dunecht estate proposing 16 turbines 180-200m tall. Will nearly double the height of the hill and be visible for miles from over 20 Community Council areas. In planning for 3 years.
- Battery storage area and substation, export route
- To create it will need - access roads, cranes, blasting, peat removal and an export route (planning application comes after)
- 50 years plus lifetime NPF4 promotes repowering/renewal in perpetuity!

IS IT NEEDED – THE ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGE?

- We need renewable energy
- Scotland's onshore generation targets for 2030 are already on track by projects being built or approved.
- Onshore project congestion, network capability, constraint payments.
- Offshore – comparable costs and more efficient, brownfield onshore?
- National Planning Framework 4 - anywhere except National Parks and Special Landscape Areas (SLA) but only if impacts are mitigated.
- River Dee and valley is an SLA and the boundary is Raemoir road – approach to the Cairngorms NP.

Dee Valley Special Landscape Area

- Aberdeenshire Council:
 - Dee Valley “is nationally important gateway to Cairngorm National Park and part of the setting of the National Park”.
 - “The Dee is one of Aberdeenshire’s major rivers, and the Dee Valley has a strong sense of place. It comprises an intact farmed valley landscape, with wooded sides rising to moorland hills. The Mounth rises to the south and the Grampian Outliers to the north”.



ISSUES

- Loss of local democracy – we have no say. Aberdeenshire Council and Community Councils are consultees **not** decision makers
- Visual impact – too large for the surrounding populated landscape



South Bandodle revised RES proposal

Torphins ~ 6km from turbines (250 vs 200m)

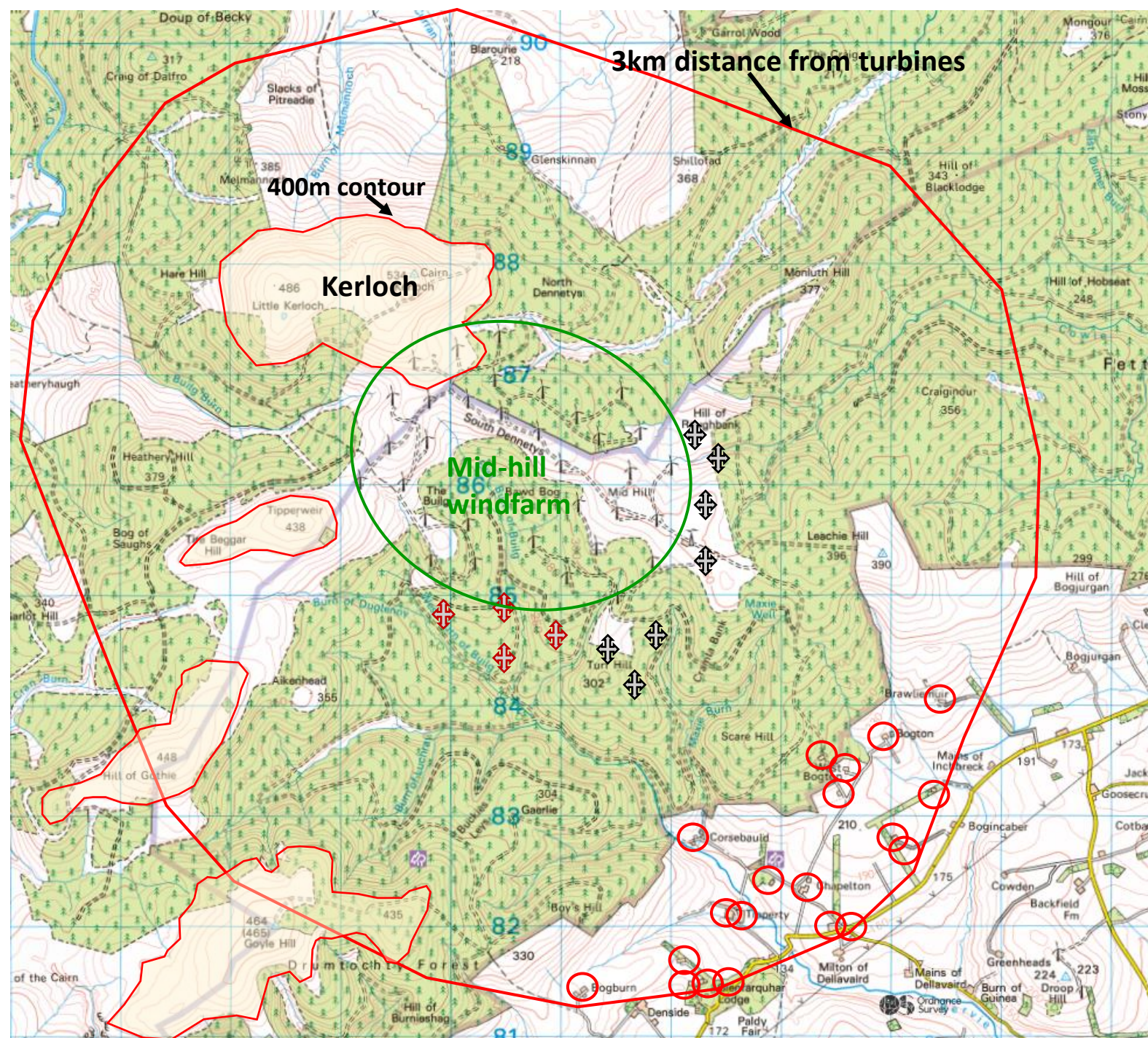


Mid Hill + Fetteresso: Proximity to Homes & Businesses

- Each home / business is circled.
- Mid Hill has 6 homes / businesses within 3 km.
- Mid Hill + Fetteresso has 20 homes / businesses within 3 km.
- Turbines behind hills / ridges & most within a forest reducing visual impacts.

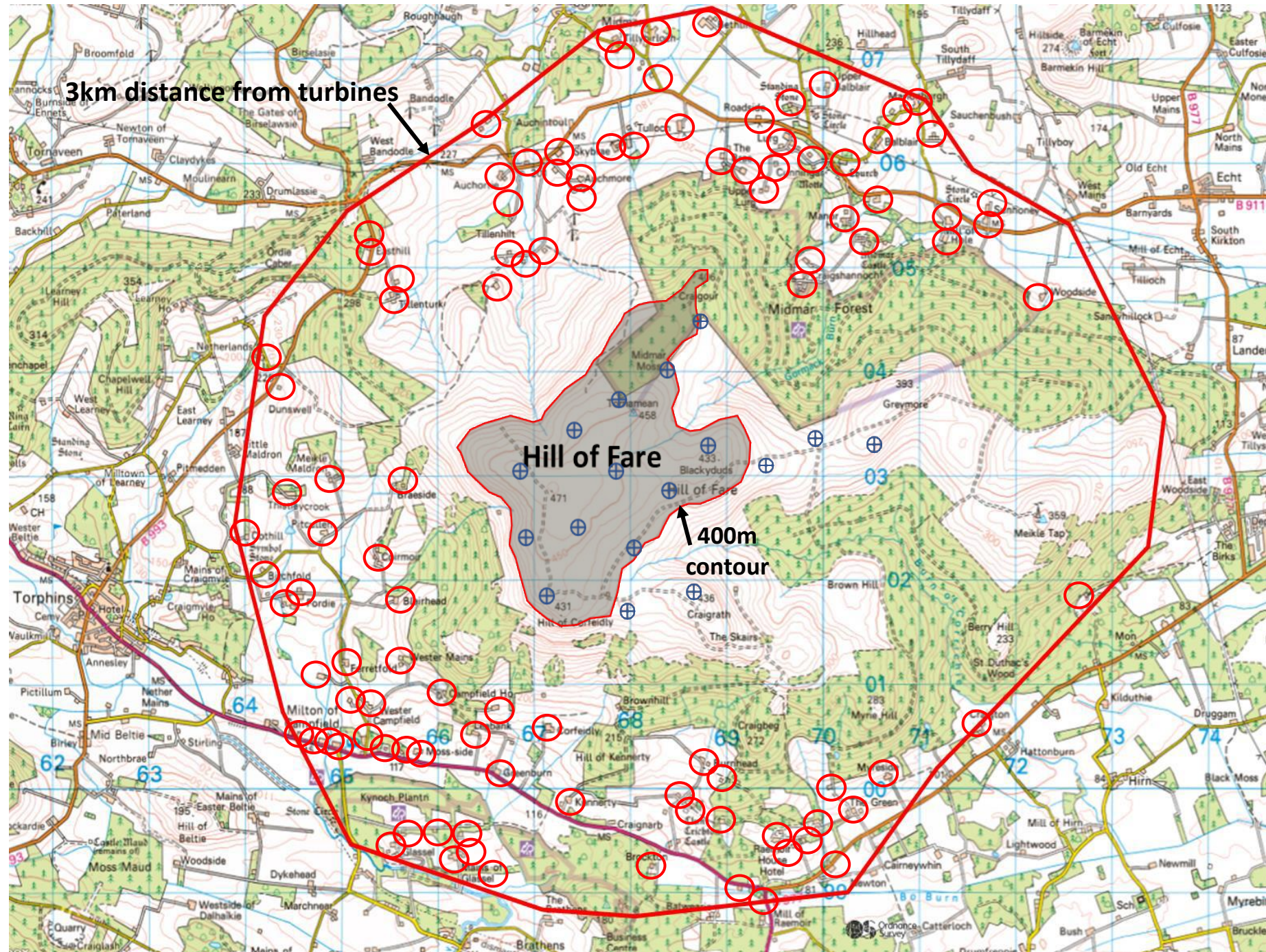
⚡ Fetteresso 150m turbine – six

⚡ Fetteresso 180 or 200m turbine - four



Hill of Fare: Proximity to Homes & Businesses

- Each home / business is circled.
- Hill of Fare would have ~103 homes / businesses within 3 km.
- Hill of Fare is heavily populated for a windfarm of this scale.
- Hill of Fare on crest of ridge – most wind farms are within forests and / or partly hidden behind ridges.





ISSUES (CTD)

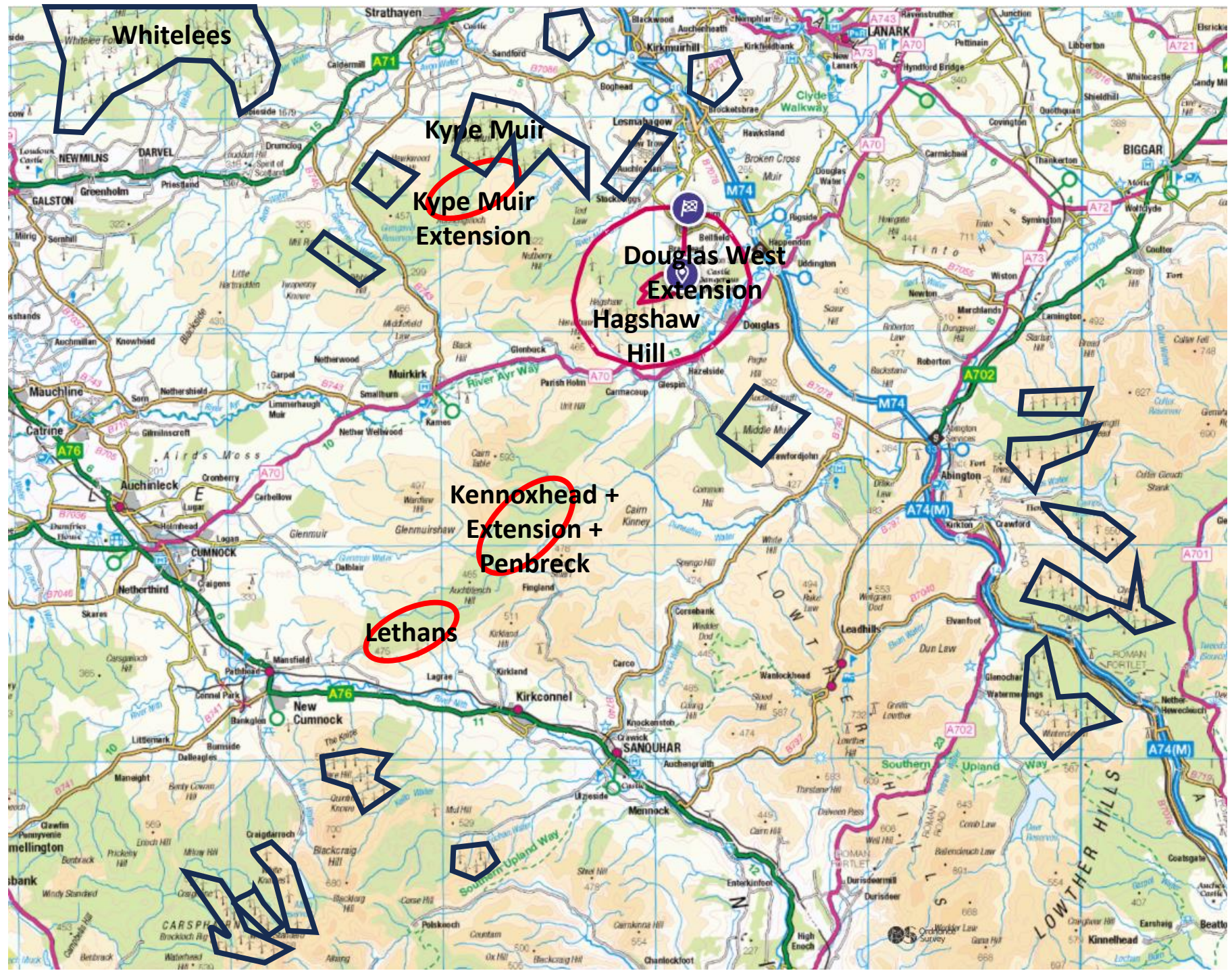
- Wind Farm spread – if successful, opens the door to more in the area

South Lanarkshire / Dumfries & Galloway Wind Farm Corridor

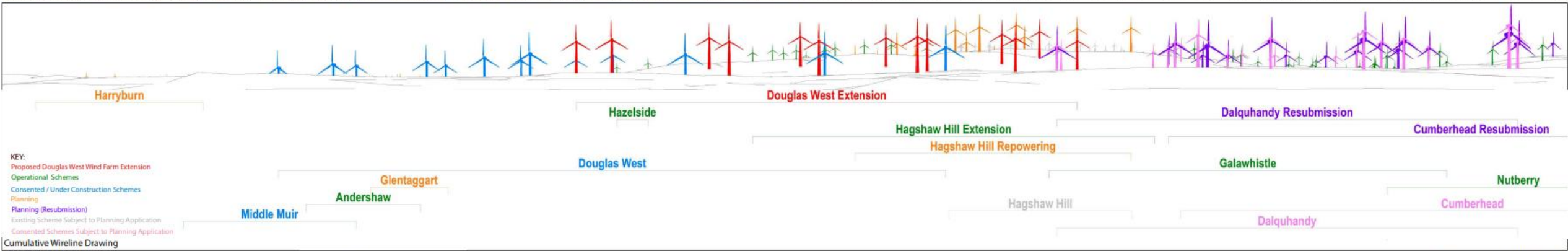
- Windfarms in the South Lanarkshire / Dumfries & Galloway wind farm corridor.
- Area is already heavily developed with 5 more projects awaiting construction.
- It has effectively been written-off as a rural landscape.
- Once turbines are established further ones are not considered 'incongruous' as landscape already characterized by windfarms.

 Existing windfarm

 Awaiting construction



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Viewpoint Information
 OS Reference: E 281190, N 636124
 Ground level: 225m (AOD)

Distance to nearest turbine: 3419m (T12)
 Bearing to centre of photograph: 187.25°

Angle of view: 90° (cylindrical)
 Principal distance: 500mm

Camera: Canon EOS 5D Mark III
 Lens: 50mm Fixed Focal Lens
 Height: 1.5m
 Date & Time: 26/07/2018 11:45

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Photomontage (including all visible consented schemes digitally added)

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Viewpoint 9: Coalburn Road, north of Coalburn
DOUGLAS WEST WIND FARM EXTENSION



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Angle of view: 53.5° (planar)
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Correct printed image size: 820 x 260mm

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- Water supply – 120-150 homes depend on private water supply – under Scottish law there is no recourse if supplies are damaged or polluted – Head Planner SG.
- History – Battle of Corrichie the most important

Corrichie



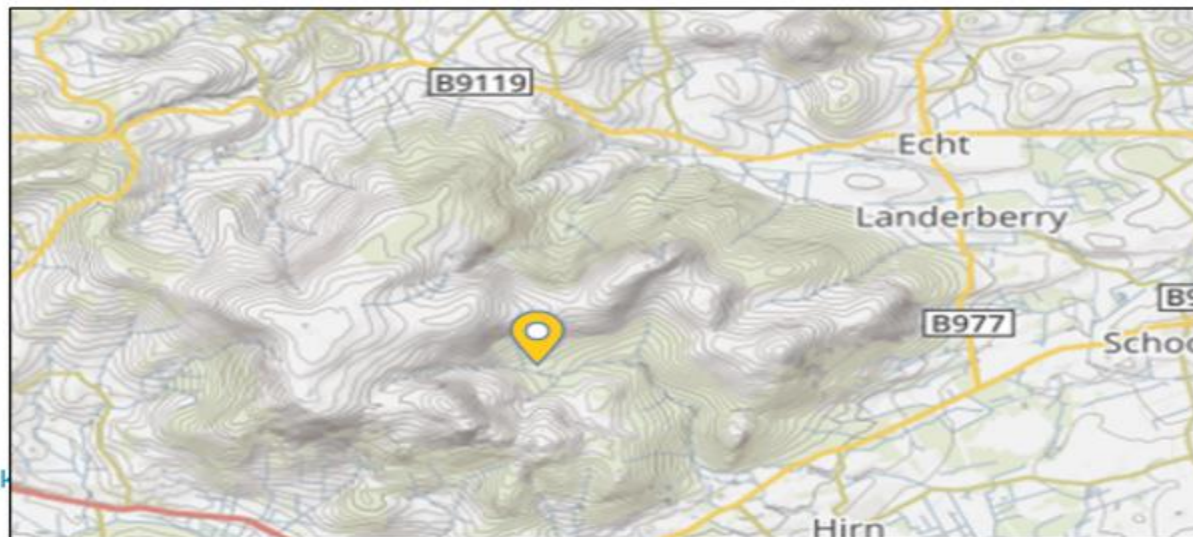
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Battle Site (16th Century)

Site Name Corrichie**Classification** [Battle
Site \(16th Century\)](#)**Alternative****Name(s)** Battle Of
Corrichie; Burn Of
Corrichie**Canmore ID** 18011**Site Number** NJ60SE 1**NGR** NJ [6968 0238](#)**Datum** OSGB36 - NGR**Permalink** <http://canmore.org.uk>

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ISSUES (CTD)

- Biodiversity loss – once it's gone it's gone .
- Pollution of water– microplastic shedding – estimated 62kg loss including bisphenol A.
- Noise – ETSU-R-97 the planning standard is out of date and written by the industry including RES –The standard is recognized as inadequate by the Scottish Government. WSP report (Amplitude Modulation and night time noise limit)
- Shadow flicker
- Loss of dark night sky due to aviation hazard lights.
- Blade failure
- Ice throw
- Abnormal load transportation – local roads are B and C class
- Decommissioning – who will be around to police it and pay for it?

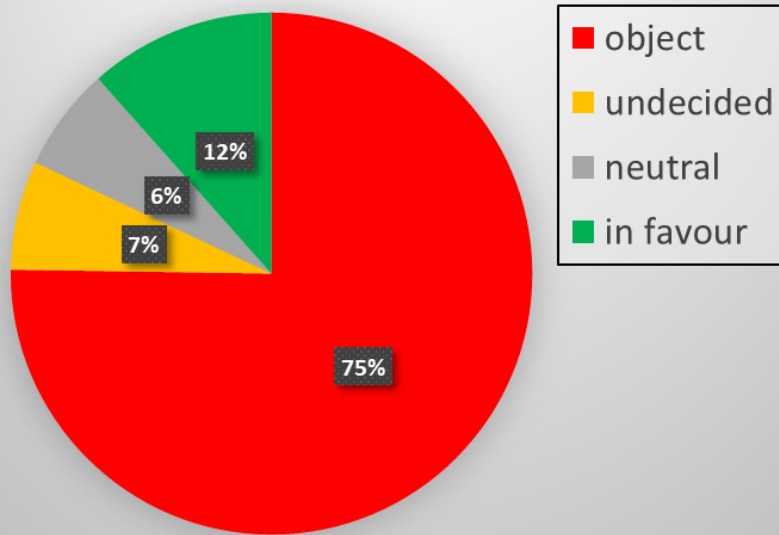
ISSUES (CTD)

- Dunecht Estate will not be the owner. RES have indicated they will sell as soon as they get planning permission.
- Where do we go for redress ?
- Profits going abroad?
- Why turn Scotland into an industrial wasteland?

COMMUNITY COUNCIL SURVEY: ISSUES OF CONCERN TO RESIDENTS

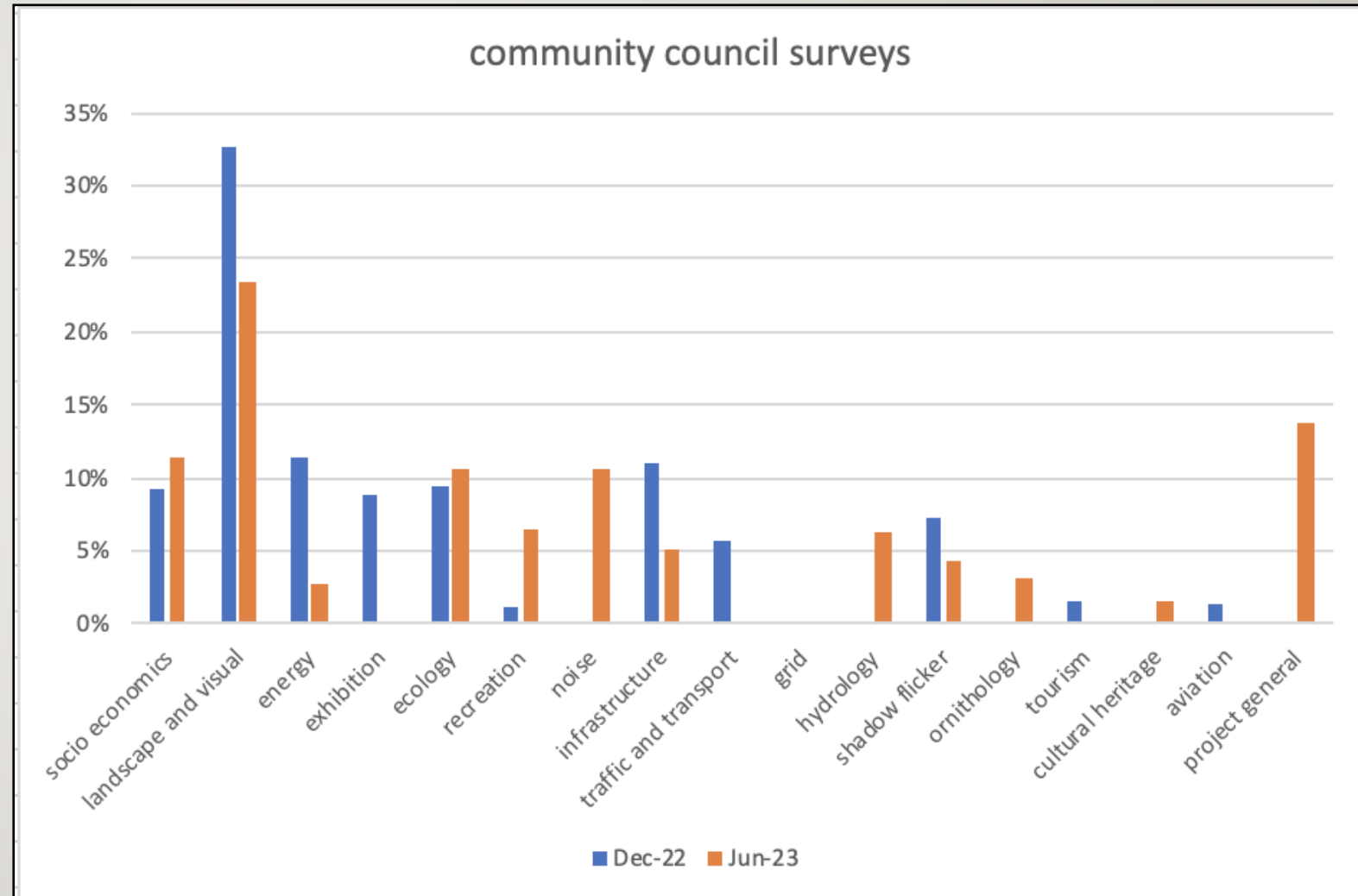
How do you feel about the proposed wind farm?

311 responses



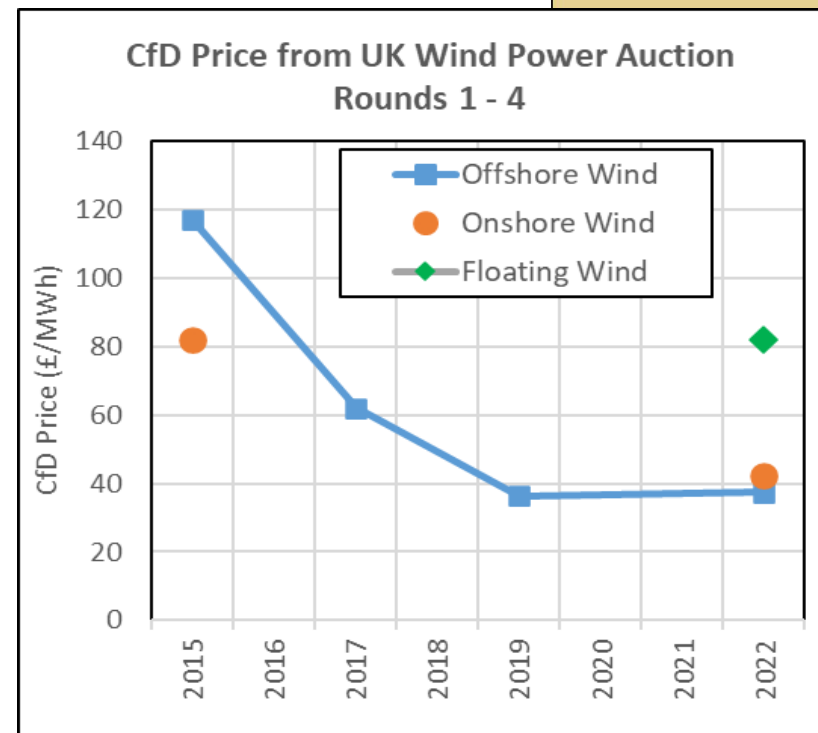
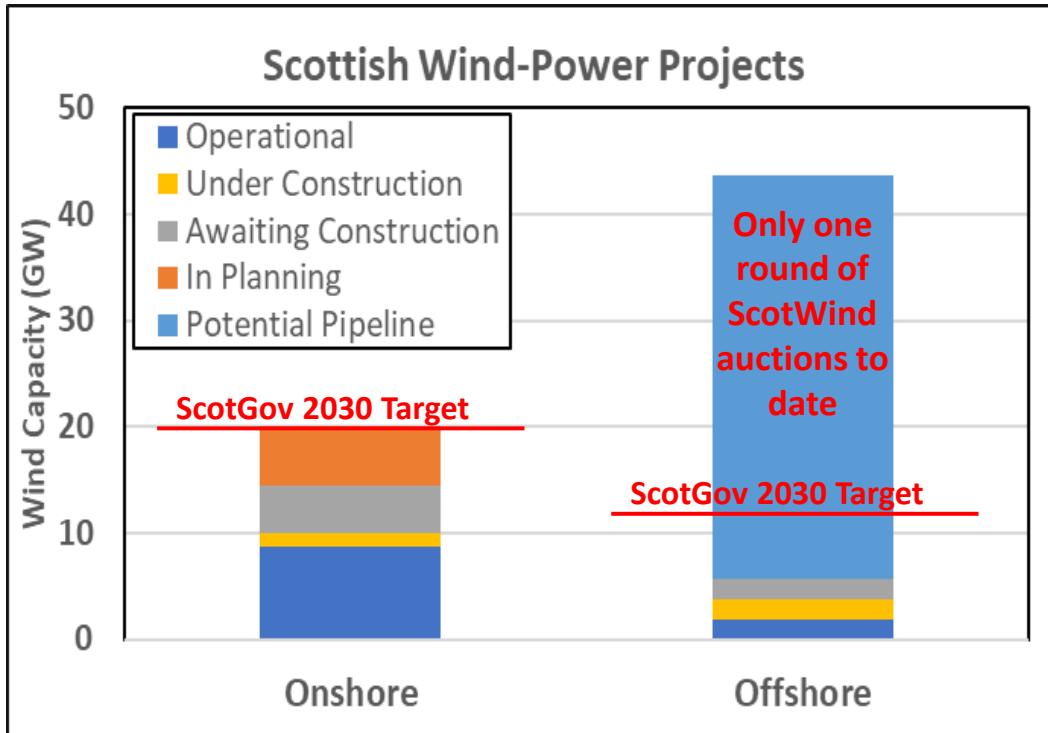
Typical comments:

- Too large for landscape
- Populated area - too close to too many people
- Noise from large turbines/noise guidance developed in 1997 is out of date
- Impact on private water supplies
- No local democracy. No genuine compensation for those most impacted
- Contribution to low carbon energy production



Onshore Wind vs Offshore Wind

	Onshore Wind	Offshore Wind
Cost of Electricity	Similar	Similar
Continuity of Wind	Variable	More consistent
Visual Impact	Detrimental	Minimal
Environmental footprint	Substantial	Minimal



PLANNING PROCESS NEXT STEPS

2nd RES Community consultations:

- 20/21 June: Banchory Town Hall; Midmar Hall; Learney Hall Torphins; Echt Hall
- RES will revise proposal and submit full planning application 'late summer'
- ECU sends out to statutory consultees, 4 week response time but ASC get 4 months
- If consultees raise issues or request further information, RES must respond
- Crucially, if Aberdeenshire Council objects, it automatically triggers a Public Inquiry. ScotGov would appoint a planning judge 'Reporter' to review all issues/objections raised. Time for Inquiry fluid depending on issues raised and how quickly addressed.
- It is important that our local councillors are aware of our concerns
- The only way to appeal the Reporter's decision is through a Judicial Review

WHAT CAN YOU DO ?

FIND OUT MORE :

- www.energyconsents.scot/ApplicationDetails.aspx?cr=ECU00004592 ECU
- www.hilloffare-windfarm.co.uk RES
- www.hilloffare.org HoFWIG
- <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100090271152569> Hill of Fare Windfarm Facebook page

CONTACT LOCAL COUNCILLORS – raise CONCERNS at this stage, the time for OBJECTIONS is when the details of the full planning application are known. HOFWIG website has a draft template of possible concerns and local Councillor’s contact details.

GET INVOLVED! HOFWIG needs volunteers to help with community engagement, admin, legal aspects, planning, fundraising, finance.

SIGN UP TONIGHT as you leave to volunteer/be kept informed

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Q&A