Willow Wind Farm

Hello

This is the first edition of a newsletter to keep you up to date with proposals for a new wind farm near Tayinloan, West Kintyre. We hope you find it useful. If you have any comments on the newsletter or the wind farm proposals, please get in touch using the contact details on the back of this leaflet or by coming along to one of our events.

Our plans

Good Energy, an independent 100% renewable electricity supplier and generator, is currently consulting on proposals for a wind farm on the Largie Estate, around 2km north east of Tayinloan. We believe the site could accommodate a wind farm of up to 13 turbines, each of a maximum 130m tip height.

However, our plans are subject to change and may be influenced by the views of the local community, as well as by the results of ongoing site assessments. We’re looking at all the options at the moment and listening to feedback, with a view to submitting a planning application during 2016. If approved, the wind farm would have an installed capacity of up to 29.9MW and a life span of 25 years.

Location of the proposed site

You can see from the map the boundary of the proposed wind farm site marked in red. We’re currently calling the project Willow Wind Farm but this may change as a result of local consultation.

Public exhibitions – have your say

Good Energy is firmly committed to engaging as widely as possible with the local community. We pride ourselves on being a responsible developer which takes public consultation seriously. The views of local people – your views - really do matter to us.

We would like to invite you to attend one of the following exhibitions, so you can see the plans for yourself and ask any questions you may have.

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Good Energy is proud to have worked in Kintyre for many years. As well as supplying 100% renewable electricity to a number of local homes and businesses, we’ve had a long-standing relationship with the community-owned wind farm on Gigha and recently signed an agreement to buy the power (once it starts generating) from an innovative tidal energy demonstration project in Sanda Sound, off the southern tip of the peninsula.

We firmly believe the UK needs more home-grown renewable electricity to help achieve climate change targets and provide secure energy supplies for homes and businesses – and at stable, affordable prices into the future.

That’s why, as well as investing in new renewable technologies like tidal power, we’re also developing more generation projects using proven, cost-effective technologies such as onshore wind and solar.

With all our renewable energy projects we always seek to ensure they will deliver local benefits, bringing investment to the local economy, supporting local communities and enhancing the natural environment for years to come.
Community benefits

Community benefit fund

Good Energy is committed to sharing the benefits of renewable energy by investing in the local communities that host our generation projects.

Before submitting any planning application for Willow Wind Farm, we want to work with the community and other stakeholders to identify ways the project can benefit the local area.

As a minimum, we would aim to establish a community fund to support local projects. This fund would be worth at least £5,000 per MW per year for the 25 year lifetime of the project. How the fund is spent would be entirely up to the local community, but it could support a range of local environmental, educational or cultural initiatives.

Another option that has proved popular around our other wind farms is a special local tariff offering renewable electricity to local homes at a rate that will always be 20% lower than our standard tariff.

We’ll also be seeking views on the potential for shared ownership of the wind farm, through some form of community investment, so we’d really like to hear what you think of these ideas.

Commitment to local jobs

We aim to use local suppliers and contractors wherever possible during the development, construction and operation of all our generation projects.

For Willow Wind Farm, we would build on our existing relationships with the area’s renewable energy sector to ensure the local economy benefitted as much as possible from our investment in the project.

As part of our local consultation for Willow Wind Farm, we’re keen to meet with any business that would like to be considered for our local suppliers’ register. As well as specialist contractors, we’d like to hear from accommodation providers and other firms who might benefit from additional trade during the construction phase of the project.

Work experience for local people

Good Energy is keen to provide work experience opportunities for local young people during the development of the wind farm project.

A limited number of opportunities have arisen for young people to assist with bird survey work and Good Energy is currently engaging with local education providers and youth organisations to help identify anyone who may be interested in gaining experience in this field. There may also be further opportunities in other disciplines such as stakeholder engagement and communications.

We will keep the community updated with any future work experience opportunities but please do get in touch if this might be of interest to you.
Commitment to Consultation

In addition to our public exhibitions and the CLG, we’re looking for further opportunities to meet local residents, community groups, businesses and others that might have in interest in our proposed wind farm. It’s why we were keen to take part in this year’s Kintyre Agricultural Show and the recent MOKFest in Campbeltown – both events gave us the chance to talk to both local people and visitors to the area and hear their views. If you know of any other event or group you think would be interested in finding out more about our project, please get in touch.

Community Liaison Group

We’re committed to engaging with the local community from a very early stage in the project development process.

We’ve already established a Community Liaison Group (CLG) to act as a regular forum for discussion about the project with the local community and other stakeholders. Representatives from local communities, businesses, education and environmental sectors have all been invited to join the CLG and will meet regularly to discuss any matters relating to the proposals. Please get in touch if you’d like to know more about the CLG.

Contact us

We look forward to meeting you at our exhibitions and hearing your views and suggestions on the proposed Willow Wind Farm. If you’re unable to come along, we’d still be delighted to hear from you:

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