

Summer 2010

Edinbane Wind Farm

Operating Wind Farm

Vattenfall are happy to advise that the Edinbane wind farm now has eighteen turbines erected and generating clean electricity.



Aerial View of part of the wind farm looking towards Edinbane village



The wind farm viewed from Edinbane village

Remaining Works

The Balmeanach Road has been re-surfaced, and put back to its original width. The temporary site activities have been restored, peat areas have been re-seeded and the disturbed areas are already beginning to green up.

There will be a few further tests on the turbines, and SSE has a maintenance outage in August, during which the wind farm will be off. Then there will be only normal variations.

Opening Events

Residents of Edinbane and Struan should have received an invitation to the community opening events on 30th June. The events include bus trips to the wind farm in the afternoon (no private cars permitted), and a ceilidh in the evening.

Vattenfall are aware that some invitations were received late, and, as well as apologising, would encourage Edinbane and Struan residents to respond by 23 June. If you no longer have the invitation and would like to attend please contact Joanne Hutchinson directly (details below) indicating whom from your household would like to attend either or both of these events. Tickets will be sent to respondents.

Vattenfall hopes to hold further open days in future years for interested parties. If you are interested in these, please separately send your contact details, indicating 'future visits'.

Wind Farm Operations

The site will soon be taken over by Vattenfall's generation department. Over the coming months permanent operational signs will be erected, and once these are in place Vattenfall will no longer be requesting restraint in accessing the site. The site will be open under right-to-roam, i.e. pedestrian, bicycle, equestrian, non-vehicular access. All buildings, including turbines, are locked and access is restricted for safety reasons.

Under normal operation technicians, usually to be seen in an Enercon van, will visit each of the turbines a number of times per year to undertake routine maintenance checks, for which turbines may or may not be stopped.

The Vattenfall operations team will keep in touch with you through various means, however newsletters will be less frequent given that there is less to advise you of. Your contact point, should you have any questions about the wind farm, remains unchanged:

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