

South Kyle II Wind Farm

Pre-application community consultation report

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1. Executive summary

In developing proposals for onshore wind farms, Vattenfall adopts an iterative design process. Local feedback is a crucial ingredient in this process, helping us refresh and refine our plans to the size, scale and layout of a wind farm, and also how our projects can maximise local socio-economic opportunities, environmental enhancements and community benefits.

For South Kyle II Wind Farm, Vattenfall sought and welcomed local feedback, questions and suggestions. Two community consultations were held, each with public exhibitions and surveys supported by targeted local publicity. These consultations fell within a broader 2.5 year period of local engagement where feedback was continually encouraged and welcomed. This built on Vattenfall's existing presence in the area, and actions were also taken to target harder to reach audiences such as young people. A distinct stream of engagement and feedback gathering was also delivered for those living closest to the proposed site.

Whilst the initial round of consultation received very low levels of response, its feedback was valuable to the development process and informed our ongoing engagement and implementation of the second round. This attracted a greater number of responses and valuable insight.

The project development team is grateful to everyone who participated in this consultation - from local residents and elected representatives, to potential partners, suppliers and all those with an insight into the aspirations, challenges and potential of the local area.

2. Introduction

Vattenfall is proposing the development of South Kyle II Wind Farm, a 92.4MW onshore wind farm with battery storage by Dalmellington in East Ayrshire.

Details of the project first entered the public domain in February 2022, at which point the Pre-Application Community Consultation commenced.

2.1. Purpose of this report

A Pre-Application Community Consultation (PACC) report, although not required by regulations, has become standard practice for onshore wind projects in Scotland making Section 36 planning applications.

This report aims to evidence the ways in which Vattenfall engaged with the local community and demonstrate how the feedback received has helped shape the projects proposed design, how we communicate, and how we will proceed the wind farm should it be consented.

The planning procedure includes a formal process of consultation with interested parties managed by the Scottish Government Energy Consents Unit after submission of an application and advertisement in both local and national press. This report summarises engagement undertaken by the developer before application.

2.2. Consenting procedure

Applications to construct electricity generating stations above 50MW in installed capacity in Scotland are made to Scottish Ministers. These applications are commonly called 'Section 36' applications after the governing legal framework, Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 and supporting legislation. Such planning applications assess the significant environmental effects of the proposed generating station.

More information about Vattenfall's South Kyle II Wind Farm can be found on at www.vattenfall.co.uk/southkyle2.

3. Background and context

3.1. About South Kyle II Wind Farm

South Kyle II Wind Farm is a proposed renewable energy project by Vattenfall in East Ayrshire.

Table 1: South Kyle II Wind Farm in numbers

Proposed number of wind turbines	Up to 11
Proposed turbine height	Up to 200m tip height
Total installed capacity	Up to 92.4MW
Battery storage	50MW
Estimated project life	40 years

3.1.1. Designing the best wind farm we can

Vattenfall's plans for South Kyle II Wind Farm have undergone a robust and extensive design process. At each stage, feedback from stakeholders - including local communities - has helped shape the project.

- Scoping (Feb 2022): initial assessments suggest the site could accommodate up to 17 wind turbines of up to 220m tip height plus battery storage. Details are published and initial feedback invited.
- Design review 1 (Autumn 2022): feedback and environmental assessments result in the proposed number of turbines reduced to 9 with maximum tip heights also reduced to 200m. This layout is shared with local stakeholders and first round of public exhibitions held.
- Design review 2 (Spring 2024): further environmental assessments identify potential for two further wind turbines within the wind farm envelope. This refreshed 11 x 200m wind turbine design is published and second round of consultation with exhibitions is launched.
- Final proposed design (Winter 2024/5): feedback gathered and analysed, and wind farm design finalised.

3.1.2. Location

The wind farm boundary lies wholly within East Ayrshire Council, and between the communities of Dalmellington and New Cumnock. The site is on land owned by Forestry and Land Scotland and occupied predominantly by commercial plantation forestry.

South Kyle II Wind Farm is a distinct and separate project from the adjacent South Kyle Wind Farm, a project developed and now operated by Vattenfall.

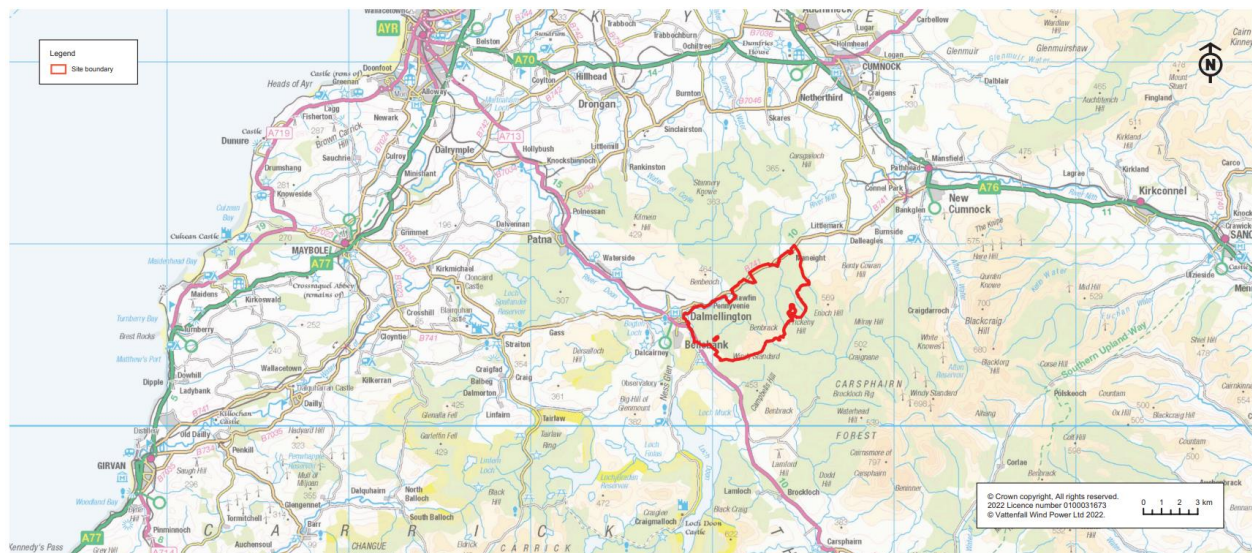


Figure 1: the red line shows the boundary of the proposed South Kyle II Wind Farm

3.2. About the local area

Having considered the location and likely visual and construction impacts of South Kyle II Wind Farm, Vattenfall identified Dalmellington, New Cumnock and Patna communities as the project's area of interest.

3.2.1. Dalmellington

The community closest to South Kyle II Wind Farm is Dalmellington, a parish with a rich industrial heritage, vibrant community and positive aspirations.

Besides the town itself, the community council area extends to Bellsbank, Burnton and Waterside, with an estimated total population of c3000 inhabitants.

It is located at the southernmost tip of East Ayrshire on the main Ayr to Castle Douglas route, is close to Galloway Forest Park and Loch Doon, and is included in the Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere.

As with many communities in this part of East Ayrshire, Dalmellington's local economy has been significantly impacted by the decline in mining and manufacturing during the late twentieth century. In 2020, the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation identified part of the parish as being amongst the 5% most deprived areas of Scotland¹.

In 2024, Dalmellington published its third Community Action Plan². This identified five key priorities and noted the potential role of wind farm developers in helping the community achieve their priorities.

A year earlier – 2023 – Dalmellington received its first tranche of community benefits from South Kyle Wind Farm, a project developed by Vattenfall. This was the first time the community had received funding directly from an onshore wind farm, with local representatives and community feedback integral to creating a bespoke fund arrangement. This Fund is administered by Foundation Scotland on behalf of the four local communities (Carsphairn, Dalmellington, New Cumnock and Patna.)

Dalmellington will also benefit from funding from other onshore wind farm projects in the area, most imminently North Kyle Wind Farm. Community funding from this project is being administered through 9CCGroup, a collective of East Ayrshire community councils. According to the 9CCG's website "the principal reason for the establishment of the 9CCG is to act as a prime point of contact to manage, administer and distribute a fair and equitable method of community benefit allocations from newly consented and future wind farm developments that will be located, predominately, within East Ayrshire's Cumnock & Doon Valley Area."

Over recent years, the community of Dalmellington has been invited to participate on numerous consultations and engagement programmes related to wind farms.

¹ [SIMD \(Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation\)](#)

² [Community Action Plans · East Ayrshire Council](#)

3.2.2. New Cumnock

New Cumnock lies to the north and east of South Kyle II with the community council boundary extending to include the eastern part of the site. Whilst the village itself is approx. 8km from the project boundary, smaller communities such as Dalleagles are closer, with a handful of closer, private properties located along the road from New Cumnock to the site entrance.

Like Dalmellington, New Cumnock has been particularly impacted by the decline of mining. In recent years, it has benefited from wind farm community benefit funds (including South Kyle) plus funding from the Kings Foundation. This has helped deliver a number of projects. New Cumnock is also a member of the 9CCGroup.

With numerous onshore projects in construction, planning or pre-planning in their immediate vicinity, New Cumnock is a community well-versed in onshore wind development.

3.2.3. Patna

Patna is further from site but has been included in the South Kyle II area of interest due to potential visual impact and it being on the main A713 turbine delivery route.

This community also has close ties with Dalmellington and together the two villages are often referred to as 'the Doon Valley' and is served by Doon Academy in Dalmellington.

Patna received its first wind farm community benefit funding last year when the South Kyle Fund opened. It is also part of the 9CCGroup and has been subject of numerous onshore windfarm consultations in recent years.

3.3. About Vattenfall

Vattenfall's goal is fossil freedom. Owned by the Swedish state, we are one of Europe's largest energy companies with approximately 19,000 employees. For over 100 years we have electrified industries, supplied energy to homes and modernised our way of living through innovation and cooperation.

Since 2008, Vattenfall has been a key partner in enabling the UK to reach net zero. Across the country, we operate 13 battery storage, onshore and offshore wind projects with an installed capacity of 1.1 gigawatts, as well as maintaining a strong and growing wind portfolio with over 3 gigawatts in operation and development.

We are also working to deliver low carbon heat to homes and businesses in Edinburgh, London and Bristol, and Vattenfall IDNO own and maintain electrical network infrastructure.

Vattenfall's investment in Scotland's energy systems is extensive. At time of writing, wind farms at Edinbane (Skye), Clashindarroch (Aberdeenshire) and Aberdeen Offshore Wind Farm are generating power; whilst the Shawfair District Heating Project (Midlothian) is in construction. Vattenfall developed South Kyle Wind Farm (East Ayrshire and Dumfries and Galloway) and continues to operate this 50 turbine project following its divestment. An extensive pipeline of further onshore wind opportunities is also being developed. Besides South Kyle II Wind Farm, this includes Clashindarroch II (Aberdeenshire), Quantans Hill (Dumfries and Galloway), Aultmore (Moray) and Ourack (Highland).

The views of local communities, businesses and stakeholders are critically important in the design of Vattenfall's wind farms. Local feedback is an essential contributor to Vattenfall's design process, balancing the need to efficiently generate more renewable electricity with the aspirations of local communities whilst protecting and enhancing the natural environment.

4. Community consultation: objectives and strategy

In 2021, Vattenfall prepared a communications strategy and plan for the South Kyle II Wind Farm project. Desk-based research was undertaken to map key stakeholders, identify the project's area of interest, and understand the wider context of wind farm development in the area.

At that time, Vattenfall was constructing South Kyle Wind Farm, and finalising proposals for Quantans Hill Wind Farm. The strategy therefore took an holistic approach and built on our existing local knowledge, networks and contacts.

4.1. Objectives

South Kyle II Wind Farm's community consultation identified the following objectives:

- Regular and honest contact with the community councils and other organisations with pertinent information to the project's development;
- Engage with wider local communities - eg through events, meetings, social media, and local community publications - on the development of the project and the points where we require local input;
- Target and outreach local groups, education establishments and elected members to engage and inform them about Vattenfall and our regional development;
- Identify and pursue opportunities to engage with groups which are traditionally harder to reach during pre-application consultations (eg young people);
- Provide regular feedback channels;
- Respond to incoming requests for information by providing accurate well thought out responses in a timely manner;
- Maintain and build on Vattenfall's existing local presence as established during the construction of South Kyle Wind Farm.

4.2. Strategy

To achieve these objectives, Vattenfall mapped key stakeholder audiences; identified a broad scope of communications channels; designed a clear narrative, style and resources; and planned implementation.

Table 2: Communications strategy

Target Audiences	Communications Channels
Local communities and stakeholders. Neighbouring residents. Governmental, NGOs and statutory stakeholders. Potential service providers and supply chain.	Direct: print, calls, emails, exhibitions and events; in person meetings. Digital: web, surveys, e-news. Local media: proactive news generation and advertising. Social media: Vattenfall channels plus third parties and partners.
Content	Implementation
Clear and consistent style. Well sign-posted. Inviting, enabling and welcoming feedback. Linking to opportunities and experience at South Kyle Wind Farm.	Locally based Regional Liaison Officer. Continuity with existing activity in south west Scotland. Supported by Vattenfall UK resources.

Local Engagement Plans were developed and updated throughout the pre-application process. Throughout, the aim has been to inform, listen, answer, be accessible, and where feasible, add value and/or reduce burdens on consultees.

4.3. Delivering the strategy

The following table provides a summary of how this strategy was delivered. Please refer to section 5 for a more detailed overview as the process progressed.

Table 3: Strategy implementation

Group	Activity
Community councils and elected representatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dalmellington, New Cumnock and Patna community councils contacted ahead of and at project launch • All community councils within wider 15km radius also informed March 2022 • Local community councils – Dalmellington, Patna and New Cumnock - informed of project updates, invited to provide feedback • Informed of and invited to attend exhibitions, with conversations held with community councillors • Participated in Dalmellington Community Plan launch event
Neighbouring residential properties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contacted at project launch and conversations initiated • Met with group Dec 2022 • Provided update to and responded to questions via MSP • Wirelines provided and individual queries responded to • Further individual meetings and discussions held
Wider local communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local media news and online coverage during launch and design update campaigns • Maildrops to all local addresses • Use of sponsored social media and local social media groups to inform and update • Public exhibitions in Dalmellington and New Cumnock Nov 2022 and April 2024. • Updates via South Kyle Wind Farm newsletter – mail dropped to all addresses in local area – then via South West Scotland newsletter • Updates via South West Scotland newsletter • Regular attendance at local events • Support and sponsorship of local initiatives
Other key stakeholders, groups, organisations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates provided to various contacts within local authority including Economic Development, Communities, Education and Planning • Ongoing engagement with local young people via various school events and initiatives including Clean Green Schools Awards, Clean Green Schools Conference, presentations and mock interviews for local primary and high schools, participation in careers events. • Young people and families – participation in Dumfries House STEM Fair with the Kings Foundation • Community benefits – attendance and networking with local organisations at launch of 9CC community benefits local umbrella group
Potential service providers and supply chains	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing engagement with Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce • Participation in Ayrshire Business Week • Engagement with Port of Ayr • Engagement with local Federation of Small Businesses

5. Activity

The pre-application design process and community consultation fell broadly into six phases.

When	Phase	Activity Overview
Feb 2022 – June 2022	Scoping and launch Proposes 17 x turbines of up to 250m tip height	Details published. Stakeholders informed and invited to provide feedback. Initial stakeholder discussions. Neighbouring properties contacted.
July 2022 – October 22	Environmental analysis and design review	Ongoing engagement within broader context of Vattenfall activity for South Kyle Wind Farm. Respond to initial feedback and questions from local stakeholders.
October 22 - January 23	Design is updated to 9 x turbines of up to 200m height First round of community consultation	Updated proposals published with stakeholders and neighbouring properties informed. Public exhibition – online and in person, with publicity campaign targeting local communities. Feedback form and questionnaire created and published.
Feb 23 – March 24	Environmental analysis and review of feedback gathered to date fed into design review.	Feedback opportunities continue via targeted engagement. Updates to local communities and stakeholders. Preparation for second round of community consultation.
March 2024 -June 2024	Updated layout of 11 x turbines 200m tip height	Publish revised layout and launch second round of consultation with exhibitions, media, and questionnaire. Updates to key stakeholders and continued discussions with neighbouring properties.
July 2024 – March 2025	Feedback review, design freeze and submission	Local stakeholders updated as the project continues towards submission to planning, with ongoing engagement and conversations, and a focus on supply chain and community benefits.

5.1. Scoping and launch (February 2022 – June 2022)

5.1.1. Initial launch

In February 2022, Vattenfall announced its plans to develop proposals for South Kyle II Wind Farm.

As the project went into scoping, a local communications plan was delivered to inform local stakeholders and communities. This built on Vattenfall's existing foundations of local networks and awareness created through the construction of South Kyle Wind Farm.

Table 4: Project launch Communications

Action	Details	When
Stakeholder email: 'heads up'	Email to key stakeholders informing them of our plans and giving a 'heads-up' approx. 1 week before live launch. Targeted to Dalmellington Community Council, Patna Community Council, New Cumnock Community Council and ward councillors.	Issued 18/02/22
Website created	Project website created at www.vattenfall.co.uk/southkyle2 . Included information on the proposal, links to scoping documents and how to get in touch.	Published 27/02/22
Media release	Media release written and issued to local and trade media, and published at www.vattenfall.com	Issued 27/02/22
Stakeholder email: announcement	Email announcing project launch sent to relevant community councils, local MP; MSPs; ward councillors; Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce; various contacts within communities and economic development departments of East Ayrshire Council; local media; and local contacts in neighbouring authority.	Issued 27/02/22

See Appendix A for examples of above media and communications.

Also in February 2022, as the project was initially launched, Vattenfall met with East Ayrshire Council's economic development team to provide an overview of the proposed wind farm.

5.1.2. Informing more community councils

Having initially launched the project to local communities within the identified area of interest, Vattenfall then got in touch with a wider group of community councils within a 15km radius of the site. Whilst not identified as being directly impacted by the wind farm in a significant way, ZTV analysis showed the possibility of some visual impact in their areas. We reached out to these community councils in March 2022 informing them of the proposal.

5.1.3. General engagement

General engagement continued during the period within the broader context of the South Kyle construction project. This included webpage updates on community benefits, email updates to newly elected and re-elected ward councillors, and responding to questions from local people.

5.2. Ongoing engagement (July 2022 – October 2022)

Following the initial launch, engagement continued within the local area. This was within the broader context of Vattenfall's work at South Kyle Wind Farm, and took a light touch as environmental assessment and analyses were fed into the project's design process ahead of the first round of consultation.

Nevertheless, communication continued with a particular focus on individual properties nearest to the wind farm boundary.

A meeting was attended with the local MSP with an update provided, and specific issues raised by those living nearest to the project were discussed (Appendix A).

5.2.1. Newsletter update

In September 2022, a brief update on South Kyle II Wind Farm was included in a Vattenfall newsletter distributed to all homes in the Dalmellington, Patna, New Cumnock and Carsphairn areas.

In the pipeline

Building on the development of South Kyle Wind Farm, Vattenfall is exploring further renewable energy projects in the area with the potential to provide future opportunities for developing skills, creating jobs, boosting business, delivering more community funding and securing landscape-scale biodiversity enhancements.

Plans for Quantans Hill Wind Farm north east of Carsphairn are underway, with the proposed development expected to be submitted to planning this year. With 14 turbines, it will add around 90MW of home-grown electricity capacity as well as battery storage.


In keeping with Vattenfall's approach this major investment has also been designed to deliver tangible economic, biodiversity and community benefits to the local area including

- Extensive habitat improvements with native broadleaf replanting, and peat and heathland restoration
- Enhanced outdoor access for 15km of accessible signposted tracks
- Boost for the local economy worth an estimated £7million PLUS community benefit funding.

If consented, this project could be underway as soon as 2025, with community benefit funding – and renewable energy – being generated two or three years later.

Meanwhile, we have now received our scoping opinion from Scottish Ministers and consultees to our plans for South Kyle II Wind Farm and can now progress in confidence with our Environmental Impact Assessment work. Plans for local exhibitions about the project and discussions to be announced later this year.

Find out more and keep up to date at www.vattenfall.co.uk/quantanshill and www.vattenfall.co.uk/southkyle2



Project status
■ Construction
■ Development

South Kyle II
South Kyle
Quantans Hill

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Figure 1: editorial from Vattenfall's local newsletter

5.2.2. Stakeholder visits to South Kyle

In October 2022, numerous local stakeholders were welcomed to Vattenfall's South Kyle wind farm site. Whilst these visits were designed to provide an insight into progress made on the construction of South Kyle, they also provided an opportunity for informal updates on South Kyle II and to see first-hand Vattenfall's approach to wind farm development.

5.3. First round of community consultation (October 2022 – January 2023)

In the summer and autumn of 2022, Vattenfall's proposals for South Kyle II Wind Farm underwent a design review. Informed by initial stakeholder feedback and extensive environmental analysis, this process produced a revised wind farm layout significantly reduced in scale from the earlier iteration.

The South Kyle II Wind Farm proposal now comprised up to 9 wind turbines of no more than 200m tip height plus battery storage. Details were published in October 2022, and the first round of community consultation launched.

5.3.1. Communicating the consultation

To encourage and enable local feedback, Vattenfall implemented a targeted communications campaign. This focussed on those living in and representing the Dalmellington, New Cumnock and Patna areas, and used a broad range of media including digital, local media (print and online), direct mail, and social media.

The audience was informed first of the revised plans and invited to find out more online and/or in person.

A comprehensive exhibition was created and published first online. These same materials were then printed to A1 exhibition boards and displayed at the in-person exhibitions where visitors could also speak directly to the project team and make use of a bespoke visualisation tool.

To help gather feedback, an online questionnaire was created and included as part of the exhibition.

Table 5 below outlines key actions undertaken to communicate this consultation with examples in Appendix B.

5.3.2. Exhibitions

Public exhibitions were held on 14th and 15th November 2022 in New Cumnock Town Hall and Dalmellington Community Centre. To enable as wide an audience as possible to attend, both events were held from 2.30pm to 7pm.

Prior to this, an online version of the exhibition had been published at www.vattenfall.co.uk/southkyle2, and this remained available to view until it was updated for the second round of consultation in 2024.



Figure 2 South Kyle II Wind Farm public exhibition in New Cumnock

Table 5: Summary of actions undertaken to inform and invite feedback from local stakeholders and communities during the first round of community consultation.

Action	Details	When
Website updated	Project website updated with information on new proposed layout, links to online exhibition, feedback mechanism, FAQs and information on public exhibition events.	Published 27/10/22
Online exhibition	Digital exhibition created and published including information on Vattenfall, our approach and the South Kyle II project, wirelines, constraints and ZTVs, plus FAQs and feedback questionnaire.	Published 27/10/22
Stakeholder email	Local stakeholders informed via email of updated plans, with links to webpage, online exhibition and details of public exhibition events. This included Dalmellington Community Council, Dalmellington Community Trust, 9CC Group, Patna Community Council, New Cumnock Community Council, New Cumnock Community Development Trust, East Ayrshire Council local area officers, constituency MP and MSP, local ward councillors, Doon Academy, Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce, and East Ayrshire Council's CoRE project.	Issued 27/10/22 and followed up 11/11/22
Media release	Media release issued to Cumnock Chronicle, Ayrshire Post and Ayrshire Daily News with details of updated plans and desire to gather feedback. Coverage achieved in Cumnock Chronicle (print and online)	Issued 27/10/22
Media advertising - print	Advertising placed in local title – Cumnock Chronicle – inviting local people to Public Exhibitions – over 2 weeks prior to events.	Placed in issues 2 nd Nov and 9 th Nov
Media advertising - digital	As above – adverts in digital editions	As above
Social media	Targeted Facebook advertising for populations within 17km of Dalmellington and New Cumnock running for 7 days leading up to exhibitions. Content informed of public exhibitions and links to project page.	Published from 7/11/22 to 15/11/22
Flyer drop	3200 A5 flyers printed and distributed door to door in Dalmellington, Patna and New Cumnock	Distributed w/c 7th Nov 22
Public Exhibitions	Public drop in exhibition events arranged to be held in New Cumnock and Dalmellington. Includes information boards, questionnaire, opportunities to meet team.	Events held 14 th and 15 th November 2022
Feedback survey	Questionnaire published online and in print to encourage and enable feedback on the project.	16 October 2022 to 22 December 2022

Materials presented

South Kyle II Wind Farm's exhibition (online and in person) included:

- Information boards
 - Welcome to the consultation
 - About South Kyle II Wind Farm – location, size, background, site design evolution
 - Proposed layout
 - Turbine height and the climate emergency
 - Community benefits
 - Vattenfall's local approach to maximising local jobs and business opportunities
 - Environmental assessment, wildlife and habitats, forestry and visual impact
 - Building the wind farm – turbine delivery route, access point, traffic and minimising impacts
 - How to provide feedback, next steps and anticipated timeline
- ZTV viewpoints
- Comparative wirelines from New Cumnock and Dalmellington
- Cumulative wirelines from New Cumnock, Dalmellington, Bellsbank and Patna
- FAQs document
- Feedback questionnaire

Exhibition materials are included in Appendix C.

Those attending the in-person exhibitions were also offered bespoke visualisations from their own home, or a chosen, location.

Exhibition attendance and response

Approximately 10-15 individuals attended each of the two Public Exhibitions (20-30 in total). Whilst the numbers were lower than expected, the events did attract a broad range of stakeholders including 3 ward councillors (representing Dalmellington, Patna and New Cumnock wards); MSP's Office manager; Community councillors (New Cumnock and Dalmellington); local businesses; local residents, and representatives of local community trust.

Three feedback questionnaires were received – 2 online and 1 by email. Please see section 6 for more details and Appendix C for the digital questionnaire.

5.3.3. Meikle Hill Community Group

A number of individuals resident along the B741 road from east of Dalmellington to Dalleagles approached Vattenfall asking that we engage with them collectively and as a group distinct from the wider communities of Dalmellington and New Cumnock. This reflected concerns specific to those living closest to site such as potential impacts of noise, aviation lighting and construction, as well as a desire to inform decisions regards community benefits.

Meetings were arranged and bespoke illustrations, wireframes and photomontages were provided for those residents living closest to South Kyle II Wind Farm.

Discussions and information sharing has been provided with these residents continuously up until the point of submission. Each and every time Vattenfall has been contacted, we have sought to offer information and discuss any concerns or likely impacts.

5.4. Ongoing targeted engagement (February 2023 – March 2024)

During the spring and summer of 2023, Vattenfall was engaged in extensive local engagement in the area for South Kyle Wind Farm's inauguration and community benefit fund. To avoid confusion, South Kyle II's communications activities were dialled down during this period.

By autumn, the project's design review was progressing, and engagement activity was accelerated ahead of the second round of consultation. Besides updating local stakeholders and continually gathering feedback and suggestions, this period saw Vattenfall's Regional Liaison Officer attend and participate in a number of events, providing visibility and raising awareness of the project ahead of the second round of consultation. Many of these engagement opportunities were targeted to young people and the local business community, both of which had been identified as 'harder to reach' groups during the first round of consultation. Examples are set out below.

Ayrshire Business Fair, October 2023

To reach the wider Ayrshire business community, Vattenfall participated in Ayrshire Business Week with a stand at the Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce's B2B Exhibition in Kilmarnock, the largest town in East Ayrshire.



Figure 3 Exhibition stand at Ayrshire Business Fair 2023

Information on the proposed development was on display with the project manager and liaison officer on hand to answer questions and sign-post potential local suppliers to Vattenfall's local Supplier Directory (a bespoke tool developed as part of Vattenfall's social value commitment during the construction of South Kyle Wind Farm). A newly published booklet explaining Vattenfall's onshore wind supply chain was distributed as was the newsletter.

More than 200 people attended the business fair, with the South Kyle II team engaging directly with approximately 40 individuals who were representing businesses and stakeholders from across Ayrshire.

Other business-to-business engagement included attending a Federation of Small Businesses meeting, presenting to a local Rotary Club, and making connections with Kilmarnock Football Club.

Prince's Foundation STEM Open Day, October 2023



Figure 4 Vattenfall's activity stand at the Prince's Foundation STEM Open Day

This free event was arranged by the Princes Foundation (now Kings Foundation) and held within the STEM centre at Dumfries House, the well-known and accessible heritage, horticulture and educational visitor attraction in the heart of East Ayrshire.

Located around 10 miles from the proposed South Kyle II Wind Farm, the venue has strong links with local schools across the authority and attracts visitors from across Ayrshire and beyond. It was therefore an opportunity for Vattenfall to engage with a wider audience, and specifically young people, families and other stakeholders with an interest in STEM careers.

Vattenfall attended with a STEM-themed stand, offering wind-turbine related activities for children and information for adults. The annual event is attended by 300-800 people. Around 50 individuals engaged directly in conversation with Vattenfall, with all feedback general and positive, and a strong interest in jobs and careers associated with wind farm development. We also heard a desire to see wind farms utilised as a tourism feature, and to see developers engage with schools.

9CC Group launch, October 2023

Vattenfall's Regional Liaison Officer for South West Scotland attended the launch of the 9CCGroup at Dumfries House, East Ayrshire. This innovative organisation brings together 9 community councils from the Cumnock and Doon Valley areas to manage and distribute community benefits from onshore wind farms.

The launch event was attended by numerous elected members, community councillors and community groups including representatives of the Dalmellington, New Cumnock and Patna areas. It was therefore an opportunity to catch up with key stakeholders and gather further information, feedback and opinions specifically on how South Kyle II Wind Farm's community benefits may be prioritised, as well as learn more about 9CCG.

Local update, December 2023

Prior to the end of the calendar year, an email update was published and sent to key stakeholders. This included a brief update on South Kyle II Wind Farm: *“Meanwhile, plans for South Kyle 2 Wind Farm have undergone extensive review this year, taking on board local feedback and environmental and technical data. A refreshed plan is now being developed and is due to be published early next year followed by further local consultation.”*

Dalmellington Band, February 2024

Award-winning Dalmellington Brass Band is a key cultural asset for the local area and provides instruction for local young people through its renowned brass academy and junior band. In February 2024, South Kyle II Wind Farm supported and attended the band's Slow Melody Competition and Concert, a key date in the band's calendar. Attended by c100 people, the event was an opportunity to build awareness of the project and for local residents to meet Vattenfall's liaison officer.

Pathways to Careers, March 2024

South Kyle II Wind Farm took at stand at Pathways to Careers, a major careers fair organised by Developing Young Workforce for the East Ayrshire area and held in Kilmarnock. Sixty employers took part, with over 300 people attending – mostly young people and families. As well as providing information on the proposed wind farm, and the jobs and careers associated with wind farm development, we also utilised this event to gather feedback on Vattenfall's apprenticeship programme.



Figure 5 highlighting apprenticeship and career opportunities at Pathways to Careers

We met a wide variety of people who had travelled to the fair from across Ayrshire, including the Cumnock and Doon Valley area. Feedback was also gathered from teachers, and the event was an opportunity to connect with key stakeholders from East Ayrshire's education, business development and skills departments, as well as other employers from across the region.

Conversations held at this event, and others leading from it, were particularly insightful when developing South Kyle II Wind Farm's Employment and Skills Strategy.

Engaging with local schools

Robert Burns Academy is the larger of the two secondary schools serving the communities closest to South Kyle 2 Wind Farm. The school's 1600plus pupils come from the New Cumnock, Cumnock, Muirkirk, Logan, Lugar, Auchlinleck, Catrine, Ochiltree and Mauchline areas, which collectively has considerable wind farm activity (operational, in construction and proposed). Doon Academy is smaller but focussed on Dalmellington and Patna, and plays a key role in the local community.

Vattenfall engaged in several opportunities to support both establishments and meet young people and staff including:

- Stand at careers fair
- Stand and table at careers clinic
- Mock interviews
- Participation in positive destinations meeting
- Supporting awards and other initiatives

These activities resulted in over 150 interactions with local young people.

Vattenfall's local liaison officer also visited several schools across the wider East Ayrshire area, delivering presentations and providing information on wind farm development. This community engagement activity included primary, secondary and SEND schools, and was designed to provide young people with an understanding of how and why wind farms are designed, highlight some of the wide variety of jobs that are associated with the renewables sector and build awareness amongst the local communities.

Local schools were also supported in other ways – eg donations for selection boxes, sponsoring awards and delivering mock interviews.

These engagements provided opportunities for young people to provide their questions and feedback about the proposed project and onshore wind in general.

Clean Green Schools Programme

Vattenfall is a supporter of the Clean Green Schools programme by East Ayrshire Council's Education Department. This innovative initiative encourages and enables young people across the authority to identify, plan and implement good sustainability practice. Annual conferences and awards are held, with Vattenfall attending and exhibiting information about the wind farm proposal.

As well as engaging with young people from schools across the authority, these events also provided opportunities for further conversations with key stakeholders about Vattenfall's investments in East Ayrshire.



Figure 6 introducing South Kyle II to young people from across East Ayrshire at the Clean Green Schools event

5.5. Second round of community consultation (March – June 2024)

Following an extensive design review, a third iteration of the South Kyle II Wind Farm proposal was produced in early 2024. Two additional wind turbine sites had been identified within the existing wind farm window, taking the total number from nine to eleven.

To gather feedback on this refined proposal, a second round of community consultation was launched in March 2024.

A refreshed strategy was prepared, identifying the following objectives:

- To inform local residents
- To provide opportunities for feedback
- To encourage, collate and measure feedback

5.5.1. Communicating the consultation

As with the first round of consultation, Vattenfall implemented a targeted communications campaign. This focussed on those living in and representing the Dalmellington, New Cumnock and Patna areas, and used a broad range of media including digital, local media (print and online), direct mail, and social media.

The audience was informed first of the refined plans and invited to find out more online and/or in person at a comprehensive exhibition.

Materials in the online exhibition were replicated as display boards for the in-person events, where visitors could again speak directly to the project team and make use of a bespoke visualisation tool.

The following table outlines key actions undertaken to communicate this consultation, with examples in Appendix D.

Table 6: Communicating the second round of public consultation

Action	Details	When
Stakeholder update – save the date	Pre-emptive email issued to key stakeholders giving a heads up of forthcoming announcement and exhibitions. Recipients included Dalmellington Community Council, Dalmellington Parish Trust, New Cumnock Community Council; New Cumnock Development Trust, Patna Community Council; local ward councillors and MSP.	Issued 28/3/24
Webpage update	Online details refreshed and consultation information published.	From 2/4/2024
Stakeholder email – consultation launch	Issued to wide range of local stakeholders. This included an overview of what has changed, link to online exhibition, invitation to attend in person exhibitions, and request for feedback	Issued 2/4/24
Media release	Media release announcing consultation, exhibitions and request for feedback published at www.vattenfall.com issued to local media	Issued 2/4/24
Media advertising – Cumnock Chronicle	Advertisement publicising update, consultation and in person exhibitions placed in local newspaper, Cumnock Chronicle in print and digital editions	Published 3/4/24 AND 10/4/24
Media advertising – Doon Valley Gazette	Full page ad placed in local community title, announcing consultation launch and inviting feedback with links to questionnaire and online exhibition	Published in May/June 2024 issue (distributed first week of May)

Social media	Sponsored Facebook post publicising update, consultation and exhibition events. Targeted to local area. Additional posts in local Facebook groups	From 18/4/24
Stakeholder email – reminder	Email to key stakeholders reminding of exhibition events and inviting feedback	19/4/24
Flyer – direct distribution	Delivered to households throughout the local area	April 2024
Flyer – local venues	Copies of the flyer distributed to local shops including Premier Grocers, Bacas Café, Co-op, Convenience Store, Stewarts Grocers (all Dalmellington), New Cumnock Co-op, New Cumnock Town Hall	19/4/24
Local engagement	Attended event at Dunaskin Bowling Club to celebrate its purchase by the community using community funding generated by South Kyle Wind Farm. Opportunity to informally engage with key stakeholders and local residents	April 2024
Public exhibitions	Drop-in exhibitions held in Dalmellington Community Centre and New Cumnock Town Hall. Approx 40 attendees at each event	23 and 24 April 2024
Newsletter	2page A4 project newsletter published and printed for distribution at exhibition events and distributed at locally and at subsequent engagement events including Dalmellington Action Plan launch day and Ayrshire Business Fair. Also posted to project webpage and emailed to key stakeholders 7 May 2024	From 23 April 2024
Email to stakeholders – consultation extension	Email to local stakeholders informing them that the consultation deadline had been extended to end of June.	24 May 2024
Local news release – consultation extension	News release to local media to publicise consultation extension	24 May 2024
Social media – consultation extension	Fresh round of targeted Facebook advertising to promote consultation extension	From 13 June 2024
Reach out to business community	Email sent to over 90 local business (from Vattenfall's local supplier database) inviting feedback	24 June 2024
Local engagement: Dalmellington Action Plan launch	Sponsored and participated in community event for the launch of Dalmellington's Action Plan, engaging further with stakeholders and local residents prior to the closing of the consultation period.	29 June 2024

5.5.2. Exhibitions

Public exhibitions were held on 23rd and 24th April 2024 in Dalmellington Community Centre and New Cumnock Town Hall. Prior to this, an online version of the exhibition had been published at www.vattenfall.co.uk/southkyle2, and this remained available to view until time of writing.

Materials presented

As with the first round of consultation, South Kyle II Wind Farm's second exhibition (online and in person) included a broad range of information including updates from that presented during the first round, comparative wirelines and more viewpoints.

- Information boards
 - Welcome to the consultation
 - About South Kyle II Wind Farm – location, size, background, site design evolution
 - Proposed layout
 - Turbine height and the climate emergency
 - Community benefits
 - Vattenfall's local approach to maximising local jobs and business opportunities
 - Environmental assessment, wildlife and habitats, forestry and visual impact
 - Building the wind farm – turbine delivery route, access point, traffic and minimising impacts
 - How to provide feedback, next steps and anticipated timeline
- ZTV viewpoints
- Comparative wirelines from New Cumnock and Dalmellington
- Cumulative wirelines from New Cumnock, Dalmellington, Bellsbank and Patna
- FAQs document
- Feedback questionnaire

Exhibition materials from the second round of consultation are included in Appendix E.

Again, those attending the in-person exhibitions were also offered bespoke visualisations from their own home, or a chosen location.



Figure 7 South Kyle II Wind Farm exhibition at Dalmellington Community Centre, April 2024

Exhibition attendance

The two in-person Public Exhibitions were attended by approximately 100 individuals in total. This included community councillors (New Cumnock and Dalmellington), representatives of local trusts and organisations, and local residents.

All attending were invited to complete a survey – either online via a QR code, or in writing before departing the events.

5.6. Ongoing local engagement (Summer 2024 to Spring 2025)

Whilst the second round of consultation closed at the end of June 2024, Vattenfall continued to engage in the local area creating opportunities for local residents, business and stakeholders to ask questions and make suggestions.

This included:

- Summer and Winter 2024 newsletters issued to stakeholders and distributed at engagement events (see below)
- Article in Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce magazine (summer 2024) issue
- Attendance at Doon Academy's careers clinics and awards, plus class presentation and supporting football kits
- Engaging with local businesses at the 2024 Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce Business Exhibition
- Engaging with local families by participating in the Kings Foundation's 2024 STEM Fair
- Supporting and participating in East Ayrshire's Clean Green Schools Conference and Awards
- Highlighting wind farm related careers at the Robert Burns Academy Careers Fair
- Engaging with stakeholders at the Developing Young Workforce Ayrshire Showcase
- Continuing to present to and support local primary schools
- Participating in East Ayrshire's biggest careers fair (March 2025)



Autumn 2024 update

Welcome to the Autumn/Winter 2024 update from Vattenfall in South West Scotland. Vattenfall's proposals for Quantans Hill Wind Farm remain in planning, with statutory stakeholders - including Dumfries & Galloway Council - and the consenting authority (the Scottish Government's Energy Consents Unit) considering our plans.

Besides contributing to renewable energy security, this major investment east of Cairnphair represents an opportunity for biodiversity gains, community benefit funding, visitor access plus an economic boost with Vattenfall's focus on supporting local jobs and businesses. Indeed, in the two years since submitting the proposal to planning, Vattenfall has continued to engage with local businesses and schools, highlighting the opportunities the wind farm could bring if consented.

Meanwhile in East Ayrshire, Vattenfall is finalising plans for South Kyle II Wind Farm east of Dalmeilington. Since the second round of community consultation, we have been working through the feedback received. A Feedback Summary is now available on the project website, covering the key topics and themes raised during the consultation. The South Kyle II FAQs have also been updated. Work on a bespoke Skills & Employability Plan is also well advanced. This will build on our experience of supporting local jobs during the construction of nearby South Kyle Wind Farm, and consider new opportunities to boost local employment in partnership with key local stakeholders.

The South Kyle II Wind Farm proposals are set to be submitted to planning early next year. Full details will be published at the time and we will continue to engage with local communities and stakeholders throughout.

In the meantime, find out more about Quantans Hill and South Kyle II Wind Farms at:

www.vattenfall.co.uk/quantanshill

www.vattenfall.co.uk/southkyle2



Virtual views

You can now climb a wind turbine and take in the view from the top - virtually - thanks to a new VR film produced by Vattenfall. Filmed at Ray Wind Farm in Northumberland, the immersive experience is now on our Youtube channel to be enjoyed at home with your own VR headset.

www.youtube.com/@VattenfallGB



Tiny house innovation

Vattenfall recently unveiled a demonstrator 'tiny house' made from a repurposed wind turbine nacelle. Read more about this innovative approach to decommissioning at www.vattenfall.co.uk/newsroom



Connecting with business

Throughout the autumn, our Quantans Hill and South Kyle II Wind Farm teams continued to engage with local businesses, with stands at the Dumfries & Galloway Business Exhibition and the BW24.B2B Exhibition in Ayrshire. Thank you to the respective chambers of commerce for organising these busy events, and to all the local businesses who took the time to connect with Vattenfall.

Thanks to events like these, our local supplier directory for south west Scotland is continuing to grow and will be valuable resource to our projects and key contractors should our wind farm proposals be consented.

Thank you also to South of Scotland Enterprise for the inspiring and informative Dumfries Business Summit, and to the South of Scotland Destination Alliance for inviting us for further discussion on how onshore wind can work with and for the visitor economy.

Find out more about supply chain opportunities at www.vattenfall.co.uk/supplychain

STEM, skills and schools

Across 2024, Vattenfall attended almost 30 skills, careers and STEM focussed events, visits and meetings in south west Scotland. We reached a combined total of over 3000 young people and stakeholders from Dumfries & Galloway and Ayrshire, highlighting the broad range of careers and job opportunities that can come with wind farm development.

Between October and December 2024, this included a careers fair at Robert Burns Academy, delivering classroom presentations to Logan Primary, Langholm Academy and an Action for Children programme at Doon Academy, conducting mock interviews at North West Campus in Dumfries, supporting Patna Primary School's Christmas activities, meeting P7s from Dalmeilington, Bellsbank, Patna and Littlemill Primaries plus STs at Doon Academy's transition careers clinic, joining stakeholders to celebrate the work of Developing Young Workforce's Innovation Programme in Ayrshire, and being part of the DYWDG's Bridge to Your Future careers fair in Dumfries.

All of these conversations about jobs, careers, apprenticeships and the world of renewables have been illuminating, and are helping us prepare our plans to support local jobs through our projects at Quantans Hill and South Kyle II. We'll be continuing this programme in 2025, so if your school or event would like us to take part, please get in touch.

Rural education

Earlier this year, Vattenfall took part in the Glenkens Education Forum, speaking about renewables careers, forecast skills shortages and how wind farm community benefits are supporting skills development.

This event fed into research commissioned by Glenkens & District Trust on rural education and sustainability, and their recently published findings can now be viewed online. Thank you to the GDT team for the opportunity to contribute to this important discussion.

Read more at www.glenkenstrust.org.uk/community-action-plan



Land use insights

Thank you Glenkens Community Arts Trust for inviting us to join local stakeholders in Dalry to play Scotscape, an immersive strategy game designed and delivered by a team from the Zurich based Swiss Institute of Technology.

Exploring the question 'how should land be used', this experience was an invaluable insight into local community priorities and the importance of collaboration when combating long term challenges such as climate change and food security.

Season's greetings and best wishes for 2025

Before signing off for the year, we'd like to thank everyone who has taken the time to engage with us and provide feedback this year. Look out for further updates in early 2025, and in the meantime have a happy festive season.

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Figure 8 Winter 2024 newsletter update

6. Feedback

6.1. Feedback from first round of community consultation

The survey questionnaire distributed during the first round of consultation received three responses – 2 online and one via email. More feedback was derived from conversation, particularly at the in-person exhibitions. Feedback from the first round of consultation, and our response, is set out in the table below.

Comment	Our response
Welcome hybrid approach of in person and online exhibition following covid restrictions	This was model was followed during the second round of consultation
Value of community benefit being offered (£5000 per megawatt) is too low. Also desire to draw down early	This feedback has been noted and considered.
Consider 9CC Group to deliver community benefits	To be considered in future discussions and consultation with communities. Will continue to engage with 9CC and other organisations.
Planning to build a new home at Clawfin. Keen to know more	Ongoing engagement and details provided throughout engagement process
Concern about shadow flicker	Information provided and updated regards constraints.
Interested in shared ownership and how it might address energy bills	Meeting offered and arranged.
Visual impact concerns given proposed turbine height and night lighting requirements	Updated bespoke wirelines produced. Night lighting issue discussed and will be fully addressed in EIA
Questions on economic impact specifically on Doon Valley rather than across Ayrshire	Further information provided. To explore possibility of analysis at micro-level
Various social media comments doubting the need for onshore wind, climate change	Include these topics in next round of public exhibitions
Social media comments on impact on peat	Include in next round of public exhibitions

6.2. Feedback from second round of community consultation

The second round of consultation received more feedback both in terms of volume and scope. Details of what we heard, and our response to it, is set out in Appendix F.

In November 2025, a 2-page A4 feedback summary (below) was published on the project webpage and distributed to local stakeholders and participants in the community consultation.



South Kyle II Wind Farm: Spring 2024 Feedback

In the Spring of 2024, Vattenfall invited local feedback on our refined proposals for South Kyle II Wind Farm.

Thank you to everyone who got involved - be that through the online survey, in writing or in conversation. Your opinions, questions and suggestions are important to us, and helps Vattenfall develop the best wind farms we can.

Your feedback has now been fed into the project development process, and is helping us finalise our plans. This winter we hope to submit the finalised proposal to the Scottish Government's Energy Consents Unit, and this will include an Environmental Impact Assessment within which specific points of feedback will be addressed.

Ahead of that, this document provides an overview of the topics and questions raised through your feedback. A more detailed feedback report will also be published at www.vattenfall.co.uk/southkyle2.



Climate change and wind farms in this area

We asked for your views on climate change: 70% said 'very' or 'fairly concerned'. More than half (53%) supported onshore wind farms in this area, with that figure rising to 60% when asked about onshore wind generally.

How was the feedback gathered?

The consultation ran from April to June 2024. A virtual exhibition was published on the project webpage, and drop-in public exhibitions were held in Dalmellington and New Cumnock. These were advertised in the Cumnock Chronicle, on social media and through a local mail drop. A project newsletter was also produced, and an advertisement was placed in the Doon Valley Gazette.

We invited feedback via a survey which was available online with paper copies also available at the exhibitions. Plus, we noted what people talked to us about in conversation, and welcomed feedback in writing.

Although the pre-application consultation period for South Kyle II Wind Farm is now closed, the online exhibition can be viewed at www.vattenfall.co.uk/southkyle2 and you can get in touch at southkyle2windfarm@vattenfall.com.



Jobs and skills

Maximising local job opportunities is a priority for Vattenfall, and we heard a number of practical suggestions to help us achieve this. You also suggested schools for the project to engage with and this work is already underway.

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Figure 9 page 1 of feedback summary



The wind farm design

The consultation presented information on the updated proposed layout of 11 wind turbines, each up to a 200m tip height, plus battery storage. On both layout (above) and turbine height, around twice as many people said they were 'content' or 'neutral' about this, compared to those who said they were 'concerned'.

People also talked to us about battery storage, so we have taken note to provide further information on this part of the wind farm proposal. Other technical issues were also discussed such as aviation safety lighting and felling. These will be thoroughly addressed in the Environmental Impact Assessment and, where appropriate, the feedback will be shared with relevant partners.

Visualisations of the wind farm were published, and bespoke visualisations were offered to those visiting the exhibitions. When asked about the visibility of the wind farm, more people were content (48%) than unhappy (27%). Where individuals provided specific concerns about views, additional wirelines or photomontages have been produced, and we will continue to offer this to local people.

Community benefits

Besides renewable energy, South Kyle II Wind Farm could generate an estimated £18.4million-worth of community benefits for the local area over 40 years.

Our questionnaire asked how you would want to see this funding used to make a difference in your communities. You told us that employment and skills; health and wellbeing; enterprise and business; and climate and resilience - all identified as priorities for the now operational South Kyle Fund - remain important.

We also heard a clear desire to tackle fuel bills, improve access to nature and support projects for specific groups such as young people. These topics will all be explored in greater detail should the project receive consent.

Likewise, your suggestions on which organisations could be involved in administering a fund are noted and will be returned to at a later stage in the community benefit consultation process.

We also asked about the prospect of Shared Ownership. Fewer people said they were interested than not interested. However, there were also a lot of 'maybes', so this is also a topic we will return to at a later stage in the development process.

Building the wind farm

The feedback survey was an opportunity to highlight any issues around wind farm construction.

The topic we received most comment on was the transportation of wind turbines to site. Most people were content or neutral on the proposed turbine delivery route, but 22% highlighted concerns such as road capacity and quality.

These issues will be thoroughly addressed in the project traffic management plan, which will be created in consultation with the local roads authority and transport specialists.



Habitats and nature

Your feedback helped identify what local people want to see prioritised within the wind farm's Habitat and Biodiversity plans.

Most popular were 'supporting wildlife and birds' and 'biodiversity enhancing measures such as planting of native broadleaf trees and wildlife friendly species'. You also highlighted the protection and enhancement of natural beauty; the potential for grazing opportunities; and minimising pest disturbance.

This has been fed back to our environmental consultants.

What next

Vattenfall is taking on board your feedback as we finalise our proposals for South Kyle II Wind Farm. This will include an Environmental Impact Assessment, Habitat Management Plan and Feedback Report, as well as other documents. For further updates please visit:

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Figure 10 page 2 of feedback summary

7. Conclusion

In developing proposals for South Kyle II Wind Farm, Vattenfall has consulted extensively with local communities and stakeholders.

Given the local context and Vattenfall's existing presence in the local area, we took a hybrid approach to gathering feedback. This combined traditional consultation methods with broader, more informal engagement which opened numerous opportunities for local people to find out more, discuss the plans and convey their questions, concerns and suggestions. This allowed us to adapt our approach as the consultation progressed, for example by developing opportunities to engage with harder to reach groups such as younger people and allowed space for conversations to develop. Rather than restricting the feedback to two single periods in time, our broader, ongoing local engagement enabled a more fluid approach across a 2.5year period which saw many wind farm related issues evolve (eg night lighting concerns at other proposed developments, how turbine parts are delivered to active construction sites, lived experience in a community near an operational wind farm and how community benefits are being delivered via different models). Meanwhile, ongoing and direct conversations were held with those living closest to the site.

The feedback gathered has helped Vattenfall design the best wind farm we can and has provided valuable insights into how we can best communicate locally – and deliver socio-economic value – should the project be consented.

