

Rosehall Wind Farm Community Newsletter

A839 public road upgrade gets underway

The eagerly anticipated upgrading of the A839 gets underway this month. Pending final approval of their Road Construction Consent application, contractor Morrison Construction will begin works on 7 March, with work expected to finish a month later.

The upgrade will comprise a mile of the A839 and incorporate nine passing places.

In order to undertake these improvements, a road closure notice will be in force between Altass junction and Achany Wind Farm during the works. While we're very aware that closing the road may cause some inconvenience, we hope that the prospect of long term gain - in having a greatly improved road - will outweigh any short term difficulty. The diversion for the duration of the road closure will be via the A837.

We, in conjunction with our representatives,

Natural Power and contractor Morrison Construction, have consulted extensively with Highland Council to discuss and agree contingency measures. Particular attention has been paid to procedures and actions that would be put in place for emergency access, and to address potential flooding of the bottom A837 road. Should the A837 flood, the A839 would be reopened with a temporary road surface. A convoy system may be used if necessary.

Planning for the works includes measures for controlling traffic in order to minimise disruption to the local community, taking

into account the requirements of regular users of the A839 such as school transport and other public services.

Road signage will be placed at the upgrade site in advance of the works. During the road closure, additional signage will be placed at key junctions, which have already been agreed with the wind farm community group. In addition, notices will be displayed in shops.

Should you require further information, please contact Liz Fraser, Community Group Liaison Secretary on 0800 0569 090.



This photomontage shows the proposed Rosehall Wind Farm from Invershin. Note that this is provided for illustrative purposes only.

Project description

Key facts

Project scope:	19 x 1.3MW turbines
Turbine heights:	Up to 59m to hub, 90m to blade tip
Total power:	24.7MW
Location:	2.5 km north east of Rosehall
Equivalent electricity:	Generates electricity for the estimated equivalent of 13,000* households a year**
Carbon savings:	Around 27,000+ tonnes of carbon dioxide per year

* Based on an average household electricity consumption of 4,700 kWh. Source DECC.

** These figures are based on estimates drawn from modelling data on wind speeds measured in the area.

This data has been independently analysed.

+ Based on the Government's long term marginal plant figure of 430g CO₂/kWh.

Key project milestones

The schedule of works is subject to change. Any updates will be communicated to the community via the Rosehall Wind Farm Community Liaison Group and our newsletters. On the right is the timetable as of March 2011.

Milestones

Felling	Ongoing - 13 April 2011 (ceased during bird breeding season)
Public road works	7 March - 8 April 2011
Construction	March 2011 - August 2012
Turbine deliveries	March 2012 - April 2012
Grid connection	July 2012

Turbine blade delivery to Butterwick Moor Wind Farm, County Durham



Work completed so far

- The new siltation measures, put in place by the felling contractor before re-commencing large scale felling in August 2010, were well received and have been successful. Due to gradual degradation, the barriers were replaced in January.
- Felling is more or less on schedule despite some time being lost to poor weather. About 60% of the forestry on the wind farm site has been cleared. The trees have been either mulched or felled depending on their size. Felled timber had been stockpiled on site, but it is now being extracted and taken to Balcas or Norbord.

The next steps

- Work is scheduled to start on site on 7 March. This will initially involve upgrades to the public road junction, construction of a diversion to the Sika trail and upgrades to the access track. When this is completed, work will start on the wind farm site itself.
- We have made an application to Scottish & Southern Energy (SSE) regarding the grid connection. Determining the cable route is something which is outside our remit as SSE assumes responsibility for selecting the most efficient cable route.
- As was the case in 2010, felling will pause again during the bird breeding season. This means a cessation between 15 April and the start of August.

Morrison Construction appointed as lead contractor

Morrison Construction, part of the Galliford Try group, has been successful in its bid for the wind farm civil engineering and electrical contract. Their appointment means that the construction phase of the project can be developed and planned in detail.

From their base in Inverness, the team is headed by Ian Johnson, Contracts Manager. Ian is joined by local Simon Hayes, Senior Design Co-ordinator who lives in Edderton. The third key member of the Morrison team is Senior Site Manager, Andy Bailey.

Working closely with Morrison Construction will be Resident Engineer and Site Representative Steve Donoghue. Employed by Natural Power and representing E.ON, Steve will be the main contact on site. His role is to oversee the day to day execution of the project by Morrison Construction and to deal with any issues as they arise.

Turbine installation at Butterwick Moor Wind Farm, County Durham



Access route for turbine deliveries

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Community issues

We've set up a £10K Community Projects Fund

We're pleased to announce the provision of a community projects fund of £10,000 a year during construction. In addition, we'll be supporting the 2011 Lairg Mayfest and the 2012 Rosehall May Community Day with a donation of £2,000 each.

The funding, which starts in January 2011, will be separate from any future Community Benefits Fund. Applications are invited from established community based organisations or community led projects that can demonstrate compliance with relevant Health & Safety requirements. Projects must not be to the detriment of E.ON Climate & Renewables or renewable energy. The limit per award is £1,000 and all successful applicants will be required to submit an invoice for the requisite amount.

Funding requests, stating the level of grant being applied for, should be emailed to:

Liz Fraser, Community Group
Liaison Secretary
liz@quietstorm-marketing.co.uk

Please provide full project details, including how the award would be used.

The Sika trail winter closure

After consultation with the Rosehall and District Action Group, it was agreed to close the Sika trail to the public over the winter to facilitate forestry clearance operations. Signage has been in place advising of the public access closure, on safety grounds. Initially planned until April 2011, the closure may be extended for a further month in order to build the Sika trail diversion.

Community liaison group representative change

Tony Gibbs has, for personal reasons, stepped down from the group. We wish him well and welcome Doreen Gibbs as the new representative for Ardgay & District Community Council.

Our renewables commitment

In Scotland, we currently own and operate two onshore wind farms, Deucheran Hill in Kintyre and Bowbeat in the Scottish Borders, as well as a biomass plant at Steven's Croft in Lockerbie. We've recently finished building the first offshore wind farm in Scottish waters, Robin Rigg, in the Solway Firth. A further onshore wind farm, Camster in Caithness, is now in construction.

Contact us

If you require further information about the Rosehall Wind Farm or have any queries, please contact our local representative, Liz Fraser on 0800 0569 090 or email rosehall@eon-uk.com

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