

Rosehall Wind Farm Community Newsletter

Welcome to the first Rosehall Wind Farm Community Newsletter. We hope you will find the newsletter informative as it keeps you up to date with progress of Rosehall Wind Farm.

The quarterly newsletter will be distributed via Council Service Points in Lairg and Bonar Bridge, Rogart village shop and Rosehall Post Office. Copies can also be obtained from members of the Rosehall Wind Farm Community Liaison Group (see below).

The Rosehall Wind Farm community liaison group

The inaugural meeting of the Rosehall Wind Farm community liaison group was held at Lairg on 4 March 2010. The group which meets on a quarterly basis, acts as a forum

for the discussion and exchange of information between the local community, E.ON, its representatives and statutory public bodies. The latest meeting was held on 8

June 2010. Local representatives on the group

are: Colin Gilmour (Rosehall Action Group), David Walker (Lairg Community Council), Tony Gibb (Ardgay & District Community Council), Hector Maclennan (Lairg Community Council), John White (Creich Community Council), Russell Taylor (Creich Community Council), Peter Campbell (Creich Community Council).

The date of the next meeting is 28 September 2010.

If you have a specific issue or concern you wish to raise, please contact Chairman, Colin Gilmour
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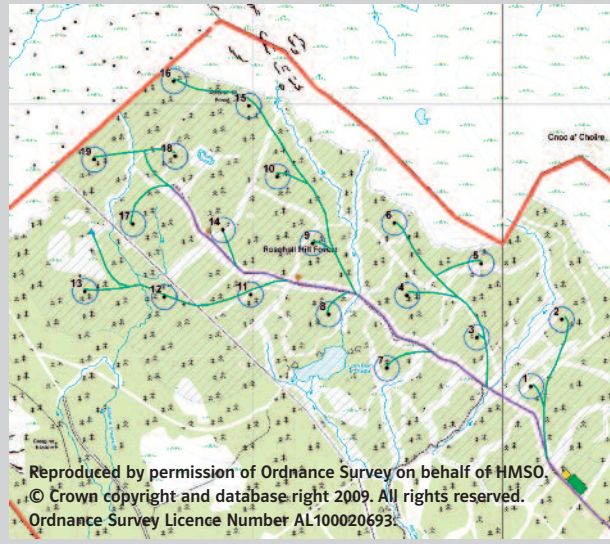
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Our Deucheran Hill wind farm, near Carradale, Kintyre.



Rosehall wind farm site layout



Detailed site layout showing turbine locations

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Project description

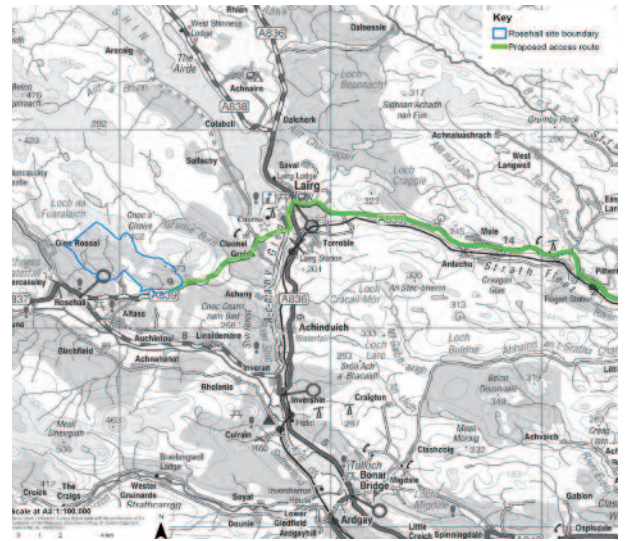
Key facts	
Project scope:	19 x 1.3MW turbines
Turbine heights:	Up to 59m to hub, 90m to blade tip
Total power:	24.7MW
Location:	2.5 km north east of Rosehall
Equivalent electricity:	Generates electricity for the estimated equivalent of 13,000* households a year**
Carbon savings:	Around 27,000+ tonnes 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. Below is the timetable as at July 2010.

Milestones	
Felling:	March - ongoing (ban during bird breeding seasons)
Site investigation:	March - August 2010
Contract tendering:	May - September 2010
Construction:	September 2010 - July 2012
Public road works:	November/December 2010
Turbine deliveries:	January 2012 - April 2012
Grid connection:	April 2012



Access route for turbine deliveries

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Work completed so far

Forestry clearance work along the access tracks to the turbine bases started in March 2010. Work progressed well and will recommence in August following a halt during the bird breeding season. The work has been carried out, with minimal ground damage despite the site being very wet from the snow melt. We have had positive feedback from the landowners and also from RSPB who have visited the site.

Early May saw the start of geotechnical site investigation works at the turbine bases. Trial pits have been excavated and bore hole drilling is underway.

The next steps

- Forestry clearance work is scheduled to recommence at the beginning of August.
- Little other activity on site is anticipated before October/November.
- Tendering is underway to appoint a civil contractor. The aim is to award the contract by the end of September.

Community issues

Silt traps

The felling contractor will be installing new silt traps prior to the start of large scale felling (beginning of August).

Bird protection

We appreciate that bird protection is an important issue for the community and an Ecological Clerk of Works will be making regular visits to the site. This is in addition to conforming to measures in a Pre-Construction Method Statement which has been approved by Scottish Natural Heritage.

Noise control

A study of noise levels, conducted as part of the environmental impact assessment, showed the thresholds specified in the wind farm's planning conditions would not be exceeded. An explanation of the relevant

planning conditions and thresholds for the combined noise emissions of both Achany and Rosehall wind farms (with particular reference to how it may affect the Durcha community) has been detailed to the community liaison group.

Sika Trail

The Sika Trail, part of the Rosehall Trails' network, currently remains open to users. However at some stages of construction it may be necessary to close that part of it which runs through the site for safety reasons. We will post notices when the planned closure will take place.

A839 upgrade

The next issue of the newsletter should contain details about the timings and anticipated extent of the upgrade works.

Community benefits

We will provide a wind farm community fund over the project's life time. Discussions are underway with representatives from the local community and we're holding discussions with the Scottish Community Foundation to administer the fund on behalf of the community. NB: Scottish Community Foundation currently manages and administers the Achany Community Benefit Fund.

We build positive long term relationships with communities close to our projects by promoting initiatives to improve the local environment. We also support educational programmes in local schools to raise awareness of energy issues.

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 renewable energy plant at Steven's Croft in Lockerbie. We've recently completed construction of the first offshore wind farm in Scottish waters, Robin Rigg, in the Solway Firth. A further onshore wind farm, Camster in Caithness, has been granted planning approval and is now in progress.

Contact us

If you require further information about the Rosehall Wind Farm or have any queries, please contact our local representative, Liz Fraser on

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or email rosehall@eon-uk.com
Updates are available at
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