



Corsbie Moor Wind Farm

Keeping you up to date with the progress of the Corsbie Moor Wind Farm proposal

Take part in the survey

We've worked with your community council to produce a brief survey which you'll find at the end of this newsletter. Please note that data collected may be made public, but is not regarded as a representation to the planning authority.

Making a representation

To formally make a representation to the planning authority, please quote application reference 11/00888/FUL and send your comments to:

Mr Carlos Clarke
Principal Planning Officer
Scottish Borders Council
Council Headquarters
Newtown St. Boswells
Melrose TD6 0SA

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If you would like to ask us any questions before making representations, please email corsbiemoor@eon-uk.com or write to:

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Please note that comments made to us are not formal representations to the Scottish Borders Council, who'll decide on the application.



Under the Data Protection Act of 1998, the personal information which you have supplied will only be used to keep you informed about our activities and for no other purpose. We will use the information you provide within this comment form to analyse and interpret the public's view of the Corsbie Moor Wind Farm proposal and shall process such information in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. Your details will not be passed on to any third parties.

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We're really keen to hear your views. Please fill in this survey and return it to us freepost. The results of this survey may be made publically available.

We've made changes to the design in response to the views of the local community and we'd like to know what you think.

- I support the proposal for Corsbie Moor Wind Farm
- I do not support the proposal for Corsbie Moor Wind Farm
- I'm undecided
- I have no opinion

Do you have any questions or comments?

Please provide your contact details for verification purposes (please print clearly)

Name

Address

Town

Postcode

Signed _____ Date _____

Email (only provide your email address if you wish to be contacted by email)

Welcome to our third newsletter updating you on the progress of our proposal and inviting you to our information sessions on 14 and 15 May 2012. This newsletter has been delivered to residents in Lauderdale, Gordon, Westruther, Earlston, Redpath, Cranshaws, Longformacus and Ellemford, and is also available on the project website at: eon-uk.com/corsbiemoor

Progress to date

In June 2011 we submitted a planning application for a wind farm comprising of 12 turbines with a maximum tip height of 126.5m, referred to as the Corsbie Moor Wind Farm. The proposed scheme will be incorporated into working farmland in the Scottish Borders on a site approximately 4.5km south-east of the Royal Burgh of Lauder and 4km north-west of the village of Gordon. Since our submission, we've carefully considered views from the local community about the proposal for the wind farm. Whilst we're pleased with the positive feedback and support expressed by many, we note that concerns have been raised by others, and we've sought to address these. Following an assessment of these concerns and extensive consultation with statutory consultees and the Scottish Borders Council, we've taken the decision to submit Supplementary Environmental Information (SEI) for a revised proposal, with a reduced number of turbines.

Revision highlights of the new scheme

We've made a number of design changes to improve the development. Overall, these changes have led to a reduction in turbines from 12 to 9. Depending on the turbine model selected, the maximum installed capacity of the revised scheme will be between 18MW and 27MW. In a typical year, we estimate the wind farm could generate enough electricity for the domestic needs of the equivalent of between 10,000 and 15,000 households.* The maximum height of the turbines could be up to 126.5m to the blade tip, as in the original application. These specifications are only indicative and the final selection of turbines will only be made if we gain consent for the scheme.

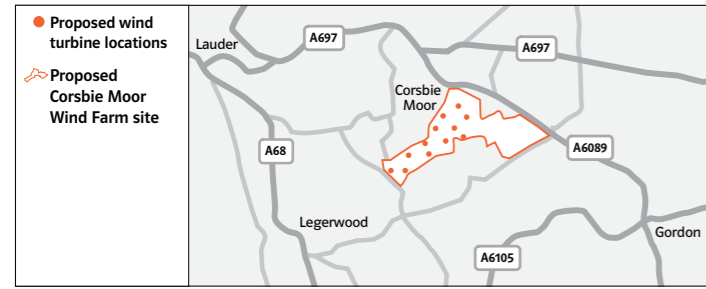
A summary of the key design changes

- The distance between the wind farm and Legerwood has been increased to 1.47km.
- The distance between the turbines and properties at Brownshall has been increased to 941m.
- Several turbines have been repositioned to reduce visibility from Blainslie, across the Leader Water Valley and the A68.
- Turbines have been moved to reduce the impact on views from Twin Law Cairns towards Eildon Hills.
- We recognise that for properties near to the wind farm, the design is of particular importance, so we've moved turbines to improve views from within a 3km radius.
- The changes to the layout have resulted in reductions in the predicted wind turbine noise, which is below noise limits at all the receptors.
- We've reduced the number of water crossings for the access tracks (from three to two), thereby minimising the likelihood of hydrological impacts during construction.
- We've positioned turbines to avoid private water supply catchment areas in the west.
- We'll upgrade and use the existing farmer's tracks at the site access point.
- In the east, we're proposing to construct a control building to house the substation. The trees near this building will be retained to provide screening.

* Based on an average annual domestic household electricity consumption of 4,700kWh, Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC).

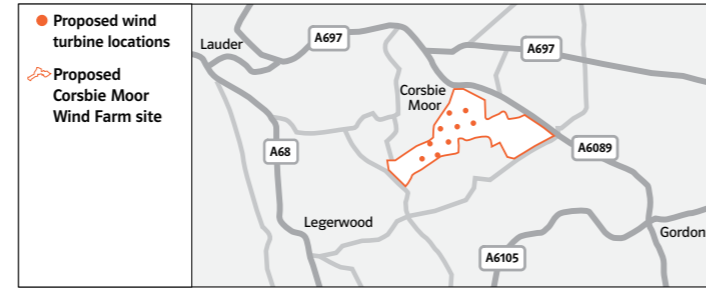
The maps below show a comparison of the original site layout and the revised proposal.

Original 12 turbine layout



Map not to scale, provides an indicative view only.

Revised 9 turbine layout



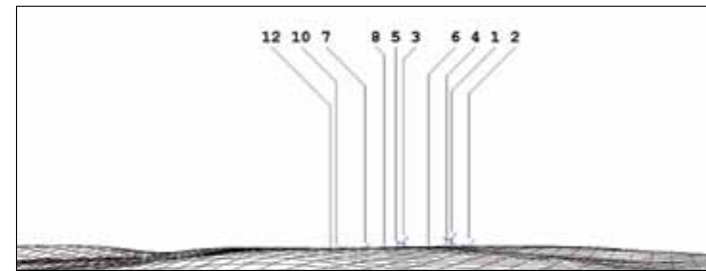
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Wireframe comparison

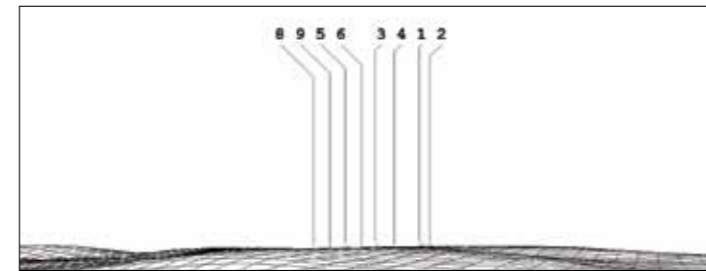
To give an impression of the visual impact of the new 9 turbine layout compared with the original 12 turbine layout, we've prepared a series of wireframes, shown below. In the Supplementary Environmental Information (SEI) we also present the effects on views from the Southern Upland Way, key roads and tourist attractions.

View from South Blainslie

Before: 12 turbine layout from South Blainslie

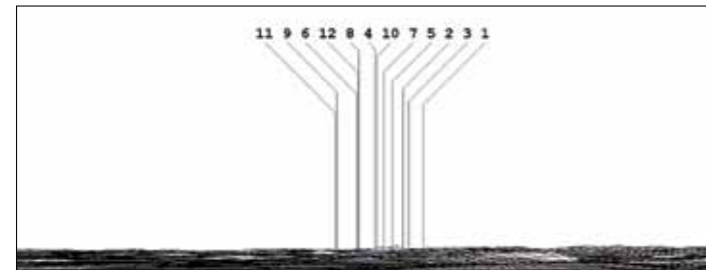


After: 9 turbine layout from South Blainslie

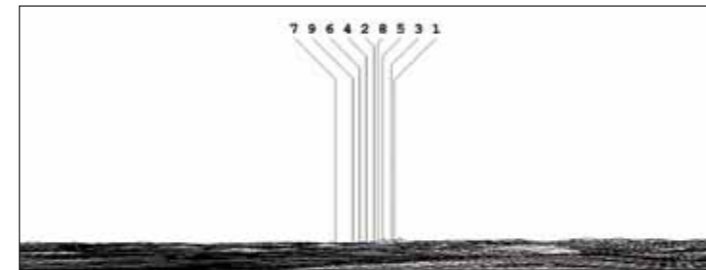


View from Twin Law Cairns towards Eildon Hills

Before: 12 turbine layout from Twin Law Cairns

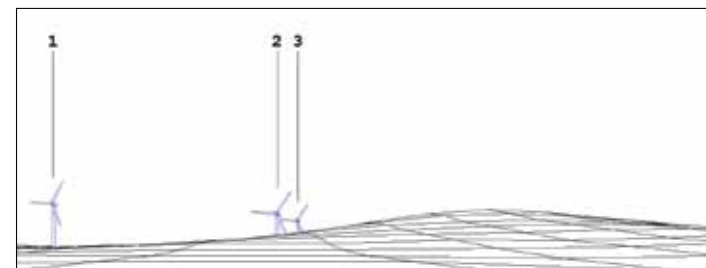


After: 9 turbine layout from Twin Law Cairns

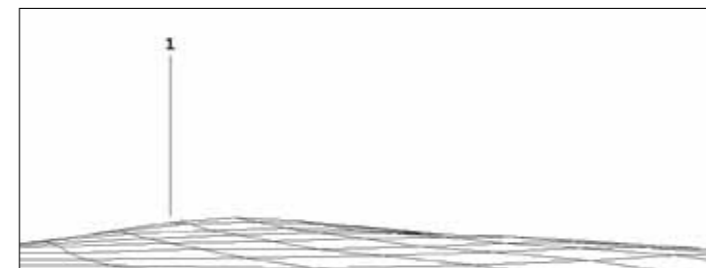


View from Legerwood crossroads

Before: 12 turbine layout from Legerwood crossroads

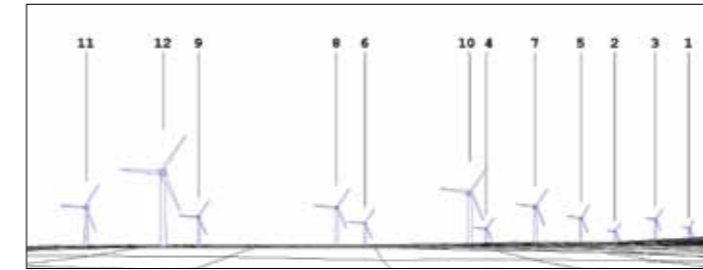


After: 9 turbine layout from Legerwood crossroads

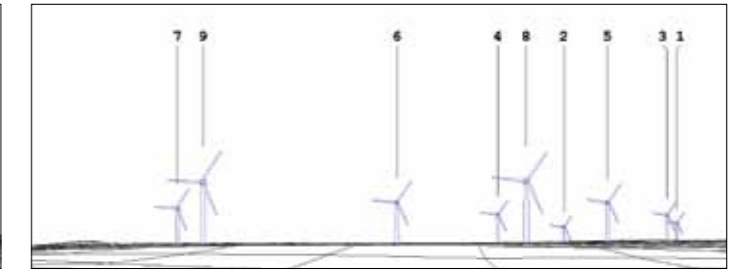


View from A6089, Gordon Road, north of Corsbie Moor

Before: 12 turbine layout from A6089, Gordon Road, north of Corsbie Moor



After: 9 turbine layout from A6089, Gordon Road, north of Corsbie Moor



Next steps

We're submitting SEI for the revised scheme comprising of 9 turbines. The SEI considers the impact that the revised Corsbie Moor Wind Farm has with other wind farm development proposals that are currently in the planning system, have been awarded consent or are operational.

We'll be holding two information sessions to show the local community plans and photomontages of the revised scheme. You'll also have the opportunity to talk with the project team about the design changes. Details of the sessions are below:

➔ **Monday 14 May, 4pm-8pm**

Westruther Village Hall
Westruther
TD3 6NR

➔ **Tuesday 15 May, 4pm-8pm**

Lauderdale Hotel
1 Edinburgh Road
Lauder
TD2 6TW

Community benefits

In December 2010, we started engaging with local community councils on the community fund associated with the proposal. Community funds are voluntary contributions made by the developer/operator and aren't considered in the planning decision. In September 2011, we signed a memorandum of understanding to provide 1.9% of the wind farm's annual revenue to the community council regions of Lauderdale, Gordon and Westruther, and Earlston. Depending on the turbine model selected, we estimate that this will equate to £5,000 for each installed megawatt (MW). It will be up to the local community to decide on the best way to use this money and how the fund should be administered. The full agreement is yet to be finalised and we'd ask you to contact your community council if you want to get involved in designing how the fund would be managed.



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