

Paul's Hill II Wind Farm

Pre-Application Consultation Report

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1. Introduction

- 1.1.1. This report provides a description of the pre-application consultation undertaken for the proposed Paul's Hill II Wind Farm (herein referred to as the proposed development) located approximately 5 km west of Upper Knockando in Moray.
- 1.1.2. This Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) Report has been prepared to accompany the submission of an application by Paul's Hill II Limited under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 for the construction of a wind farm comprising of up to 7 wind turbines, which will act as an extension to the existing Paul's Hill Wind Farm. The grid coordinates for the centre of the site is 313664 841371. There will be a mixture of turbine sizes at the proposed development; 6 turbines of an overall height from base to tip not exceeding 149.9 m on and 1 turbine of an overall height from base to tip not exceeding 134 m.
- 1.1.3. The proposed development application also includes external transformer housing, site tracks, crane pads, foundations, underground electricity cables, substation control building and temporary construction and storage compounds, 2 borrow pits, associated works/infrastructure and Health and Safety sign posting around the site (see Chapter 4: Description of Development in Volume 2 of the ES).

2. The Applicant

- 2.1.1. Paul's Hill II Limited is a subsidiary company of Fred.Olsen Renewables Ltd (FORL). FORL has been developing and operating wind farms since the mid 1990's and is fully committed to the Scottish and UK renewable energy generation market, with an operational portfolio generating a capacity of over 508 MW. In the UK FORL has a total of six operational wind farms, including Paul's Hill and Rothes I and II Wind Farms in the Moray area.

3. Legislative Context

- 3.1.1. As the proposed development is an extension to an existing Section 36 development at Paul's Hill (exceeding 50 MW's) the scheme requires consent from the Scottish Government under Section 36 of The Electricity Act 1989 and involves the Scottish Government considering the arguments for and against the proposed development before determining an application and awarding any consent.
- 3.1.2. The application also seeks deemed planning permission granted by the Scottish Government under section 57 (2) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, as amended by the Town and Country Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006, allowing for the grant of deemed planning permission for generating schemes, including ancillary development, when consent is granted under the Electricity Act 1989. Although the determining authority in this instance is therefore the Scottish Government, Schedule 8 of the Act requires the relevant local planning authorities are consulted on planning matters.

4. Overview of Public Consultation Legislation

- 4.1.1. The Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006 places an emphasis on consulting those affected by new developments, and requires those planning "major" developments to formally engage with prescribed Community Councils and local communities, to advertise and hold at least one public exhibition and to submit a Pre-Application Community Consultation (PAC) report with their planning application.
- 4.1.2. The revised planning legislation in Scotland is designed to make the pre-application stage of the planning system more inclusive and accessible to everyone, regardless of age, gender, or cultural background. It is also designed to ensure greater openness and accountability in the development process.

- 4.1.3. Although a Section 36 consent application is not subject to a statutory requirement for public pre-application consultation, Paul's Hill II Limited is applying the legislation (and related guidance) as good practice operating guidelines and recognise the benefits in carrying out early consultation, to all concerned parties. In addition, Paul's Hill II Limited consider it an integral element of the iterative public consultation process.
- 4.1.4. Accordingly, in line with the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2013, the consultation guidelines followed on this project include:
- Every Community Council whose area is within or adjoins the application site must be consulted.
 - The consultation must include at least one public event where members of the public are able to make comments to the applicant on the development.
 - Details of the proposal and consultation must be published in a local newspaper at least seven days prior to the event and include the location and description of development, details as to where further information can be obtained, date and place of the event, a statement explaining how and by when persons wishing to make comment to the prospective applicant relating to the proposal may do so and a statement that comments made to the prospective applicant are not representations to the planning authority.
 - Consultations must be carried out in a manner that provides genuine opportunities for members of the public to engage with applicants.
 - The consultation should be a meaningful engagement with those who can represent the community's views, and should offer the opportunity to mitigate negative impacts and misunderstandings and deal with those community issues that can be addressed. The developer must also submit a Pre-Application Community Consultation (PAC) Report with the planning application detailing the consultation undertaken and any changes made to the proposal as a result.

5. Process for Community Consultation

- 5.1.1. The Scottish Government's Planning Advice Note (PAN) 3/2010 – Community Engagement Planning with People, provides guidelines for Pre-Application Consultation. PAN 3/2010 stipulates that community engagement should be meaningful and proportionate, and take place at an early stage to influence the shape of proposals. PAN 3/2010 uses the National Standards for Community Engagement, developed by Communities Scotland, as its structure. This provides a useful framework to help plan, monitor and evaluate community engagement and sets out ten standards which are intended as best practice guidance:
- Standard 1: Involvement; identify and involve people and organisations who have an interest in the focus of the engagement.
 - Standard 2: Support; identify and overcome barriers to involvement.
 - Standard 3: Planning; gather evidence of need and resources to agree purpose, scope and actions.
 - Standard 4: Methods; agree and use methods of engagement that are fit for purpose.
 - Standard 5: Working together; agree and use clear procedures that enable participants to work together efficiently and effectively.
 - Standard 6: Sharing information; ensure necessary information is communicated between participants.
 - Standard 7: Working with others; work effectively with others with an interest.
 - Standard 8: Improvement; develop the skills, knowledge and confidence of the participants.
 - Standard 9: Feedback; feed results back to the wider community and agencies affected.

- Standard 10: Monitoring and evaluation; monitor and evaluate whether engagement achieves its purpose and meets the national standards for community engagement.

6. Consultation Activities

- 6.1.1. Engagement with consultees commenced prior to scoping in October 2016. In accordance with the Scoping Guidelines provided by the Scottish Government's Energy Consents and Deployment Unit, Natural Power undertook an initial pre-scoping meeting with The Energy Consents and Deployment Unit (ECDU) on the 7th December 2016 on behalf of Paul's Hill II Limited. Also present at the meeting were Moray Council (MC), Cairngorms National Park Authority (CNPA), Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH), Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA) and Forestry Commission Scotland (FCS).
- 6.1.2. Natural Power also had a gatecheck meeting with the ECDU on the 12th January 2018 to review the scoping responses received, provide details of the consultations undertaken and discuss the ES to be submitted. Also present at the meeting were Moray Council (MC), Cairngorms National Park Authority (CNPA), Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH). SEPA, Historic Environment Scotland (HES) and FCS were invited to the meeting, although were unable to attend.
- 6.1.3. A scoping report was then submitted on the 23rd May 2017 and formal consultation responses were then received. A summary of the consultation responses is set out in Chapter 3: Introduction, in Volume 2 of the ES. The full Paul's Hill II Scoping Opinion received from the Scottish Government is presented in Technical Appendix 1.2.

7. Statutory Consultees

- 7.1.1. Statutory consultees were consulted as part of the formal scoping process and throughout the EIA process. These included The Moray Council (TMC), Cairngorms National Park Authority (CNPA), Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA), Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) and Historic Environment Scotland (HES). Summary details of the statutory consultees responses are provided in Chapter 3: Site Selection & Evolution, in Volume 2 of the ES.
- 7.1.2. Community Council's as Statutory Consultees were also consulted and details are provided in Sections 10 to 13.

8. Non-Statutory Consultees

- 8.1.1. Non-statutory consultees were consulted as part of the formal scoping process and where required throughout the EIA process. These include:
- Forestry Commission (Scotland);
 - Marine Scotland;
 - Transport Scotland;
 - Spey Fishery Board;
 - BT;
 - Crown Estate;
 - Civil Aviation Authority (CAA);
 - Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO);
 - Joint Radio Company (JRC);
 - NATS Safeguarding;

- RSPB Scotland;
- Mountaineering Council of Scotland;
- Scottish Water;
- Visit Scotland;
- John Muir Trust;
- Scottish Wild Land Group;
- Scottish Wildlife Trust;
- BAA (Aerodrome Safeguarding);
- Scottish Rights of Ways and Access Society;
- Garden History Society;
- Highland Gliding Club;
- OFCOM;
- Atkins Global.

9. Communities Consulted

- 9.1.1. The proposed development is located entirely within the boundary of Moray Council. There are seven communities which have been consulted as part of the scoping process. These are represented by a variety of organisations including Community Councils, Community Associations, Community Trust's and Village Council's. The communities consulted include Cromdale and Advie Community Council, Ineravon and Glenlivet Community Council, Knockando Community Trust, Carron Village, Archiestown Village Council, Aberlour Community Association and Edinville Community Association. Since the scoping report has been submitted, another Community Council has been formed, known as Speyside Community Council. Speyside Community Council have now been added to the consultation list.
- 9.1.2. Natural Power have communicated with all communities (see Appendix A) and have liaised extensively with Aberlour Community Association and Knockando Community Trust during the scoping and post scoping period, ensuring that they were fully informed of the proposed development at an early stage and that they received appropriate notification regarding public exhibitions.

10. Public Exhibitions

- 10.1.1. Public exhibitions were held on the 8th and 9th of November at Fleming Hall, Aberlour and Margach Hall, Knockando respectively. A total of 24 members of the public attended the public exhibition in Aberlour on the 8th November. A total of 10 members of the public attended the public exhibition in Knockando on the 9th November. Prior to the public exhibition, a public notice (see Appendix B) was published in the Northern Scot, which appeared on the 27th October 2017. An A3 poster (Appendix C) for the public exhibition was also displayed in several locations in Aberlour and Knockando prior to the public exhibitions. Representatives from Aberlour Community Association and Knockando Community Trust also sent email notifications around to members of their groups and to other community organisations informing them of the public exhibitions.
- 10.1.2. Telephone and email communications were also made to the other community council's and organisations listed in 10.1.1 with the offer of providing presentations to communities if required.
- 10.1.3. A public exhibition notice advertised within the Northern Scot on the 27th October 2017 also provided an email address so that readers could contact Fred. Olsen Renewables Ltd if they had any comments relating to the proposed development.

- 10.1.4. A public exhibition flier was created for the events for attendees to take away. This is shown in Appendix D.

11. Feedback from the Consultation Process

- 11.1.1. A total of 34 adults attended the two public exhibitions on the 8th and 9th November 2017, all but two who filled in the questionnaire were members of the local community residing within 10 km of the proposed development.
- 11.1.2. The survey respondents were generally very supportive of wind energy development in Moray and most were in support of this particular development. Only one response was against the development and two responses expressed concern about the potential disruption to access to their properties during the delivery of turbines and construction.
- 11.1.3. Feedback on the standard of presentation and helpfulness of the project information advisers present at the exhibition was positive and both signalled their satisfaction that sufficient information was supplied to understand what the proposed development entails. Only one person did not agree that the exhibition was useful/helpful.
- 11.1.4. The main concern raised at the public exhibition and in survey responses was the cumulative impact of the wind farms in the area, if all wind farms in planning and at the scoping stage were to get approval. There were also some concerns raised by some local residents as to the proximity of the wind farm to their properties and the potential visual, noise and other impacts. These matters are fully addressed in the ES.
- 11.1.5. The majority of respondents to the survey were in support of wind power in Moray if such developments are appropriately sited.
- 11.1.6. Positive feedback was also received at the public consultation events including the positive economic impact that wind farms create such as potential work for local businesses. Indeed, there was a representative from Leiths (Scotland) Ltd that attended the exhibition. Leiths operate a number of quarries in the area and could potentially benefit with the sale and transport of aggregate during the construction of the wind farm.

12. Further Community Consultation

- 12.1.1. Communities have continued to be informed about the progress of the development up until the lead up to submission. The latest communication (see Appendix E) included a copy of the ES on Memory Stick and a hard copy of the Non-Technical Summary, which included the development plan area.
- 12.1.2. In addition, Natural Power on behalf of Paul's Hill II Limited sent a letter (see Appendix F) prior to submission to all local residents who have expressed an interest in the proposed development and who attended the public exhibition and left their contact details, which notified them that the application/ES has been submitted and how this can be accessed.

13. Evaluation of Consultation Process

- 13.1.1. The level of public consultation for the proposed development has met the national standards for community engagement while being in proportion with the size and nature of the proposed development. This is shown in Table 1: Evaluation of Consultation Process below.

Table 1: Evaluation of Consultation Process

National Standard	Example
1. Involvement	<p>The community councils for each area surrounding the proposed development were identified and contacted with information on the proposed development.</p> <p>Public exhibition was undertaken in Aberlour and Knockando on the 8th and 9th November 2017.</p> <p>An update letter was sent out prior to submission to all members of the local community who expressed an interest in the proposed development and who attended the public exhibition and left their contact details.</p>
2. Support	<p>The exhibition was advertised in the Northern Scot on the 27th October 2017 and by poster around the local area seven days prior to the exhibition taking place.</p> <p>Community organisations were notified of the exhibition location and dates and provided with posters to advertise the event.</p>
3. Planning	<p>The scope of the community consultation was set out in the Scoping Report, the Pre-Gate Check Report and updated Pre-Gate Check Report submitted to ECDU, MC, CNPA, SEPA and SNH and no specific issues were raised regarding community involvement. No further comment was received regarding community consultation following the gatecheck meeting in January 2018.</p>
4. Methods	<p>The method used to engage with the local community using public exhibition, surveys and ongoing updates from Natural Power has been used successfully to open up a dialogue with the local community.</p> <p>Information on how to contact the project team has been available on all advertisements throughout the process.</p>
5. Working together	<p>The scope of consultation was set out in the Scoping Report, the Pre-Gate Check Report and updated Pre-Gate Check Report with no concerns raised by ECDU, MC, CNPA, SEPA or SNH.</p>
6. Sharing information	<p>The materials exhibited at the public event covered all aspects of the proposed development and members of the project team were in attendance to guide attendees through the proposed development details and answer any questions.</p> <p>Up to date information has been made available upon request throughout the process.</p>
7. Working with others	<p>Community Councils have been engaged early in the process to communicate the project timeline.</p>
8. Improvement	<p>Discussions took place with attendees at the public exhibition about how they could get involved in the planning process with this and other proposed developments.</p>
9. Feedback	<p>This PAC report provides a comprehensive account of the processes and methods employed and details of comments and feedback received throughout the pre-application consultation process.</p> <p>The information provided at the public exhibition has been presented with transparency and integrity.</p>
10. Monitoring and evaluation	<p>The consultation process was monitored to assess its effectiveness in the context of the scale and nature of the proposed development.</p> <p>As demonstrated in this table and PAC report the pre-application consultation process undertaken for the proposed development has been evaluated against and meets the national standard for community engagement in the context of the scale and nature of the proposed development.</p>

14. Design Iterations

- 14.1.1. Feedback received from consultations informed the iterative design of the proposed development. The various iterations of the layout and details of the factors influencing the layout are provided in Chapter 3: Site Selection and Design Evolution.

15. Pre-Scoping

- 15.1.1. The responses received raised a number of specific issues such as transportation of large turbine components and ensuring infrastructure avoids water courses and water course buffers as far as is practical. Responses also included a large number of generic issues and the need to address them during the development process. These responses guided the formulation of the scoping layout presented in the scoping report (see Appendix 1.1, in Volume 4 of the ES).

16. Scoping

- 16.1.1. A scoping report was submitted in May 2017 and formal consultation responses were then received. Each of the consultee responses have been addressed through an iterative Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process and will be detailed within the chapters of the ES to which they relate. Within the relevant chapters it will be detailed how the responses were addressed as the proposed development has progressed. Table 3.1 in Chapter 3: Site Selection & Design Evolution, of the ES also details all the scoping response and details how these have been addressed within the ES.
- 16.1.2. While a number of consultees did not provide a response to the scoping document, it is noted that the majority of those consulted did respond and their comments have been taken into account in the design process and production of the ES.

17. Conclusions

- 17.1.1. The pre-application consultation carried out by Natural Power for the proposed development was open, transparent and in keeping with the Government's guidelines under PAN 3/2010.
- 17.1.2. Natural Power acting on behalf of Paul's Hill II Limited has, as part of this proposed development, engaged with the local community through the relevant community council's/organisations and via public exhibitions. This has allowed the communities to be informed about the proposed development and for the Applicant to respond directly to any concerns that they have in connection with the proposed development.
- 17.1.3. Communications with Statutory Consultees, Non-Statutory Consultees and with communities will continue as the development progresses, and the aim of the applicant will be to provide information as requested and address any concerns as and when they arise.

Appendix A: Copy of Letter Sent with Scoping Report

5 May 2017

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Dear «Contact»,

ELECTRICITY ACT 1989 THE ELECTRICITY WORKS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2000 SCOPING OPINION REQUEST FOR PROPOSED SECTION 36 APPLICATION FOR PAUL'S HILL II WIND FARM

Natural Power, on behalf of Fred Olsen Renewables Ltd (FORL) submitted a Scoping report for Paul's Hill II Wind Farm in Moray to the Energy Consents and Deployment Unit (ECDU) on Tuesday 9 May 2017. Natural Power is managing the application on behalf of FORL. Please find enclosed a CD copy of the Scoping Report enclosed.

Under regulation 7 of the Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2000 Scottish Ministers are required to consult the specified statutory bodies (and other interested parties) as to their views on the information which ought to be provided in the Environmental Statement; the scoping process enables this consultation to happen.

The ECDU will be in touch within the next three weeks, requesting a formal scoping opinion, detailing the time limit for responses, should you like to submit one. The scoping report is comprised of a series of questions, which may help form the basis of a response.

The proposed turbines Paul's Hill II Wind Farm development will be sited in close proximity to the existing Paul's Hill wind farm and by careful and well thought out design it is believed that the extension will not add significantly to the visual presence of turbines in the area. Indeed, it will be the aim that the turbines will be located so that they are perceived in conjunction with the existing wind turbines.

Further to this, FORL's unique position to readily make use of existing infrastructure will ensure that minimum disturbance to the environment will occur during the construction, operation and ultimately the decommissioning of the wind farm.

Please find a very brief summary of the development below:

The proposed development is for a wind farm comprising of up to 7 wind turbines with an overall height from base to tip not exceeding 149.9 m. Other infrastructure includes external transformer housing, site tracks, foundations, underground electricity cables, borrow pits, crane pads, temporary construction and storage compounds and associated works/infrastructure. This proposed development will make use of the substation and control building

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(housing switchgear and metering) and operations building that are already present directly adjacent to the proposed site at the existing Paul's Hill Wind Farm.

As far as possible, the proposed development will also utilise existing tracks which will help minimise potential effects on the local environment. The proposed development will be complementary in design to the existing and consented developments at Paul's Hill and the surrounding area.

I trust the above is satisfactory, but if you should require any further information please let me know, likewise if you require a hard copy of this document (or any of the associated figures) please let me know and I will organise this being sent out to you.

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Yours Sincerely

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Appendix B: Copy of Public Notice Published in the Northern Scot on the 27th of October 2017

 **Fred. Olsen Renewables**

Notice of Public Exhibition: Paul's Hill II wind farm

Paul's Hill II Ltd. (a Fred. Olsen Renewables Ltd. company) would like to present a proposed 7 turbine extension to the Paul's Hill Wind Farm, located on the hills of Carn na Dubh-chlais near Upper Knockando in Moray. We are committed to Scotland's ambitious renewable energy targets and always aim to work with local stakeholders through public exhibitions and consultations.

Date: **8th November 2017**
Time: 15:30 - 20:30
Venue: **Aberlour Fleming Hall**, Queen's Road,
Aberlour, Moray, AB38 9PR

Date: **9th November 2017**
Time: 15:30 - 20:30
Venue: **Knockando Margach Hall**, Knockando,
Moray, AB38 7RX

The public exhibition will be in the form of an informal drop-in session. Our team will be on hand to answer any questions you may have. Any comments relating to the proposal may be made by email to press@fredolsen.co.uk by the end of December 2017.

Please note that any such comments made to Paul's Hill II Ltd. are not representations to the consenting authority. If Paul's Hill II Ltd. submits an application, there will be an opportunity to make representations on that application to the consenting authority.

For further information please visit:

fredolsenrenewables.com/windfarms/pauls-hill-ii

for further information
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fredolsenrenewables.co.uk

Appendix C: Public Exhibition Poster Displayed in Aberlour and Knockando



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We invite you to attend our public exhibition which will take place on the following dates and specified locations:

Date: **8th November 2017**
Time: 15:30 - 20:30
Venue: **Aberlour Fleming Hall,**
Queen's Road, Aberlour,
Moray AB38 9PR

Date: **9th November 2017**
Time: 15:30 - 20:30
Venue: **Knockando Margach Hall,**
• Knockando,
Moray AB38 7RX



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Further information on the project can be found at:
fredolsenrenewables.com/windfarms/pauls-hill-ii

for more information
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Paul's Hill II Wind Farm

About the Developer

The wind farm is being proposed by Paul's Hill II Limited, a company wholly owned by Fred. Olsen Renewables Limited (FORL). FORL has been developing and operating wind farms in the UK since the mid 1990's demonstrating long term commitment to the renewable energy generation market. FORL uses Natural Power as its lead consultant on all its projects in the UK, including Paul's Hill Wind Farm.



The Proposed Development

The proposed development is located on the hills of Cam na Dubh-chlais, approximately 7 km west of Upper Knockando in Moray. It is located to the east of the existing Paul's Hill Wind Farm which comprises of 28 turbines and has been operational since 2006.

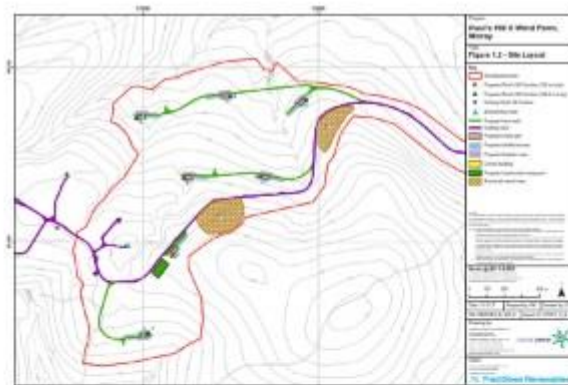
The proposed development will comprise 7 turbines:

- 6 of these will be up to 149.9 m
- 1 will be up to 134 m

The existing infrastructure and access tracks from the existing Paul's Hill Wind Farm will be utilised as far as possible.

Associated infrastructure will include: site tracks; temporary construction and storage compounds; underground electricity cables; external transformer housing; crane pads; foundations; borrow pits and an extension to the existing substation.

The proposed development is due to be connected to the grid in 2021.



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Environmental and Social Considerations

When developing a wind farm, it is a requirement to assess a range of potential environmental and social issues to ensure the environment is protected and potential social impacts are considered. For Paul's Hill II Wind Farm the following potential impacts will be considered in the written Environmental Statement: landscape and visual; ecology; ornithology; cultural heritage; hydrology, geology and hydrogeology, aviation and existing infrastructure; traffic and transport; and human health and population.

The Environmental Statement will be freely accessible for public viewing.

Community Benefit

There will be community benefits associated with the proposed wind farm in terms of community benefit payments and work available for local businesses. Local businesses that can potentially benefit from the development include construction sub-contractors, local suppliers and local facilities such as hotels, restaurants and pubs. There will also be the opportunity for operational employment.

Community benefit payments from the existing Paul's Hill Wind Farm have funded a variety of projects in the nearby communities of Knockando, Aberlour, Cromdale and Advie, Edirville, Glenlivet and Inveravon, Archiestown and Carron. These include, for example:

- Community hall improvements
- Social events
- Admin costs for Speyside community car share scheme
- Upgrade of facilities
- Playgroup equipment and running costs
- Road and bridge improvements
- Transportation for community events
- Community broadband scheme
- Replacement fencing at Aberlour Tennis Club
- Equipment for schools and community centres
- Fabrication and installation of artwork at Speyside High School
- Pipe band uniforms and equipment



FORL's contribution to National Targets

FORL's combined Scottish onshore operating wind farm capacity of 508 MW equates to approximately 5% of the country's total wind capacity. If the Paul's Hill II Wind Farm is consented, the combined Paul's Hill Wind Farm will contribute nearly 1% of the country's total wind capacity.

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Appendix E: Letter of Notification to Community Organisations

28 March 2018



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Dear CC Consultee,

APPLICATION FOR THE PROPOSED PAUL'S HILL II WIND FARM, NEAR UPPER KNOCKANDO, MORAY UNDER THE ELECTRICITY ACT 1989; THE ELECTRICITY WORKS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2000; AND DEEMED CONSENT UNDER THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

Natural Power, on behalf of Paul's Hill II Limited (a wholly owned subsidiary company of Fred.Olsen Renewables Ltd) submitted, on 29th March 2018, an Application Letter and associated Environmental Statement (ES) for the proposed Paul's Hill II Wind Farm in Moray to the Energy Consents and Deployment Unit (ECDU). Natural Power is managing the application on behalf of Paul's Hill II Limited. Please find enclosed a memory stick containing the whole ES and a hard copy of the Non-Technical Summary (NTS).

Paul's Hill II Limited has applied under the Electricity Act 1989 and The Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment)(Scotland) Regulations 2000 as this is Section 36 Application.

Paul's Hill II Limited has also applied for a direction under Section 57(2) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 that planning permission for the development be deemed to be granted.

A copy of the Application Letter and the Environmental Statement discussing the Company's proposals in detail and presenting an analysis of the environmental implications, are available for public inspection in person, free of charge, during normal office hours at:

Location	Opening Hours	Address
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Yours sincerely,



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Appendix F: Letter of Notification to Local Residents

28 March 2018



Local Resident Consultee

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Dear Local Resident,

APPLICATION FOR THE PROPOSED PAUL'S HILL II WIND FARM, NEAR UPPER KNOCKANDO, MORAY UNDER THE ELECTRICITY ACT 1989; THE ELECTRICITY WORKS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2000; AND DEEMED CONSENT UNDER THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

As you have previously expressed an interest in the proposed Paul's Hill II Wind Farm, this is a letter to formally notify you that Natural Power, on behalf of Paul's Hill II Limited (a wholly owned subsidiary company of Fred.Olsen Renewables Ltd) submitted, on 29th March 2018, an Application Letter and associated Environmental Statement (ES) for the proposed Paul's Hill II Wind Farm in Moray to the Energy Consents and Deployment Unit (ECDU). Natural Power is managing the application on behalf of Paul's Hill II Limited.

Paul's Hill II Limited has applied under the Electricity Act 1989 and The Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment)(Scotland) Regulations 2000 as this is Section 36 Application.

Paul's Hill II Limited has also applied for a direction under Section 57(2) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 that planning permission for the development be deemed to be granted.

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