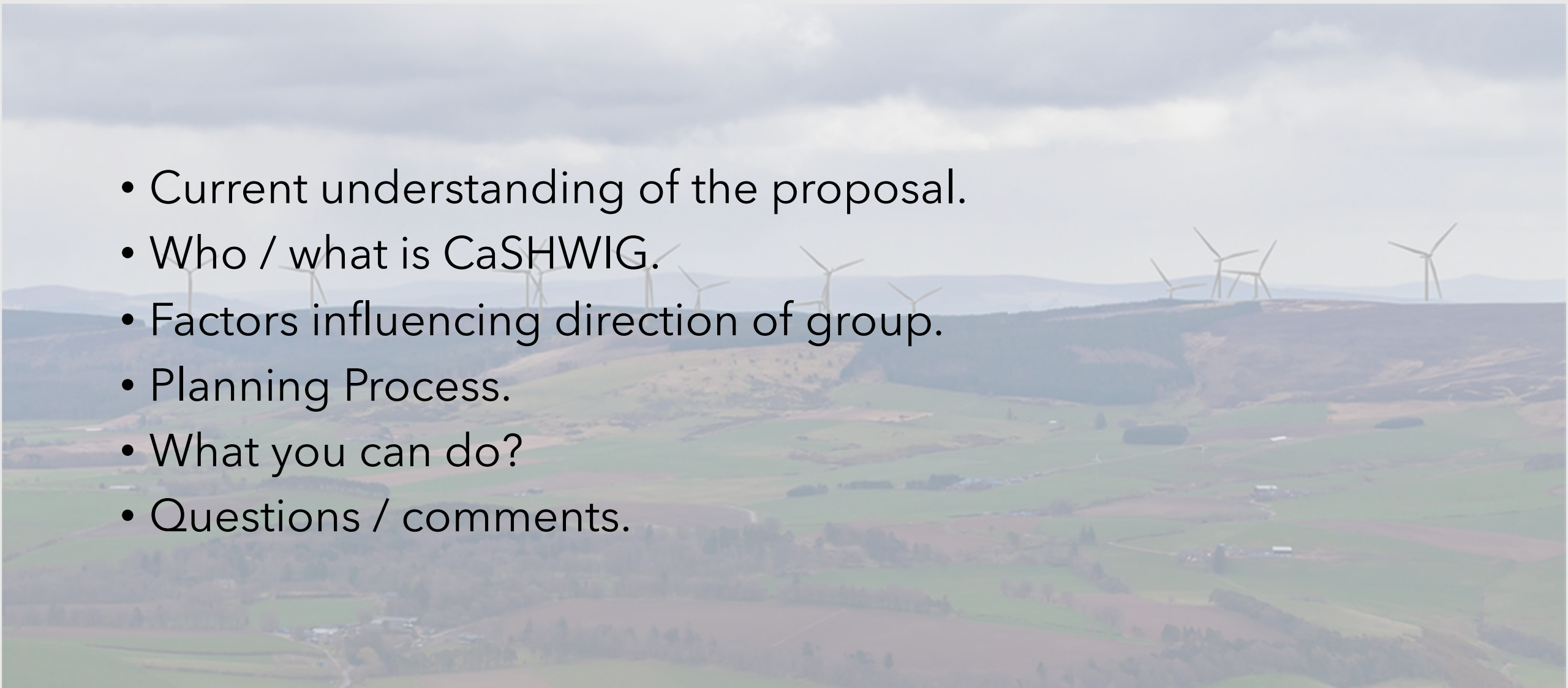


Correen Hills Windfarm



An update from **CaSHWIG** Tullynessle Hall 12th June



- 
- Current understanding of the proposal.
 - Who / what is CaSHWIG.
 - Factors influencing direction of group.
 - Planning Process.
 - What you can do?
 - Questions / comments.



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Presentation



The information presented based upon the information currently lodged on publicly available websites, along with other communications.



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Correen Hills Proposal

- Original documents - 14 turbines each 200m high,
 - (now advised 8 turbines 200m high with two more 180m high)
- with a possible 50MW battery facility.
- 100MW generating capacity
 - (Bennachie and TON CCs now advised much less than that, circa 70MW).
- Indicated that transportation will be from the north.
- Informed that power exported to proposed Craigwatch Windfarm (Cabrach Road, 8km from Dufftown).

All photomontages are using approved LVIA techniques and are based upon the 14 turbines as located on the publicly available documents.

- Developer now planning 10 but has declined to share turbine locations.



Correen Hills Proposal



Battery Farm

- Similar sized (50 MW) facilities cover 2 – 4 Hectares (3 – 6 football pitches) and are surrounded by security fences.
- Concerns
 - Controlling Fires
 - Extinguishing, Pollutants
 - Noise
 - Security

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Context



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View from Alford (Smiddy Hill, near Montgarrie Road)

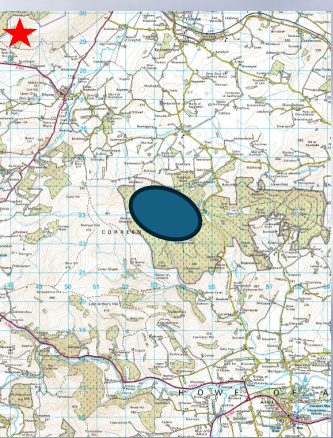
14 Turbines based upon publicly available documents using approved software.



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View from Bogieshalloch (Suie Road) looking north

14 Turbines based upon publicly available documents using approved software.



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View from Tap O Noth

14 Turbines based upon publicly available documents using approved software.

View flat at a comfortable arm's length. For Use at the v



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View from Tap O Noth

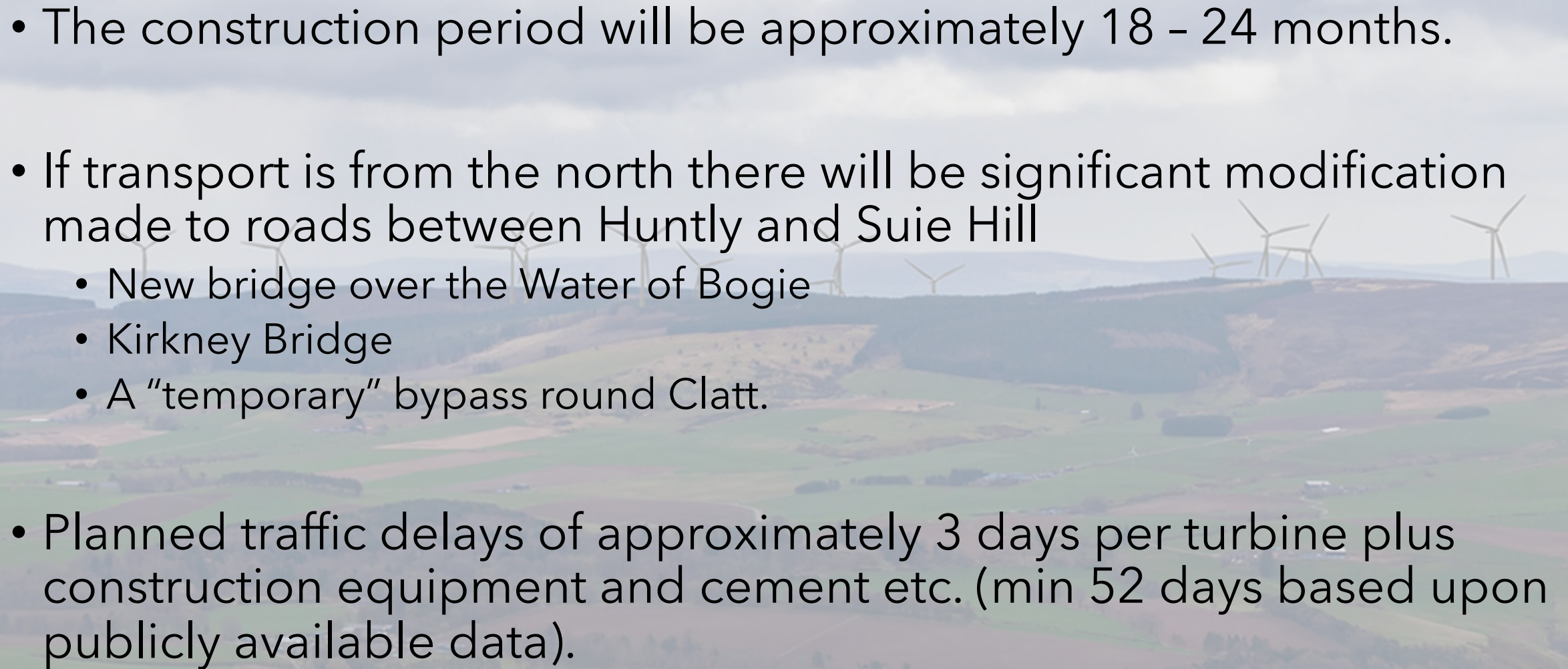
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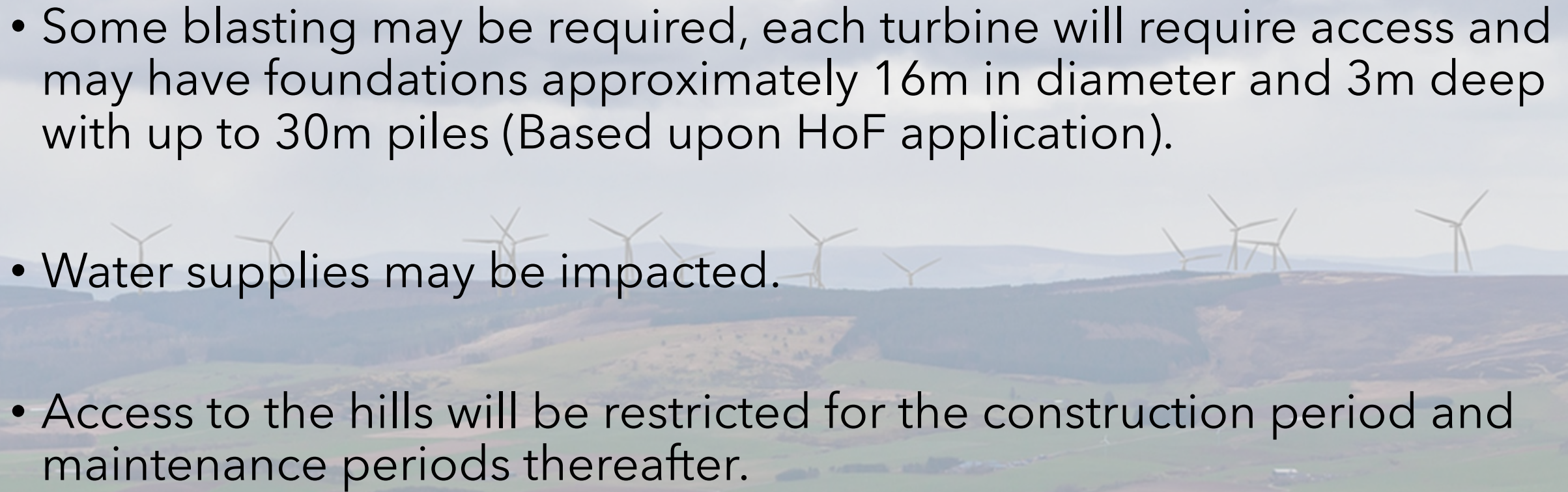


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View from Clatt looking south

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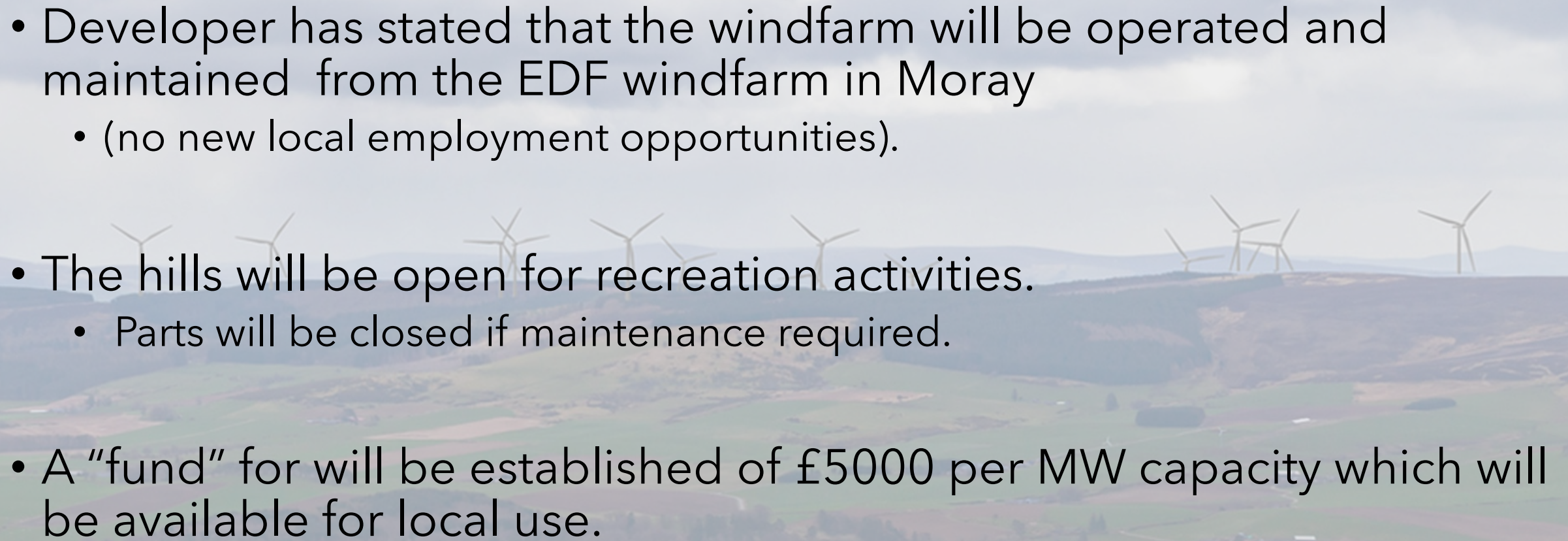
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- The construction period will be approximately 18 - 24 months.
 - If transport is from the north there will be significant modification made to roads between Huntly and Suie Hill
 - New bridge over the Water of Bogie
 - Kirkney Bridge
 - A "temporary" bypass round Clatt.
 - Planned traffic delays of approximately 3 days per turbine plus construction equipment and cement etc. (min 52 days based upon publicly available data).

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- Some blasting may be required, each turbine will require access and may have foundations approximately 16m in diameter and 3m deep with up to 30m piles (Based upon HoF application).
 - Water supplies may be impacted.
 - Access to the hills will be restricted for the construction period and maintenance periods thereafter.



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Construction Impact

- 
- Developer has stated that the windfarm will be operated and maintained from the EDF windfarm in Moray
 - (no new local employment opportunities).
 - The hills will be open for recreation activities.
 - Parts will be closed if maintenance required.
 - A “fund” will be established of £5000 per MW capacity which will be available for local use.



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Operational Impact

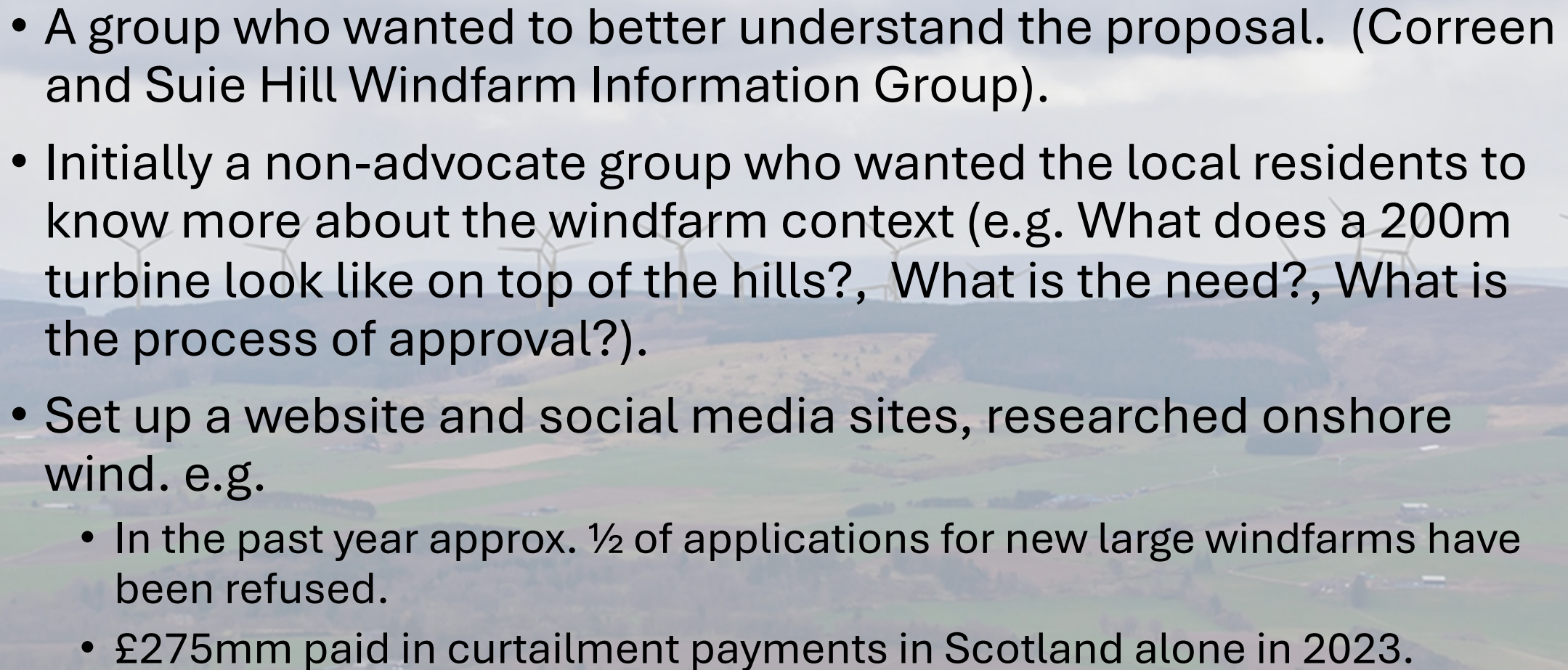
An aerial photograph of a wind farm situated in a hilly, rural landscape. Several large wind turbines are visible on the ridges of the hills. The terrain is a mix of green fields and brown, possibly plowed or dormant, land. The sky is overcast with grey clouds.

Half of all large onshore windfarms are extended, or currently have applications made to extend.

The logo for CaSHWIG, featuring the text 'CaSHWIG' in a sans-serif font. The 'W' is stylized with a wind turbine icon integrated into it. The 'Ca' and 'SH' are in grey, while 'WIG' is in red.

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Operational Impact

- 
- A group who wanted to better understand the proposal. (Correen and Suie Hill Windfarm Information Group).
 - Initially a non-advocate group who wanted the local residents to know more about the windfarm context (e.g. What does a 200m turbine look like on top of the hills?, What is the need?, What is the process of approval?).
 - Set up a website and social media sites, researched onshore wind. e.g.
 - In the past year approx. ½ of applications for new large windfarms have been refused.
 - £275mm paid in curtailment payments in Scotland alone in 2023.

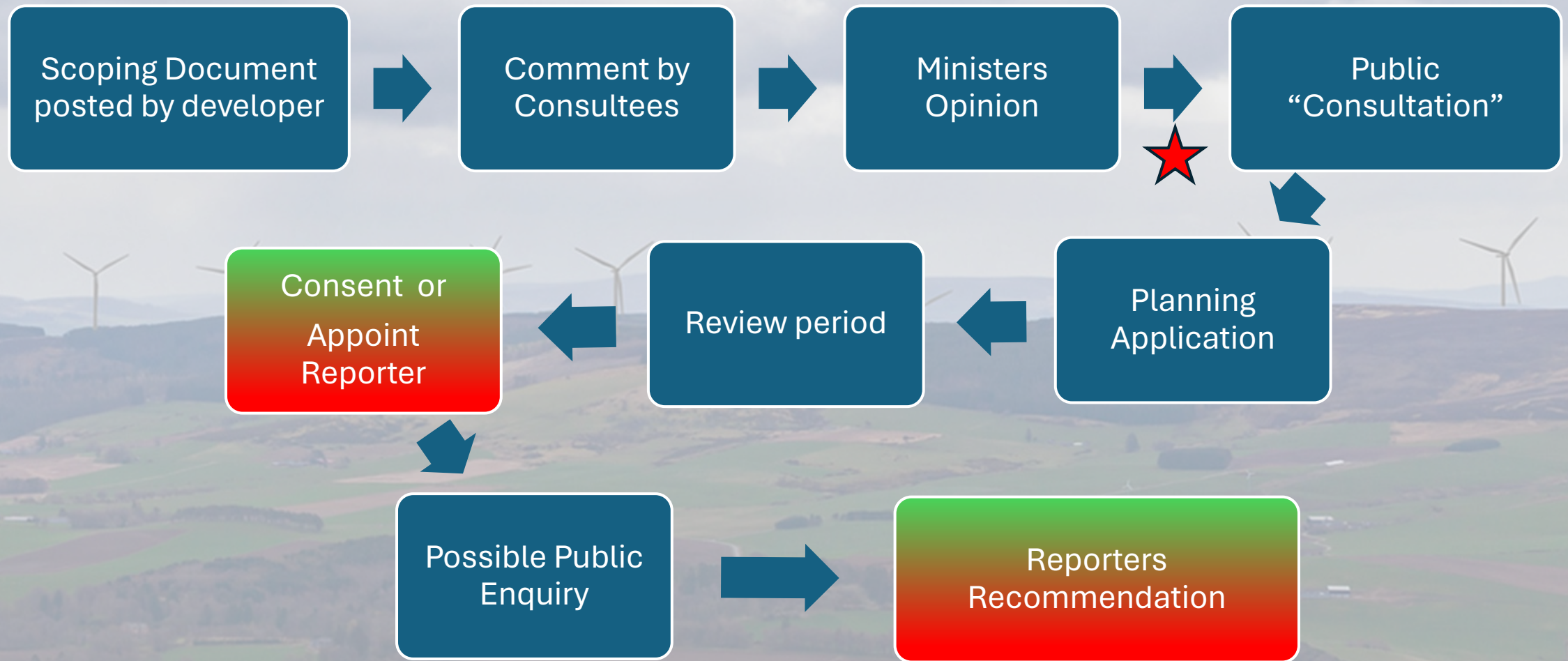


What is CaSHWIG (1)

- As more was learnt the group grew and members started to form opinions.
 - Wind has to be part of a power generation portfolio in the future.
 - There is already enough approved onshore capacity to meet targets.
 - Current onshore wind capacity is greater than needs resulting in substantial “curtailment” payments.
 - There are locations better suited for wind power (e.g. offshore, closer to need).
 - There are many existing onshore windfarms, a few more approved for development and an additional 3 large windfarms in the process of application in the Northeast of Scotland.
 - There is democratic deficit in relation to approval of large onshore windfarms.
- CaSHWIG will transition from a non-advocate group to an objection group.

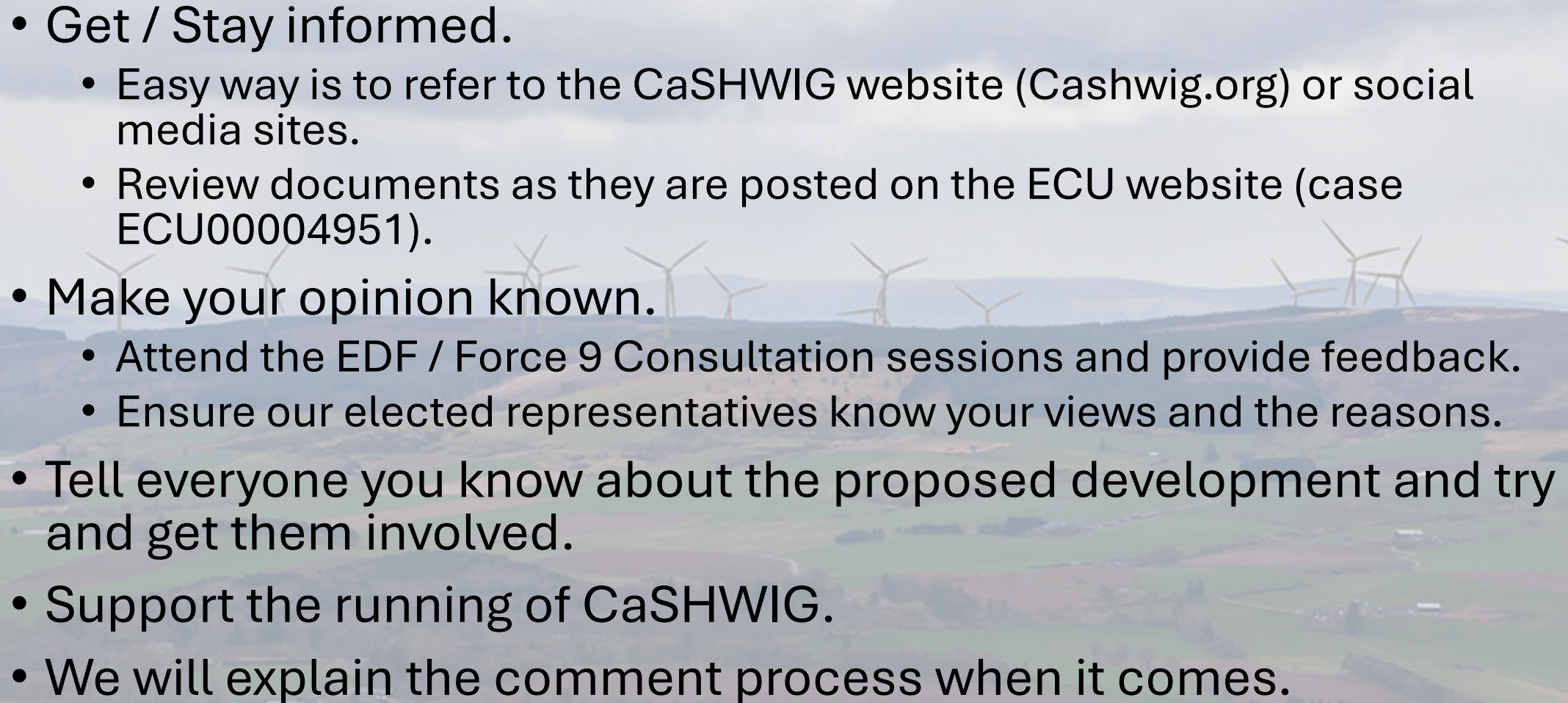


What is CaSHWIG (2)



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Approval Process

- 
- Get / Stay informed.
 - Easy way is to refer to the CaSHWIG website (Cashwig.org) or social media sites.
 - Review documents as they are posted on the ECU website (case ECU00004951).
 - Make your opinion known.
 - Attend the EDF / Force 9 Consultation sessions and provide feedback.
 - Ensure our elected representatives know your views and the reasons.
 - Tell everyone you know about the proposed development and try and get them involved.
 - Support the running of CaSHWIG.
 - We will explain the comment process when it comes.



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What can you do?



Questions / Comments



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Questions / Comment



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Back - up slides



12 Decisions

- 6 Consented
- 1 withdrawn
- 5 Refused
- 61 Large Windfarm applications “in the system”.
 - Decisions over the past year coming at about 1 ½ a month.
 - Time period between application and decision has reduced from 60+ months to about 24 months over the past year.

“New” Windfarm is one that is not an extension of or immediately adjacent to an existing windfarm.



ECU Decisions on New Windfarms (Since 01 July
2023)

Name (Windfarm)	Type	ECU#	Decision	Size (MW)	Scoping Date	Applic'n Date	Decision Date	Primary Reason if Refused
Rowan	New	00003230	Consented	85.8	03/03/21	04/02/22	26/05/24	
Armadales	New	00003455	Withdrawn	48.2		13/04/22	April '24	Assumed Contrary to NPF4
Bunloin	New	00003304	Consented	118,8		28/07/21	28/03/24	
Cairn Duhie	Adjacent	00003225	Consented	67.2		24/03/24	02/02/24	
Lethen	New	00002216	Refused	102	09/02/21	17/12/21	23/02/24	Visual Impact
Kintradwell	New	00002217	Refused	63		22/01/21	03/11/23	Visual Impact
Corriegarth 2	Adjacent	00002175	Consented	67.2		18/11/20	20/12/23	
Cloiche	Adjacent	00002054	Consented	150	27/08/18	21/05/20	30/11/23	
Chleansaid	New	00002031	Consented	96	05/05/20	30/03/22	15/12/23	
Clauchrie	New	00002001	Refused	100		18/12/19	31/08/23	Visual Impact
Narachan	New	00001844	Refused	67.6	04/07/19	20/01/20	20/03/24	Visual Impact
Energy Isles	New	00001844	Consented	200		25/02/19	02/10/23	
Faw side	New	00001833	Refused	315		22/05/19	02/10/23	Visual Impact
Sanquhar II	Adjacent	00001801	Consented	308		21/03/19	31/08/23	
Kirkan	Adjacent	00001800	Consented	81.6		14/03/19	25/07/23	
Shepherds Rig	New	00000735	Consented	84.6		17/12/18	23/08/23	
Glendye	New	00000676	Consented	130		01/10/18	22/10/23	



Large Windfarm Decisions since 01 July 20203