



Correen and Suie Hill **Windfarm Information Group**

June Newsletter

It has been a while since our last newsletter in March, please accept our apologies for this.

As we are all volunteers, Easter and family commitments got in the way of providing you with an update, so over the last 3 months we have prioritised action over communication. We hope you understand.

What we've been up to.....

Although there has been little obvious progress by the developers in the past quarter, we have been engaging in a lot of activity with meetings taking place with a variety of stakeholders. We've also been putting plans in place for our first public meeting at Tullynesse Hall on 12th June at 7pm.

We have engaged and attended meetings of Donside, Bennachie and Tap O' Noth Community Councils (CC's). Have sought agreement for the CC's to distribute a survey to residents across Donside and we have continued to engage with Force 9 Energy on their proposals.

We also commissioned a series of photomontages, 4 of which are below, the rest will be on show at the public meeting. These have all been prepared using approved equipment and software; and are based on the locations on the ECU website. They show the visual impact of the turbines from a variety of locations around the vicinity of the development.



Proposed Turbines from Tap O' Noth
Artist Impression - Based on information on ECU Portal

As a group we were set up to seek information about the windfarm proposal, to understand the facts as they were presented by the developers and to communicate as much information as we could find to you. We are not

opposed to renewable energy, or to windfarm developments generally, but we believe an industrial scale development of the scale proposed at this site is inappropriate.

What about the experts.....

Planning experts have advised us that the windfarm development proposed at Hill of Fare (HoF), will be good indicator of the likely works required of the Correen Hill development. The HoF application was made in October 2023 and is still in the process of review by the developers as well as the Scottish Government. We're keeping our eyes peeled!



Proposed Turbines from outskirts of Alford
Artist Impression - Based on information on ECU Portal

At CaSHWIG we have also been preparing and getting ready to review the Correen Hill application as soon as it is submitted to the Energy Consents Unit. The HoF application was over 1,800 pages, contained over 50 illustrations and 550,000 words. That's a lot of data to analyse and understand, so we plan to be ready.

The planning process only allows community Councils 28 days to review and comment. So, we are in the process of identifying experts and volunteers and engaging consultants to help review the application. We want to be able to deliver a thorough analysis and response to any final application to support anyone that might wish to make a submission to the ECU or elected representatives.

EDF promised to be open, but.....

EDF declined to reply to a request for a review of a Freedom of Information request that we made regarding prior communication with Aberdeenshire Council and NatureScot, as well as scoping studies produced in advance of their outline proposal being submitted. Our request was not supported by the Information Commissioners office. We have legal representatives reviewing that decision. This means that, in relation to this specific proposal, all we can work with is what is stated by Force 9 Energy on their website.

Turbines reduced by 30%?

Cavendish Consulting (representing Force 9 Energy), have confirmed by email that they told Bennachie Community Council that the proposal will now have 10 turbines (down from 14) and two of these will be reduced in height to 180m.



Proposed Turbines from Bogieshalloch
Artist Impression - Based on information on ECU Portal

Unfortunately, Force 9 Energy have declined to share revised turbine locations. Therefore, we have had to use the positions for the turbines posted on the ECU portal for our graphics.



Proposed Turbines from Clatt
 Artist Impression - Based on information on ECU Portal

at Glendye, HoF (if approved), Clashindarroch, and Craigwatch (if approved). They also feel that 50+ days of traffic disruption is not “significant”. Force 9 Energy / EDF are hoping to hold “community consultation” session prior to the start of school summer holidays. We have not heard when and where these sessions will be held.

We believe that our communities should be kept informed, so intend to hold a public meeting at the Tullynessle Hall on Wednesday 12 June. Doors will be open at 19:00 for people to view some information and imagery.

We will make a short presentation on what we have learned so far followed by Q&A. We want everyone to have the opportunity to express your views on the windfarm development.

Please spread the word, share the poster and bring along your friends and neighbours. It’s important that the community is sufficiently aware of the proposal so that they can ask informed questions at the EDF / Force 9 Energy Consultation sessions.

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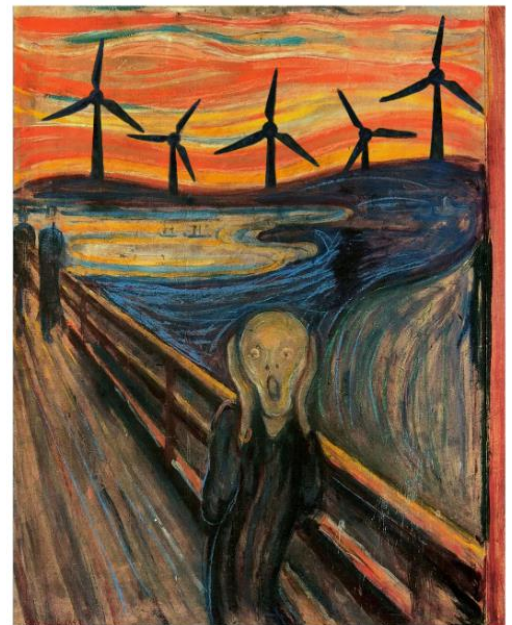
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CaSHWIG is organised by a small team of volunteers who are working to keep our communities informed with FACTUAL information about the proposed WINDFARM. We meet the cost of this website, banners, images, leaflets and other resources from public and supporter donations and your help, big or small, will make a huge difference. Please send whatever you can to:

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We met with Force 9 Energy and Cavendish Consulting following their closed-door presentation to the Bennachie Community Council. As well as the new turbine count we discussed various aspects of CaSHWIGs work and Force 9 Energy’s proposed timetable which suggests that a full consent application could be submitted to the Scottish Government in the autumn.

Force 9 Energy were keen for CaSHWIG to point out that 200m turbine blades are being proposed for many windfarms in the area and so these will be in addition to 200m + turbines



CaSHWIG meeting
TULLYNESSLE VILLAGE HALL
 Wed 12th June | Opening at 19:00 | Presentation at 19:30
<https://cashwig.org>