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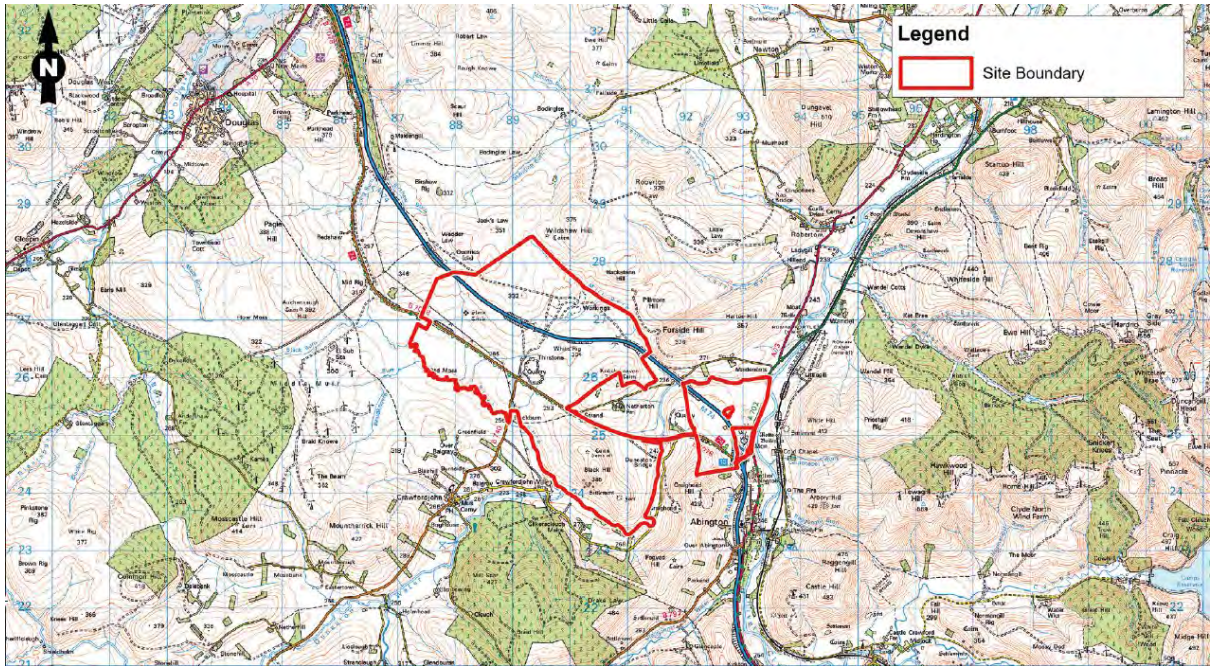
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1. Background.

1.1 Introduction

- 1.1.1 This Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) Report has been prepared by Cavendish Consulting on behalf of M74 West Ltd ('The Applicant'). Detailed within this report is a schedule of consultation activity which was carried out in relation to proposals for the M74 West Renewable Energy Park ('The Proposed Development').
- 1.1.2 The Proposed Development will comprise up to 22 turbines, solar power generators and battery energy storage system (BESS) along with associated infrastructure, on land immediately northwest of Abington and approximately 4.5 km southeast of Douglas, in South Lanarkshire.
- 1.1.3 With a generating capacity over 50MW, the Proposed Development is subject to Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989, administered by the Energy Consents Unit (ECU). A full section 36 application for consent has been submitted to the Energy Consents Unit and this report has been produced to accompany the formal application.
- 1.1.4 Albeit not a statutory requirement for Section 36 applications, the Applicant has applied the principles of the consultation process recommended for 'major' planning applications as set out in The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 and Planning Circular 3:2022-Development Management Procedures. This enables the local community and all those with an interest in the proposals a clear opportunity to view the proposals, and importantly comment and feedback.
- 1.1.5 This PAC Report outlines the programme of consultation activity undertaken by the Applicant, including formal information events and wider engagement with the community and stakeholders.
- 1.1.6 Where possible, this report outlines the feedback received at formal public consultation events and through meetings with community groups, and how the Applicant has responded within the final application.



SITE BOUNDARY

2. Consultation overview.

2.1 Best practice

- 2.1.1 The Applicant is aware of the value of engaging with and seeking to involve local people in development proposals, both prior to and following the submission of any application and through to the construction and operation should the Applicant's proposals obtain consent.
- 2.1.2 Planning Advice Note (PAN) 3/2010 – Community Engagement is an update of PAN 81 which advises that in order for the community engagement to be successful, it is important that everyone interested in the future development of the community, village, town, or city they live in, should understand the planning process. Developers are advised to involve residents at the earliest opportunity so that they can feel confident that engagement in the process has been meaningful.
- 2.1.3 PAN 3/2010 highlights that the term “consultation” is used to mean the:
- 2.1.4 “Dynamic process of dialogue between individuals or groups based on a genuine exchange of views and, normally, with the objective of influencing decisions, policies or programmes of action. The terms ‘engagement’ and ‘involvement’ are generally interchangeable and are taken to mean the establishment of effective relationships with individuals or groups. Participation is everything that enables people to influence the decisions and get involved in the actions that affect their lives. In the context of this document engagement is, in effect, giving people a genuine opportunity to have a say on a development plan or proposal which affects them; listening to what they say and reaching a decision in an open and transparent way to ensure they are taking account of all views expressed (page 3, paragraph 1).”
- 2.1.5 National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4) (2023) also highlights the important role of effective engagement, stating:
- 2.1.6 “Throughout the planning system, opportunities are available to engage in development planning and decisions about future development. Such engagement, undertaken in line with statutory requirements, should be early, collaborative, meaningful and proportionate. Support or concern expressed on matters material to planning must be given careful consideration in the determination of development proposals.”
- 2.1.7 The Applicant is committed to undertaking effective and early consultation methods in this way, including tailoring its strategies to suit individual communities. Residents’ values and issues of importance vary, and the consultation programmes are designed to reflect that.

2.2 Timeline

- 2.2.1 The Applicant's plans for M74 West Renewable Energy Park (“M74 West”) were launched in January 2024 when key stakeholders were notified that the consultation would be coming forward.
- 2.2.2 The consultation for the Proposed Development began in February 2024.

- 2.2.3 Ahead of the scoping submission, the Applicant wrote to stakeholders in the form of a letter on 5 January 2024 which included details about the development and the forthcoming Scoping Request. A copy of the letter can be found in Appendix 1.
- 2.2.4 The email was sent to:
- Clydesdale East Ward Councillors
 - Clydesdale South Ward Councillors
 - Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale MP
 - Clydesdale MSP
 - South Scotland MSPs
 - Local Community Councils:
 - Duneaton
 - Douglas
 - Crawford and Elvanfoot
 - Symington
 - Carmichael
 - Quothquan and Thankerton
- 2.2.5 Dialogue has been maintained with local community councils and Duneaton Community Trust up to the point of submission via written and verbal communication and will continue through determination of the planning application and, should this planning application be approved, into the construction and operation of the Proposed Development. To date, this communication has included information on upcoming consultation events, and general information on the application.
- 2.2.6 Two rounds of formal public consultations were held. A first consultation event took place on 8 February 2024 in the Old School House in Abington where the proposals were shown, and feedback sought. The Applicant received useful feedback (see section 6) through this initial round of consultation, and subsequently held discussions with Duneaton Community Council and Quothquan and Thankerton Community Council regarding the proposals.
- 2.2.7 Following this initial round of public consultation in February, a second event was held to provide the local community and stakeholders the opportunity to view and comment on the updated proposals in advance of the submission of an application to the Scottish Government. This event took place on 12 June 2024 in the Crawfordjohn Village Hall.
- 2.2.8 The timings and venues of the public exhibitions were also intended to provide members of the public with the best opportunity at which to attend, view the proposals and importantly provide feedback.
- 2.2.9 All comments and feedback received from the consultation period, as well as those received through additional community engagement programme have been collated and analysed as part of this PAC Report (Section 6), which also illustrates how feedback has, where possible, helped shape and inform the Proposed Development.

3. Phase 1 consultation.

3.1 Overview

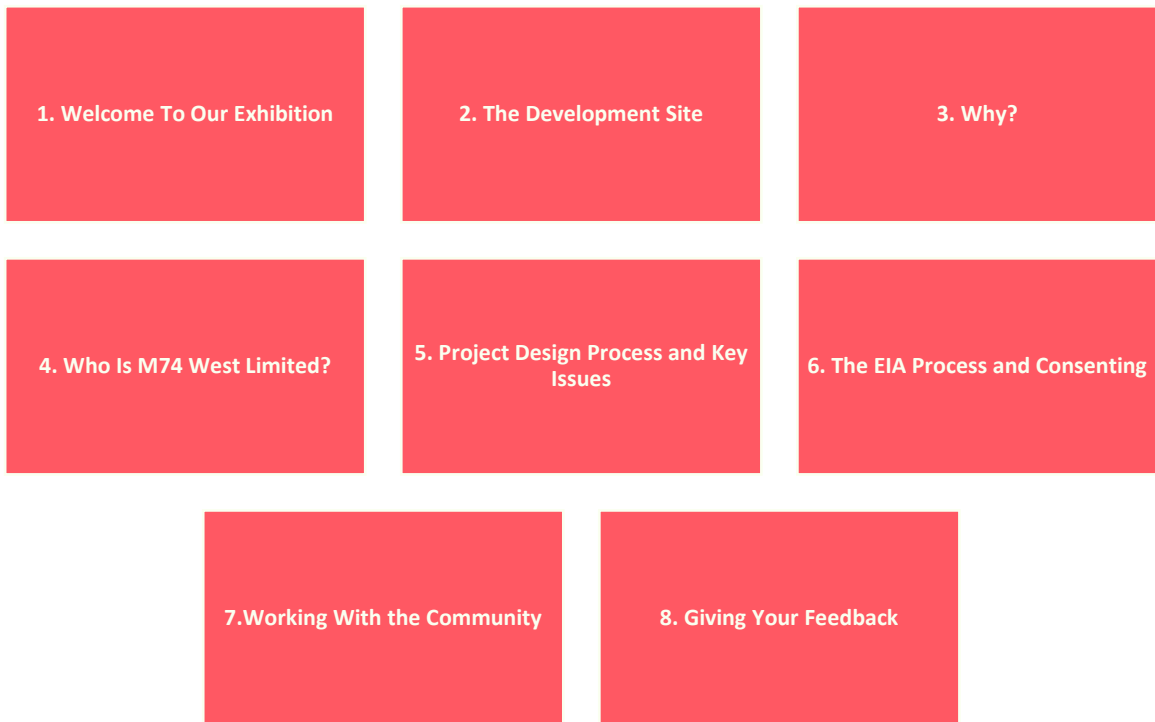
- 3.1.1 The first round of consultation for the M74 West Renewable Energy Park (“M74 West”) took place on 8th February 2024 in the Old School House, Abington.
- 3.1.2 The first phase of consultation for M74 West was announced on 19th January 2024 when stakeholders were notified of the upcoming public exhibition. The email (Appendix 2) included details such as the consultation date, the location of the proposed site, and an outline of the infrastructure included in the plans.
- 3.1.3 In addition to notifying political stakeholders, a flyer (Appendix 3) was sent to 339 residences within the vicinity of the site (map available in Appendix 4).
- 3.1.4 In addition, a public notice (Appendix 5) advertising the first exhibition was placed in the Hamilton Advertiser and Carlisle and Lanark Gazette.
- 3.1.5 A poster (Appendix 6) was also created to advertise the consultation event. The poster was sent to Community Councils to be shared on social media and put up in the local area to encourage attendance at the event.
- 3.1.6 The first consultation event took place on:

8 February 2024 | The Old School House, Abington | 3.00pm – 7.00pm
- 3.1.7 A feedback form (Appendix 7) was available at the exhibition and online at <https://www.renewcopower.com/portfolio/united-kingdom/uk-projects/m74-west-renewable-energy-park/> from the same date which included space for general comments on the proposals, as well as a detailed questionnaire to allow Renewco to gauge the community's preference for community benefit.

3.2 In-person exhibition event

- 3.2.1 In total, 30 people attended the first consultation event.
- 3.2.2 At the event, eight information banners were on display (Appendix 8). The information boards were made available at <https://www.renewcopower.com/portfolio/united-kingdom/uk-projects/m74-west-renewable-energy-park/> from 8th February. The Applicant also brought paper copies which could be taken home upon request.

3.2.3 The subjects of the boards were as follows:



3.2.4 In addition to printed visualisations, an interactive Wind planner model was available in order to allow attendees to appreciate how the wind farm element of the development would appear from the public road in the vicinity of their property as well as public places in the surrounding area.

3.2.5 The feedback period for the first phase of consultation ended on 7 March 2024. In total, thirteen forms were received at the event, online or via post.



IMAGE OF FIRST CONSULTATION EVENT

4. Phase 2 consultation.

4.1 Overview

- 4.1.1 In June 2024 the Applicant returned to the area to reconsult with the community and demonstrate the changes which had been incorporated into the design following the first event.
- 4.1.2 Following feedback received at the first consultation event, the decision was taken to hold the second consultation event at the Crawfordjohn Village Hall.
- 4.1.3 Stakeholders were again notified via email (Appendix 9) on 28 May 2024. The email included details of the second consultation event, and information about changes made to the scheme following feedback.
- 4.1.4 As with the first round of consultation, a flyer (Appendix 10) was sent to 339 residences within the same radius as in January (Appendix 4).
- 4.1.5 A public notice (Appendix 11) was again placed in the Hamilton Advertiser and the Carlisle and Lanark Gazette.
- 4.1.6 As with the first round of consultation, a poster was drafted (Appendix 12) and sent to community councils to be put on social media and around the local area.
- 4.1.7 The second public consultation event took place on:
12 June 2024 | Crawfordjohn Village Hall | 3.00pm - 7.00pm
- 4.1.8 A feedback form (Appendix 13) was available to be filled out at the event or taken home to fill out at a later date. The feedback form was available online at <https://www.renewcopower.com/portfolio/united-kingdom/uk-projects/m74-west-renewable-energy-park/> from the same date.
- 4.1.9 In addition to the feedback form on the website, the Applicant launched the pilot of the AssetFace portal at the event which can be used to provide feedback on community benefits, alongside feedback on the project itself. AssetFace has been designed to make engagement on the M74 West community benefits package more accessible, collaborative, user-friendly and transparent.

4.2 In-person exhibition events

- 4.2.1 The second consultation event was attended by 36 people over the session. Members of the project team were on hand to answer questions and discuss the proposals with members of the public.
- 4.2.2 Ten new information boards were on display (Appendix 14) to provide an overview of the scheme and any updates following the February event.

4.2.3 The subjects of the boards were as follows:



4.2.4 As with the previous event, an interactive wind planner model was available to allow attendees to appreciate how the wind farm element of the development would appear from the public road in the vicinity of their property as well as public places in the surrounding area.

4.2.5 Also in attendance were representatives from the Applicant's partner BizGive, who is providing support on community benefits. Representatives were on hand to discuss the associated AssetFace engagement platform.

4.2.6 In total 13 feedback forms were received over the course of the consultation period by the time the period of feedback ended on 10 July 2024.



IMAGE OF SECOND CONSULTATION

5. Additional engagement.

5.1 Meetings

- 5.1.1 As part of the Applicant's ongoing engagement with the local community regarding the Proposed Development, several meetings took place as part of the pre-application consultation.
- 5.1.2 On 12th March 2024 representatives of the Applicant attended Quothquan and Thankerton Community Council's regular meeting. Discussions focussed on the visual impact of the proposed development, the impact of the development on the local environment, and the prospective community benefit fund.
- 5.1.3 On 2nd April 2024 representatives of the Applicant attended Duneaton Community Council's meeting. Discussion focussed on the cumulative impact of windfarms in the local area, proximity of the development to the M74, impact on biodiversity, and the prospective community benefit fund.

5.2 Contact details

- 5.2.1 To ensure that as many interested parties as possible were able to access information regarding the proposals and speak to a member of the project team, a dedicated website, email address and phone number were established. Details of these point of contacts are listed below.

Website: <https://www.renewcopower.com/portfolio/united-kingdom/uk-projects/m74-west-renewable-energy-park/>

Phone number: 0141 265 2831

Email address: m74west@renewcopower.com

- 5.2.2 The website contains information about the Applicant and the proposed development.

5.3 M74 West Small Grants Fund

- 5.3.1. As indicated in section 4, representatives from Biz Give were in attendance at the second public consultation event to provide details relating to an early fund of £5,000 being brought forward to aid in engagement with the local community.
- 5.3.2. The fund has made available grants of up to £500 for community initiatives, and has so far had eight applicants for a total of £4,000, with one grant having been approved at the time of submission.
- 5.3.3. The Biz Give website address was included in all consultation materials, and a business card (Appendix 15) was handed out at the second exhibition to direct people online.

6. Feedback and responses.

6.1 Feedback from consultation

- 6.1.1 The consultation introduced the Proposed Development to the local community and provided an opportunity for all stakeholders to provide feedback.
- 6.1.2 A feedback form was made available at the events, online and by request, with the option for interested parties to send feedback via multiple channels.
- 6.1.3 The Applicant's contact details (email, print and phone) were also prominent throughout.

6.2 Response to key consultation topics

- 6.1.4 The following section sets out the key topics raised during the pre-application consultation period and those raised in the various meetings and discussions the Applicant had with stakeholders.
- 6.1.5 Where appropriate, a response has been made to show how these issues have been addressed or, indeed, highlight where adjustments have been made to the site layout as a direct result of the feedback received.

Key issue	Applicant response
Cumulative Impact	The Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR), which accompanies the S36 Application to Scottish Ministers, assesses cumulative landscape and visual effects on receptors with respect to consented, but not yet built, schemes, and those currently in the planning process. The EIAR concludes that the addition of the Proposed Development to cumulative developments in both scenarios does not introduce any further significant effects.
Impact on roads	Given its location next to the M74 motorway, M74 West is extremely well located to capitalise on the trunk road network and minimise construction traffic on surrounding local road network. This includes through a proposal for a direct access for Abnormal Indivisible Loads (AIL) from the M74 to the area north of the M74, with all other AIL being routed from the M74 at Junction 13 along the B7078 . The EIAR concludes that the Proposed Development would not cause any capacity issues on surrounding roads. Furthermore, with the implementation of mitigation including a Construction Traffic Management Plan, the EIAR concludes that there would be no significant effects on road users.
Concerns about access	As noted above, the EIAR concludes that the Proposed Development would not cause any capacity issues on surrounding roads. Furthermore, with the implementation of mitigation including a Construction Traffic Management Plan, the EIAR concludes that there would be no significant effects on road users. This includes issues around delays and severance of access. The site is currently in agricultural use with no established footpaths within the areas proposed for development, other than construction access points crossing the NCR which runs alongside the B7078. The Construction Traffic Management Plan will include details of the measures

	to be implemented to ensure safety of users of this route during construction.
Visual impact of turbines	The design of the Proposed Development has evolved in response to consultation comments and detailed analysis of the landscape and visual receptors in the surrounding area. The EIAR reports a number of significant effects on visual receptors arising from the wind turbine proposed, which is usual for a development of the type and scale proposed. A Residential Visual Amenity Assessment (RVAA) has also been completed and this has concluded that no significant effects are anticipated. However turbines will be visible from a number of residential properties in the surrounding area.
Visual impact of solar panels	The design of the Proposed Development has evolved in response to consultation comments and detailed analysis of the landscape and visual receptors in the surrounding area. The solar array areas have been selected to minimise visibility from key receptors, however these will remain visible in the surrounding landscape. The Outline Biodiversity Enhancement and Management Plan (OBEMP) includes for the planting of broadleaf hedging along the boundary of the A702 which will have the effect of reducing the visibility of the panels in some views, particularly along the A702.
Proximity to road	The Proposed Development has been designed to keep turbines the required distance from the M74 motorway and also appropriately set back from other roads.
Impact on birds	Extensive bird surveys have been completed across the Site, to identify the birds present and their sensitivity to the Proposed Development. The findings of the assessments of potential for impact on bird species, including collision risk assessment (CRA) are reported in the EIAR. No significant effects on bird species are anticipated. The OBEMP includes specific measures to enhance conditions at the site for bird species, including measures to support current management of areas within the site for waders. Other enhancement measures committed to within the OBEMP will support habitat improvements for a wide range of bird species including riparian planting along the Black Burn and Duneaton Water, establishment of hedgerows along the A702, and peatland restoration.
Concern about damage to ancient sites	The EIAR reports on the impact assessment on Cultural Heritage features, including the Scheduled Monuments within the site. No development is proposed in close proximity to these features of National importance such that they could be physically impacted. The setting of some features will be impacted by the proposed development, resulting in significant effects, although these are not anticipated to result in inability to understand these features.
Proximity to properties	The design of the Proposed Development has been informed by a number of technical studies including relating to landscape and visual impact, noise and transport. The landscape and visual impacts are discussed above. Noise monitoring was conducted at representative locations and the findings used to model the predicted noise levels at residential receptors. No significant noise effects are anticipated.
Loss of agricultural land	The intention is that the Proposed Development would operate alongside ongoing agricultural operations across the site. The area of permanent land take to development has been minimised and the Applicant is committed to working

	with the landowners to ensure ongoing agricultural uses are supported.
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7. Conclusion.

7.1 Concluding statement

- 7.1.1. From the project launch, the Applicant sought to engage and consult comprehensively with the local community and relevant stakeholders to gather feedback on the proposals.
- 7.1.2. While not mandated by statute for a Section 36 planning application, the Applicant has actively pursued and exceeded best practices in the community engagement and public consultation, as evidenced by the two extensive rounds of public consultation.
- 7.1.3. The Applicant extends sincere appreciation to those who participated in the in-person public exhibitions, reviewed the proposals online, and provided valuable feedback via email and telephone. The feedback received has been invaluable, directly influencing and shaping the project's design in significant ways. In response to community feedback, the Applicant made substantial revisions, including the removal of former turbine 23 to reduce visual and noise impacts on properties on Manse Road and hedge planting along the A702 to reduce the visual impact of the proposed solar panels on nearby properties.
- 7.1.4. These modifications underscore the Applicant's commitment to ensuring that the development is responsive to local needs and priorities. By integrating community feedback into the project's design, the Applicant has not only met regulatory requirements but also demonstrated a genuine commitment to creating a development that reflects the concerns and values of the local community. This collaborative approach has resulted in a scheme that is both environmentally and socially considerate, highlighting the meaningful impact of the consultation process on the final design.

8. Appendices.

Appendix 1: Scoping Letter



Renewco
POWER

5th January 2024

Dear Mr Whittle MSP,

M74 West Renewable Energy Park Scoping Request

I am writing to make you aware that M74 West Ltd is exploring the potential of developing a Renewable Energy Park on land around the M74, approximately 3km northwest of Abington in South Lanarkshire.

M74 West Ltd

M74 West Ltd is a wholly owned subsidiary of Renewco Power Ltd, a specialist renewable energy developer focussed on onshore wind, solar PV, battery storage and green hydrogen projects. The Glasgow based company is actively developing over 4GW of renewable projects in 4 markets: the UK, Spain, Italy and the US and employs 40 people. Development of these high-quality renewable energy projects in a responsible manner will accelerate the deployment of clean energy assets that will enable countries to de-carbonise their power systems and help local communities to thrive. The company was formed by a highly experienced team of entrepreneurs and renewable sector specialists with significant development, technical, project structuring, construction, and financing expertise across all renewable technologies.

The proposed development represents Renewco Power's first development of its kind in the UK, and will be a significant investment in South Lanarkshire. Alongside enabling progress towards Scotland's ambitious Net Zero and onshore wind targets, M74 West will provide benefits for the local community, including a generous community benefit package and investment within the local supply chain.

M74 West Renewable Energy Park

The proposed M74 West Renewable Energy Park would consist of approximately 24 wind turbines (180MW), solar PV panels (60MW) and a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) facility (50MW). The site sits within a cluster of operational and proposed wind farms and is considered appropriate for the nature of development proposed. As the project will have a generating capacity greater than 50MW, it will require consent under section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 meaning that the consenting process will be administered through the Energy Consents Unit (ECU) of the Scottish Government.

In the coming days we will submit a request for an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Scoping Opinion from Scottish Ministers via the ECU. This will inform the final design of the project and consent application. Alongside this we will submit an application for the installation of a meteorological mast which will gather wind speed data to inform the detailed design and future implementation of M74 West.

We place great importance on ensuring that the local community are given an opportunity to view the proposals and provide valuable feedback. This feedback, along with a number of technical and environmental studies, will help us develop the final design and proposals. We will be in touch in the coming weeks with details for upcoming consultation events.

Ahead of the formal consultation process beginning, we would be delighted to arrange a time to discuss our proposals with you. To arrange a meeting, or if you would like further information, please contact Daisy Geissler on 0141 264 2831 or by email at daisy.geissler@cavendishconsulting.com.

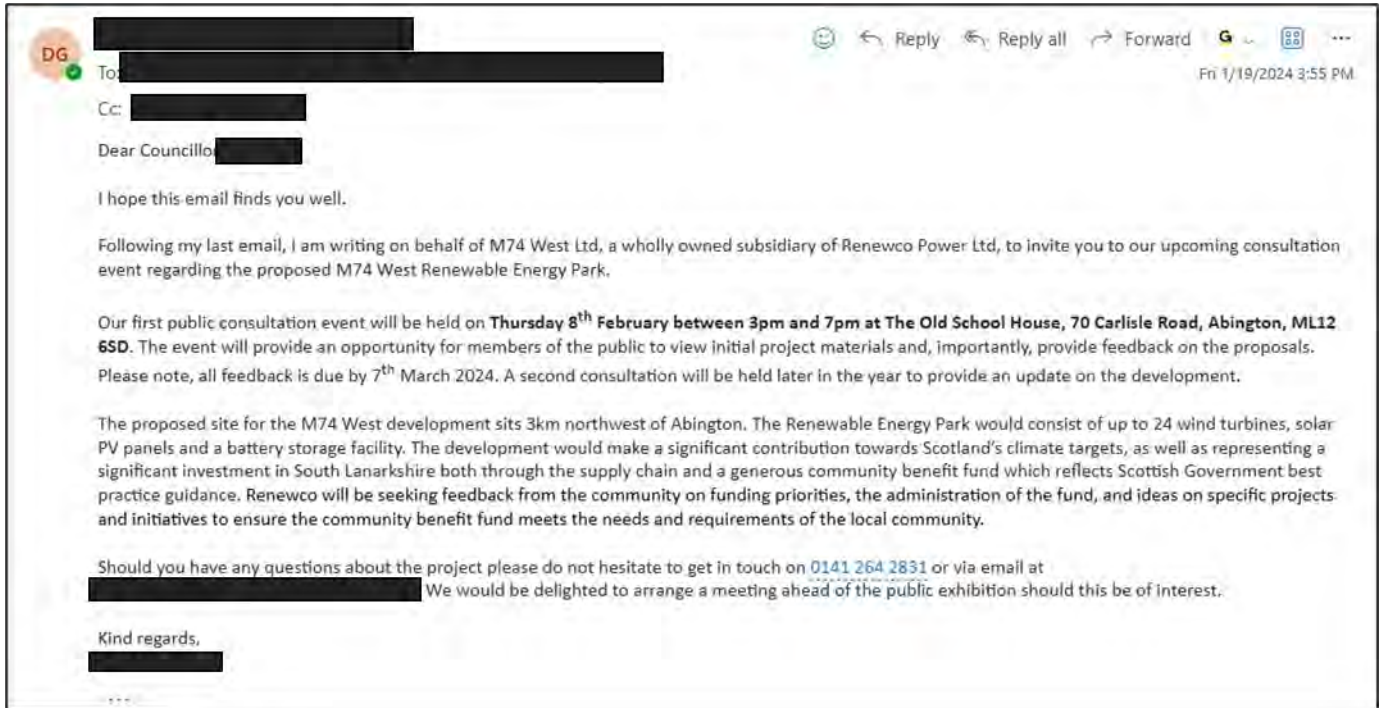
Yours sincerely,
Maeve Fryday
Senior Developer Onshore Wind, M74 West Ltd

10 Newton Place, Glasgow, G3 7PR


Company Number: SC708511

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Appendix 2: Stakeholder Consultation Invitation



Appendix 3: Resident Flyer



M74 WEST RENEWABLE ENERGY PARK




Location: The Old School House, 70 Carlisle Road, Abington, ML12 6SD

Date: Thursday 8th February 2024

Time: 3pm – 7pm

Renewco Power would like to invite members of the public to attend an open public consultation event at the above venue to learn more about the proposed M74 West Renewable Energy Park, approximately 3km northwest of Abington.

Those unable to attend this event can view project materials and provide feedback from **8th February until 7th March** at the following website:
www.renewcopower.com/projects/pages/m74-west-renewable-energy-park/



The proposals for M74 West Renewable Energy Park include up to:

- 24 wind turbines (180MW)
- Solar PV panels (60MW) and
- A Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) facility (50MW).

The site sits within a cluster of operational and proposed wind farms along the M74 corridor. The proposed development will be a significant investment in South Lanarkshire, alongside enabling progress towards Scotland's ambitious Net Zero, solar and onshore wind targets.

M74 West will include a generous community benefit package which reflects Scottish Government best practice guidance. At the event on **8th February**, Renewco will be seeking feedback from the community on how the fund can best be administered and seeking ideas for specific projects and initiatives that could be funded.

The upcoming exhibition will provide an opportunity for Renewco Power to answer any questions you may have and collect valuable feedback from members of the public which is crucial in the project development process.

Those unable to attend this event can view project materials and provide feedback from **8th February until 7th March** at the following website:
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Scan the QR
code to find
out more!



Appendix 5: Public Notice

GENERAL NOTICES

M74 WEST RENEWABLE ENERGY PARK

PUBLIC CONSULTATION EVENT

M74 West Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Renewco Power Limited, is exploring the opportunity of developing a Renewable Energy Park on land around the M74, approximately 3km northwest of Abington. The project team invite members of the public to attend a consultation event where there will be an opportunity to view and comment on the proposals:

The Old School House

70 Carlisle Rd, Abington, ML12 6SD

Thursday 8th February 2024

3pm – 7pm

The event will provide an opportunity to view the proposals, including an interactive model of the development from different viewpoints, as well as information on surveys which have been undertaken and the community benefit funding which will be delivered as part of the proposals. Members of the project team will be in attendance to answer any questions and receive feedback on the proposed development.

Renewco Power is committed to open discussion surrounding the proposals, and would encourage feedback and suggestions that could help shape the M74 West development. Feedback forms will be available at the event or on the project website from the same date at

www.renewcopower.com/projects/m74-west-renewable-energy-park/.

Please note, all feedback should be returned by 7th March 2024.

For further information, please contact Daisy Geissler via email at daisy.geissler@cavendishconsulting.com or in writing to c/o Cavendish

PUBLIC NOTICE IN CARLUKE AND LANARK GAZETTE 31 JANUARY 2024

Other

M74 WEST RENEWABLE ENERGY PARK PUBLIC CONSULTATION EVENT

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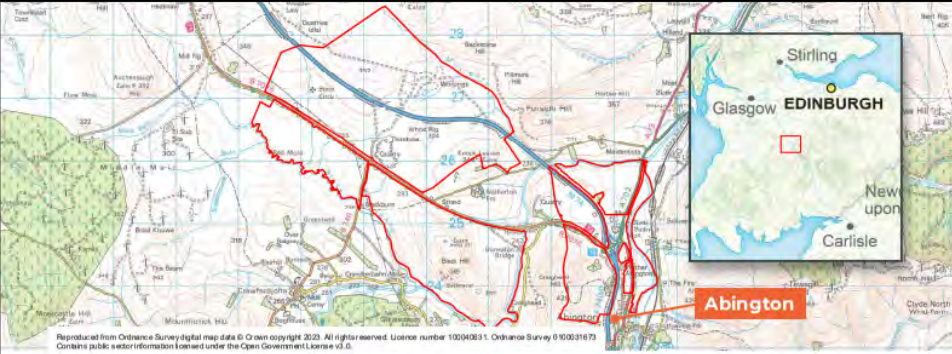
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Appendix 6: Poster



M74 West Renewable Energy Park Consultation



8th February, 3pm - 7pm
**The Old School House,
70 Carlisle Road, Abington, ML12 6SD**


As part of the pre-application consultation process, Renewco Power are hosting a public consultation event regarding the proposed M74 West Renewable Energy Park on land around the M74, approximately 3km northwest of Abington. The event will provide an opportunity for members of the public to view the proposals and provide their feedback.

Those unable to attend the event can leave their feedback via the project website linked below from 8th February. Please note, all feedback is due by 7th March.


Contact Us

Should you have any questions or require any further information regarding the proposals please contact the team on **0141 264 2831** or **daisy.geissler@cavendishconsulting.com**

To find out more please scan the QR code or visit **renewcopower.com/projects/pages/m74-west-renewable-energy-park/**



Appendix: 7 Feedback Form



FEEDBACK FORM

PRIVACY STATEMENT

By filling in this form, you are agreeing that Cavendish Consulting can hold and process your personal data in relation to this public consultation exercise.

- Cavendish will only share your personal data with the project team for planning evaluation purposes.
- Your identifiable, personal data will not be used for any other purposes without your consent.

Cavendish and the project team will use your data to:

- Send you updates about the project (where you provide us with your contact details).
- Develop a Pre-Application Consultation Report (or similar document) and Community Benefit Report about this public consultation that will be submitted to the planning authority or similar body; this will be a publicly available document. Your comments will be anonymous, and we will only identify you in these reports with your express permission.

If you provide us with your contact details, we might also contact you to ask more about the comments you've made.

Cavendish acts on behalf of Renewco Power to run public consultation activities.

YOUR DETAILS

Title (Miss/Mrs/Ms/Mr/Other):

First Name or Initial:

Surname:

Postcode:

Age Group (please circle):
Under 13 13-17 18-24 25-34 35-44
45-54 55-64 65-74 75-84 85+

YOUR CONTACT DETAILS

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

I do not wish to provide personal details but can confirm that I am over the age of 13

We will use these details to contact you and update you on the proposals. If you would like to be kept up to date with these proposals, please tick this box

Data Protection

We hold all personal data in accordance with the retained EU law version of the General Data Protection Regulation ((EU) 2016/679) (the "UK GDPR"), as it forms part of the law of England and Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland by virtue of section 3 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018, the Data Protection Act 2018, the Privacy and Electronic Communications Regulations 2003 as amended, and any successor legislation. Your personal data will not be transferred outside of the EU.

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WE WELCOME YOUR FEEDBACK, PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSALS OVERALL:



COMMUNITY BENEFIT QUESTIONNAIRE


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1. From desktop research the following high-level investment priorities have been identified for M74 West community benefit funding:

- a) Business development and growth
- b) Skills and employability
- c) Transition to net zero
- d) Built and natural environment
- e) Sustainable and active travel

Do you agree with these investment priorities? Yes/No

If there are any other issues that should be prioritised for community benefit funding please note them below:



2. M74 West Ltd is looking to bring forward an Early Community Benefit Fund of £5,000 in the coming months. Please tell us about any activities, local groups or ideas that could benefit from this fund?

3. We have identified some potential benefits that could be delivered as part of the future Community Benefit Fund we would like your view on. How would you rate the following benefits? (1 – poor to 5 - excellent)

- a) The installation of solar PV/thermal and battery storage in homes
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- c) Electric vehicle car club scheme
- d) Scholarship scheme
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4. Are there any other projects or activities that should benefit from the future M74 West Community Benefit Fund?

5. What organisation(s) should manage the distribution of community benefit funds?

- a) Local authority
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6. What are the most important factors that should be taken into account when deciding which communities can access M74 West community benefit funding (please rank from 1 - most important to 7 - least important)?

- a) Proximity to M74 West b) Visibility of M74 West c) School catchment areas
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Appendix 8: Boards



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M74 WEST RENEWABLE ENERGY PARK

WELCOME TO OUR EXHIBITION


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The purpose of today's event is to provide you with information about the project and gather feedback. Representatives from Renewco Power, supported by our environmental impact assessment (EIA) team from Ramboll and landscape and visual impact specialists MVGLA, are available to discuss the project and answer your questions. In addition, the team can show you how the wind turbines proposed will look from different locations using the interactive Windplanner tool.


The information banners provide:

- A summary of the M74 West project
- An explanation of why the site was chosen
- An overview of the project and the current stage in the design process
- Information on community benefits
- Ways of feeding back on the project and shaping the community benefits package
- Next steps and timescales towards a planning submission

Before you leave, please complete a project feedback form and community benefit questionnaire. All feedback collected will be used to shape and refine our proposals, and updated plans will be presented at a second consultation event in the coming months.

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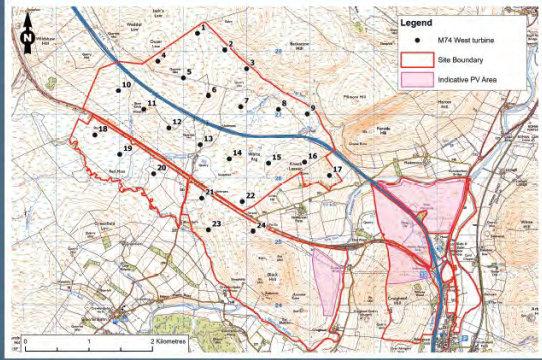


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THE DEVELOPMENT SITE

OUR LOCATION

The M74 West site extends over an area of approximately 1,450 ha north and south of the M74, immediately north west of Abington services and approximately 3 km north west of Abington, South Lanarkshire, Scotland. The site is centered around grid reference Easting 289028, Northing 626477.




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THE PROJECT

The project is in the early stages of development and the current expectation is that it will comprise up to:

- 24 wind turbines, expected to generate approximately 180 MW of electricity
- Solar PV panels, expected to generate approximately 60 MW AC
- Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), approximately 50 MW capacity
- Onsite substation
- Meteorological mast
- Internal access tracks
- Access direct to the site from the B7078, using the existing quarry access, and from the B740
- New access for abnormal loads direct to the northmost part of the site from the M74 (southbound) to enable project construction





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WHY?

The Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Act 2019, which amends the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009, sets targets to reduce Scotland's emissions of all greenhouse gases to net zero by 2045 at the latest, with interim targets for reductions of at least 56% by 2020, 75% by 2030, and 90% by 2040. Significant additional renewable energy capacity, over and above what is produced today, will be needed to facilitate the decarbonisation of transport and heating as Scotland transitions to net zero.

The wind farm element of the M74 West project alone will be sufficient to power approximately 171,205 homes and will have a significant role in helping the Scottish and UK governments to meet their emissions reduction and net zero commitments. The BESS will also help balance electricity supply and demand on the National Grid.

In addition to its legally binding emissions reduction and net zero carbon targets, the Scottish Government has set a target of delivering a minimum of 20 GW of onshore wind and up to 6 GW of solar development by 2030. The wind and solar components of M74 West, which could have a combined installed capacity of approximately 240 MW, would make a substantial contribution towards reaching these targets.

WHY HERE?

This site has been selected for the M74 West Renewable Energy Park because:

- The site is situated amidst a cluster of operational and proposed wind farm developments, including the operational Middle Muir Wind Farm to the west and Clyde Wind Farm to the south east.
- The site can accommodate a renewable energy development whilst avoiding significant direct effects on areas designated for nature conservation.
- The site has suitable access for both standard construction traffic and abnormal indivisible loads.
- The site has high anticipated wind speeds.
- The site has good access to the electricity transmission network.
- The site is located within a concentration of infrastructure along the M74 corridor, including the motorway, high-voltage overhead lines, transmission gas pipelines, the West Coast Main Line railway and other wind farm development.



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WHO IS M74 WEST LIMITED?

M74 West Ltd is a wholly owned subsidiary of Renewco Power Ltd. Renewco Power is a specialist renewable energy developer focused on onshore wind, solar PV, battery storage and green hydrogen projects. The Glasgow based company is actively developing over 4 GW of renewable projects in 4 markets: the UK, Spain, Italy and the US and employs 40 people. Development of these high-quality renewable energy projects in a responsible manner will accelerate the deployment of clean energy assets that will enable countries to de-carbonise their power systems and help local communities to thrive. The company was formed by a highly experienced team of entrepreneurs and renewable sector specialists with significant development, technical, project structuring, construction, and financing expertise across all renewable technologies.

While Renewco Power is a relatively new company, our team has a proven track record, delivering renewable energy projects in the UK and beyond. Our experience includes wind, solar, BESS, and emerging technologies such as green hydrogen.

Our aim with all of our projects is to maximise the renewable potential deliverable on a site while minimising impacts to land and the surrounding community. Irrespective of the technology our relationships with the community are critical to ensure we make a lasting positive impact, which is why we would welcome any and all feedback as part of this consultation.



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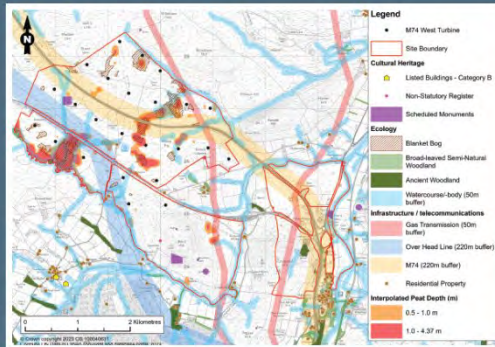




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PROJECT DESIGN PROCESS & KEY ISSUES

Work has so far focused on environmental considerations which will guide the development of the project layout. This includes desk-based work and site surveys to gather information on birds, other protected species, habitats, peat, historic features, landscape, noise and private water supplies.



The issues identified and design response include:

- **Landscape** - Identified viewpoints used to refine position of turbines to minimise effects on key views
- **Visual Amenity** - development set back from residential properties and other key locations
- **Noise** - development set back from residential properties
- **Cultural Heritage** - setbacks from key assets, and consideration of their setting
- **Ecology** - avoidance of areas of important habitat
- **Peat** - avoidance of areas of deep peat
- **Existing infrastructure** - set backs from gas pipelines, the M74 and overhead power lines
- **Cumulative context** - design respects development in the surrounding area

The design is ongoing in response to work onsite and information gathered from consultation.



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THE EIA PROCESS & CONSENTING

The M74 West project will have a generating capacity of >50 MW and so will require consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989. This consenting process is administered by Scottish Ministers through the Energy Consents Unit (ECU) of the Scottish Government.

The project requires an **Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)**, and this process will strongly influence the ongoing design work. The EIA process will result in an EIA Report which will document the findings of the assessments completed, provide environmental information for the project, and form a key element of the Section 36 consent application.

TIMELINE DATES:



The EIA Scoping report is currently being considered by the ECU and consultees and can be viewed here:





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WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY

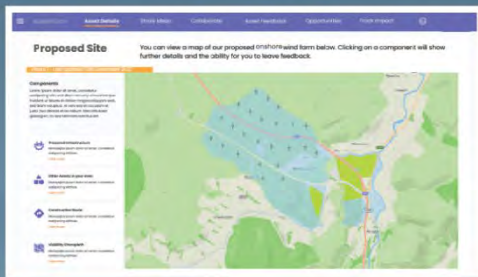
M74 West will provide a range of benefits for the local community, including a fund which will deliver direct investment into community projects and initiatives. The fund will reflect Scottish Government best practice guidance. Based on the wind aspect of the development having an installed capacity of 180MW, the project would provide a minimum of £900,000 annually in community benefits.

To guide this investment to the most appropriate projects and initiatives, five high-level investment priorities have been identified:

- Business development and growth
- Skills and employability
- Transition to net zero
- Built and natural environment
- Sustainable and active travel

In advance of M74 West being delivered, an Early Community Benefit Fund of £5,000 is being launched to help support local initiatives and test a new engagement platform which is being launched by software developers BizG've in the coming months.

Feedback on the investment priorities would be appreciated, as well as your ideas on specific projects and initiatives that would benefit the local community. Renewco Power is also keen to ensure that local supply chain opportunities are capitalised upon and would like more information on businesses that could benefit from expenditure associated with delivering the M74 West project.



BizG've



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GIVING YOUR FEEDBACK

To help us take your views into account in the development of the M74 West project, including the community benefit package, we would appreciate if you could complete the feedback form including community benefit questionnaire.

A further community engagement event will take place before the S36 application is submitted, where we will provide further detail on the project and how feedback from this event and input from South Lanarkshire Council, SEPA, NatureScot, Historic Environment Scotland and others has been taken into account. The project team will also engage with community bodies during the intervening period.

In addition to our in-person engagement events, Renewco Power is working with a specialist third party software designer, BizG've, on a new engagement platform. This platform will assist with engagement on the M74 West Renewable Energy Park project and the associated community benefits package. It is anticipated that this will be launched in the coming months.

You can find out more information about the platform from members of the project team.

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Appendix 9: Second Consultation Invitation



28th May 2024

Dear Mr Whittle MSP,

Renewco Power: M74 West Renewable Energy Park Second Public Consultation

I am writing to provide an update on Renewco Power's proposals for a renewable energy park approximately 3km northwest of Abington, and invite you to our second public consultation event at the **Crawfordjohn Village Hall (Manse Road, Crawfordjohn, ML12 6SR) on 12th June 2024 from 3.00pm until 7.00pm.**

At our first exhibition in February, the proposals for M74 West Renewable Energy Park included approximately 24 wind turbines (180MW), solar PV panels (60MW) and a battery storage facility (50MW). The project represents a significant investment in South Lanarkshire, and will provide employment opportunities within the supply chain, as well as a generous community benefit fund.

Following our first event in February 2024, the proposals have been revised to address comments from the community and consultees. Further design work has also been undertaken. The scheme that will be presented at the 12th June event includes 22 wind turbines (approximately 165MW), solar PV panels (approximately 80W) and a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) facility (50MW).

Renewco Power is a renewable energy developer delivering utility-scale wind, solar and energy storage projects across Europe and the US. Renewco blends experienced entrepreneurial talent with commercial, operational and technical expertise across the clean energy and environmental sectors. Our team has developed and delivered wind, solar and battery storage projects globally.

Our upcoming consultation event will provide an opportunity for members of the community to view the updated proposals and provide further feedback to the project team. The exhibition boards and an online feedback form will also be available at www.renewcopower.com/projects/pages/m74-west-renewable-energy-park/ from 12th June 2024. All feedback is welcome until 10th July 2024.

In addition to information about the proposals, the consultation on 12th June will provide an opportunity for members of the public to meet with representatives from BizGive, Renewco's partners in delivering community benefit funding. A pilot of BizGive's new AssetFace engagement platform has been developed for M74 West. AssetFace will make engagement on community benefits quicker, easier, more accessible, collaborative and more transparent. The pilot will be launched at the event with a link to the site provided on the project website.

If you would like any further information or to arrange a meeting to discuss the proposals, please do not hesitate to contact my colleague Daisy Geissler at daisy.geissler@cavendishconsulting.com or on 0141 264 2831.

Yours sincerely,


Maeve Fryday
Senior Developer Onshore Wind, M74 West Ltd

10 Newton Place, Glasgow, G3 7PR

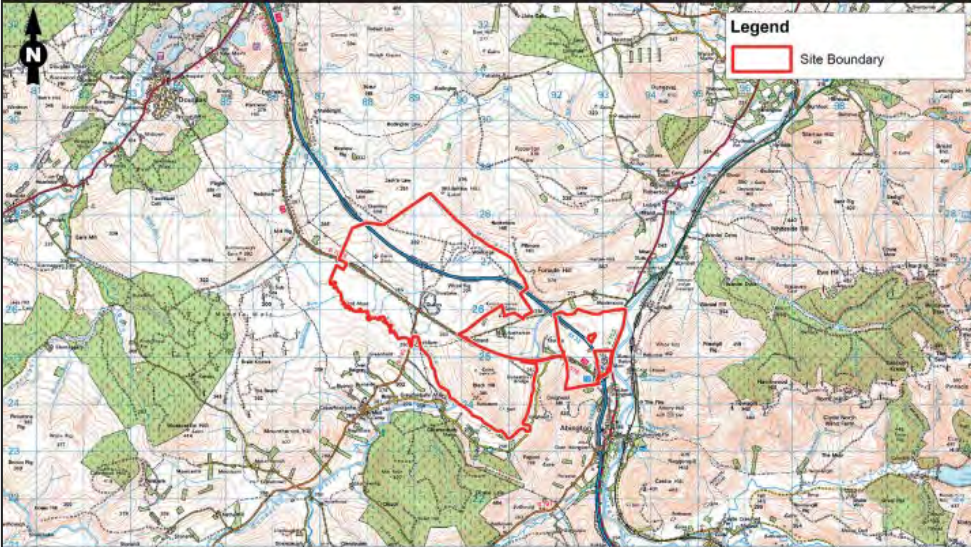
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Appendix 10: Resident Flyer



M74 WEST RENEWABLE ENERGY PARK




Location: Crawfordjohn Village Hall, Manse Road, Crawfordjohn, ML12 6SR

Date: Wednesday 12th June 2024

Time: 3pm – 7pm

Renewco Power will be holding a second public consultation event to provide an update on their proposals for the M74 West Renewable Energy Park, located northwest and north of Abington, and encourage members of the local community to attend. Those unable to attend this event can view exhibition materials and provide feedback from 12th June until 10th July online at: <https://www.renewcopower.com/projects/pages/m74-west-renewable-energy-park/>



Following our last exhibition in February, the project team has reviewed the feedback received from members of the local community and consultees, undertaken further surveys, and progressed the design. Key information gathered since the previous consultation event includes noise monitoring at representative locations around the site and more detailed information on peat depths. The design of the solar PV element of the project has also been progressed and the location for the site substation (including the BESS) selected.

The updated proposals for M74 West Renewable Energy Park include up to:

- 22 wind turbines (approx. 165 MW)
- Solar PV Panels (approx. 80 MW)
- A Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) facility (50 MW)

The team are currently developing the Habitat Management Plan and details of the biodiversity enhancement the M74 West project will deliver.

M74 West will include a significant community benefit fund, in line with Scottish Government best

practice guidance. At the event on 12th June Renewco Power's partner BizGive will be on hand to answer questions and gather feedback about administration of the fund and ideas for local initiatives which could benefit.

The project team has also been working with BizGive to develop a pilot of their new AssetFace engagement platform which is designed to make engagement on community benefits for M74 West quick, easy, accessible, collaborative and transparent. The pilot, which will include an early fund for small grants of up to £500, will be launched at the consultation event with a link to the AssetFace site provided on the project website.

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Appendix 11: Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICES

GENERAL NOTICES

M74 WEST RENEWABLE ENERGY PARK

SECOND PUBLIC CONSULTATION EVENT

M74 West Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Renewco Power Limited, is exploring the opportunity of developing a Renewable Energy Park on land around the M74, north and northwest of Abington. The project team invite members of the public to attend a second consultation event where there will be an opportunity to view and comment on the updated proposals:

Crawfordjohn Village Hall

Manse Road, Crawfordjohn, ML12 6SR

Wednesday 12th June 2024

3pm – 7pm

The event will provide an opportunity to view the updated proposals, as well as information on surveys which have been undertaken and the community benefit funding which will be delivered as part of the proposals. Members of the project team will be in attendance to answer any questions and receive feedback on the proposed development.

Renewco Power is committed to open discussion surrounding the proposals, and would encourage feedback and suggestions that could help shape the M74 West development. Feedback forms will be available at the event or on the project website from the same date at

www.renewcopower.com/projects/m74-west-renewable-energy-park/.

Please note, all feedback should be returned by 10th July 2024.

For further information, please contact Daisy Geissler via email at

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Appendix 12: Poster



M74 West Renewable Energy Park Consultation



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12th June, 3pm - 7pm
Crawfordjohn Village Hall,
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As part of the pre-application consultation process, Renewco Power are hosting a second public consultation event regarding the proposed M74 West Renewable Energy Park on land around the M74, northwest and north of Abington. The event will provide an opportunity for members of the public to view the updated proposals and provide their feedback.

Those unable to attend the event can leave their feedback via the project website linked below from 12th June. Please note, all feedback is due by 10th July.


Contact Us

Should you have any questions or require any further information regarding the proposals please contact the team on **0141 264 2831** or **daisy.geissler@cavendishconsulting.com**

To find out more please scan the QR code or visit **renewcopower.com/projects/pages/m74-west-renewable-energy-park/**



Appendix 13: Feedback Form



FEEDBACK FORM

PRIVACY STATEMENT

By filling-in this online form you are agreeing that Cavendish Consulting Limited ("Cavendish") can hold and process your Personal Data in relation to this public consultation exercise.

- Cavendish will share your Personal Data with the project team companies for planning evaluation purposes only.
- Your Personal Data will not be used for any other purposes without your consent.

Cavendish and the project team will use your Personal Data to:

- Send you updates about the project (where you provide us with your contact details); and
- Develop a Statement of Community Consultation (or similar document) about this public consultation that will be submitted to the planning authority or similar body; this will be a publicly available document. Your comments will be anonymous and we will only identify you in these reports with your consent.

If you provide us with your contact details, we may also contact you for more details regarding the comments you have made.

Cavendish acts on behalf of the project team to run public consultation activities.

YOUR DETAILS

Title (Miss/Mrs/Ms/Mr/Other):

First Name or Initial:

Surname:

Postcode:

Age Group (please circle):
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YOUR CONTACT DETAILS

Address:

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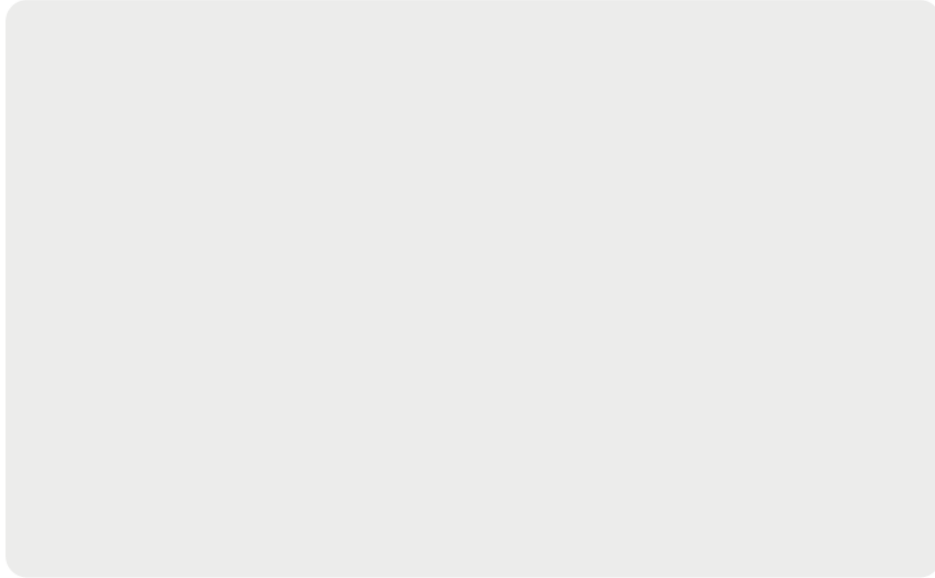
I do not wish to provide personal details but can confirm that I am over the age of 13

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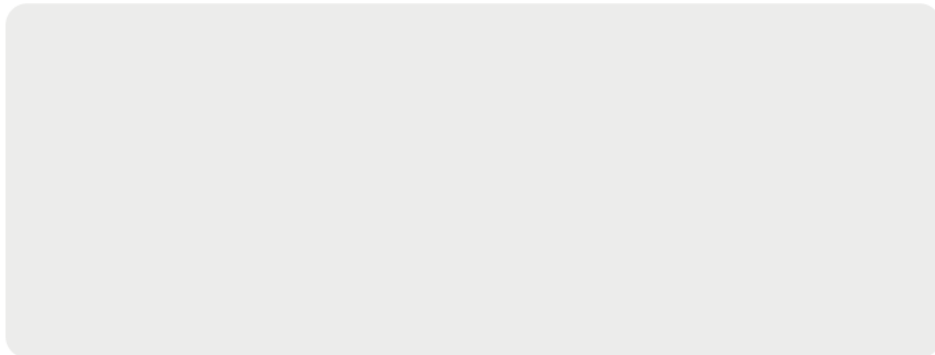
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1. From desktop research the following high-level investment priorities have been identified for M74 West community benefit funding:

- a) Education and skills
- b) Health and wellbeing
- c) Economy and jobs
- d) Environment
- e) Culture and heritage
- f) Facilities and amenities

Do you agree with these investment priorities? Yes/No

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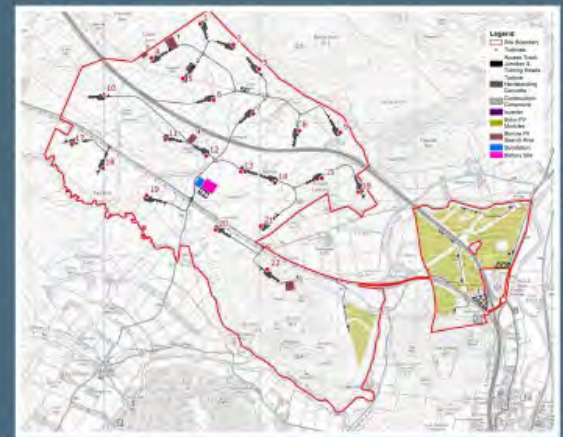


THE DEVELOPMENT SITE

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THE PROJECT

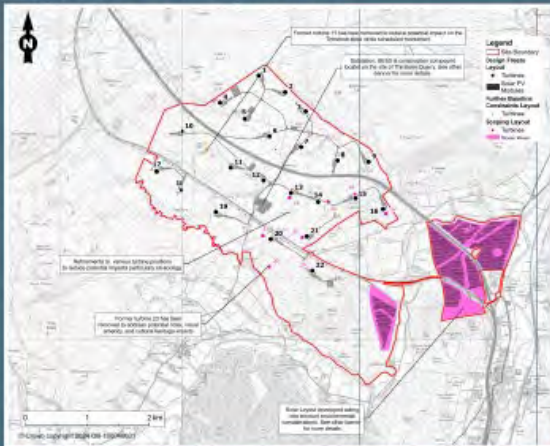


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The project has a contracted grid connection to the proposed Redshaw Substation, which is being developed by Scottish Power Energy Networks [SPEN] on land adjacent to M74 West. It is expected the connection will be by underground cable.

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT



Since our previous exhibition in February, there has been significant progress on the design of the project taking account of further survey work and feedback from the community and other consultees. The main areas of development and change are:

- Removal of two turbines:
 - Former turbine 23 has been removed to address noise, visual amenity, and cultural heritage impacts on nearby Scheduled Monuments
 - Former turbine 11 has been removed to address setting impacts on the Thirstone Stone Circle Scheduled Monument
- Refinements to turbine positions to reduce impacts, including of noise and on habitats
- Layout of all access tracks and other supporting infrastructure (e.g. borrow pits and construction compounds)
- Layout of the solar arrays and associated infrastructure
- Site selection and layout of the substation and BESS
- Outline proposals for biodiversity mitigation and enhancement which will be delivered as part of the Habitat Management Plan



WHY?

The Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Act 2019, which amends the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009, sets targets to reduce Scotland's emissions of all greenhouse gases to net zero by 2045 at the latest. Significant additional renewable energy capacity, over and above what is produced today, will be needed to facilitate the decarbonisation of transport and heating as Scotland transitions to net zero.

The wind farm element of the M74 West project alone will be sufficient to power approximately 170,021 homes and will have a significant role in helping the Scottish and UK governments to meet their emissions reduction and net zero commitments. The BESS will also help balance electricity supply and demand on the National Grid.

In addition to its legally binding emissions reduction and net zero carbon targets, the Scottish Government has set a target of delivering a minimum of 20 GW of onshore wind and up to 6 GW of solar development by 2030. The wind and solar components of M74 West, which could have a combined installed capacity of approximately 245 MW, would make a substantial contribution towards reaching these targets.

WHY HERE?

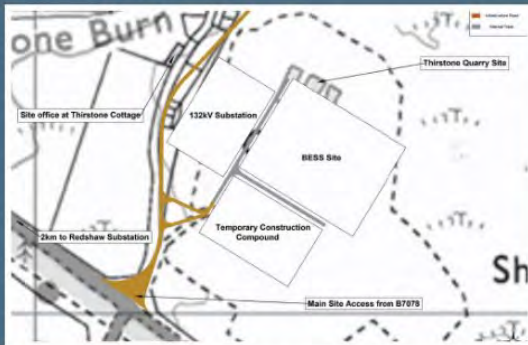
This site has been selected for the M74 West Renewable Energy Park because:

- The site is situated amidst a cluster of operational and proposed wind farm developments, including the operational Middle Muir Wind Farm to the west and Clyde Wind Farm to the south east.
- The site can accommodate a renewable energy development whilst avoiding significant direct effects on areas designated for nature conservation.
- The site has suitable access for both standard construction traffic and abnormal indivisible loads.
- The site has high anticipated wind speeds.
- The site has good access to the electricity transmission network.
- The site is located within a concentration of infrastructure along the M74 corridor, including the motorway, high-voltage overhead lines, transmission gas pipelines, the West Coast Main Line railway and other wind farm development.





SUBSTATION, BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM (BESS) AND COMPOUND



The rationale for the siting of the BESS, substation and main site compound in this location is as follows:

- To make effective use of previously developed land (the quarry) and therefore minimise the development of greenfield land and associated environmental impacts
- The site is both relatively central within the wind farm scheme and adjacent to the main site access north of B7078
- The site is relatively close to the proposed Redshaw Substation which will limit the extent of cabling required to achieve the grid connection
- To reuse Thirstone Cottage as a site office

Woodland planting is proposed to limit the visual impact of the substation and BESS in views from the south (i.e. the junction of the B7078 and B740 Crawfordjohn Road).



HABITAT MANAGEMENT PLAN

An Outline Habitat Management Plan is being prepared which will include a number of measures that will mitigate for habitat loss and ensure that the proposed development has an overall positive impact on biodiversity across the site.

Draft measures at this stage include:

- Works to improve peatland/moorland habitats, such as:
 - Drain blocking
 - Peat bank or gully reprofiling;
 - Stock management; and
 - Prohibition of certain activities within the peatland (e.g. peat cutting, planting, supplementary livestock feeding, drainage etc).
- Woodland planting, including around the substation/BESS site and riparian planting along the Duneaton Water and Black Burn
- Habitat management to support breeding waders
- Wildflower planting around substation site and potential creation of 'rewilded' areas at quarries and borrow pits to provide habitat for invertebrates and reptiles.

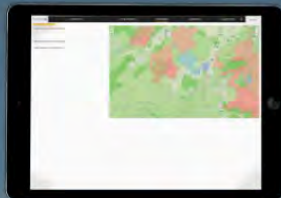


WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY

M74 West will provide a range of benefits for the local community, including a fund which will deliver direct investment into community projects and initiatives. The fund will reflect Scottish Government best practice guidance. Based on the wind element of the development having an installed capacity of 165 MW, the project would provide a minimum of £825,000 annually in community benefits. The final community benefit amount will vary depending on the installed capacity of the project when constructed.

A pilot of software developer BizGive's new AssetFace engagement platform has been developed for M74 West. AssetFace will make engagement on community benefits quicker, easier, more collaborative and transparent. A Small Projects community benefit fund of £5,000 has also been launched as part of the pilot of the AssetFace platform. Grants of up to £500 are available to support a range of local initiatives in the area.

You can access the AssetFace platform via the Renewco Power website. Members of the BizGive team are also available to help show you how the platform works.



Scan QR code to access AssetFace website



PROJECT TIMELINE, FEEDBACK & NEXT STEPS

The M74 West project will have a generating capacity of >50 MW and so will require consent under section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989. This consenting process is administered by Scottish Ministers through the Energy Consents Unit (ECU) of the Scottish Government.

The project requires an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), and this process has strongly influenced the design work to-date. The EIA process will result in an EIA Report which will document the findings of the assessments completed.

TIMELINE DATES:



YOUR FEEDBACK

To help us take your views into account, we would appreciate if you provide feedback via the AssetFace platform which can be accessed via the Renewco Power website. You can also use the AssetFace platform to apply for funding for local initiatives from the M74 West Small Projects community benefit fund.

We would appreciate if you could provide feedback via AssetFace by 10 July. Representatives from BizGive are available to explain more and to assist you with using the platform.

Alternatively, we have feedback forms available for you to complete and hand to a member of the project team.

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Appendix 15: Website

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WHO WE ARE WHAT WE DO PORTFOLIO THE TEAM CAREERS NEWS CONTACT

M74 West Renewable Energy Park

INTRODUCTION

M74 West Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Glasgow based renewable energy developer Renewco Power Limited, is bringing forward a new renewable energy development at a site northwest of Abington services, South Lanarkshire, Scotland. The project is called M74 West Renewable Energy Park (M74 West) and will include up to 22 wind turbines, solar photovoltaic (PV) generation and a battery energy storage system (BESS). The proposed development will have a total installed capacity of approximately 295MW.

Following the receipt of an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Scoping Opinion from Scottish Ministers via the Energy Consents Unit on 15 April 2024, the application for Section 36 Consent and supporting EIA Report is being prepared. It is anticipated that a submission will be made in August or September 2024.

On the lead up to the Section 36 consent application submission, Renewco Power has been consulting the local community on its proposals. Following a successful event in February a second event is due to take place on the 12th of June 2024. Further details are provided below.

LOCATION

The M74 West site extends over an area of approximately 1,275 ha north and south of the M74, north west of Abington and approximately 4.5 km south east of Douglas, South Lanarkshire, Scotland. The site is centred around OS grid reference NS 989983 26013.

INDICATIVE DEVELOPMENT TIMESCALE

8TH JANUARY EIA Scoping Request submission	8TH FEBRUARY 2024 Public consultation exhibition 1	12TH JUNE 2024 Public consultation exhibition 2	AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2024 Submission of EIA and S36 application	END OF 2025 Consent granted
Q3 2026 Discharge of planning conditions	Q2 2027 Start of construction	Q4 2028 Start of operation	Q4 2068 Start of decommissioning	Q4 2069 Decommissioning complete

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Details for our second event are below:

Crawfordjohn Village Hall
Manse Road, Crawfordjohn, ML12 6SR
Wednesday 12th June 2024
3pm – 7pm

Appendix 16: Business Card

 <p>Renewco POWER</p> <p>Leave your feedback and find out more about our early fund and AssetFace at:</p>	 <p>www.assetface.com/ ?a=m74west</p>
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 <p>Renewco POWER</p> <p>View consultation materials at:</p>	 <p>https://www.renewcopower.com/portfolio/united-kingdom/ uk-projects/m74-west-renewable-energy-park/</p>
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