

Newsletter Update – January 2024

Craighead Wind Farm



Welcome to our Craighead Wind Farm newsletter update for January 2024.

Here you can find an update on the proposals so far, more information on our community benefit offering, and a report on our community engagement.

Also included in this newsletter is information on our upcoming second round of public consultation events.

About the Project

Overview and Site Location

Craighead Wind Farm is located on land northwest of Carnbo in Kinross-shire, around 7.5km to the northeast of Dollar and 6km northwest of Kinross.

Eight turbines are proposed for the site, with a mix of blade tip heights of 180m and 200m, with a generating capacity of approximately 48MW.

There are no environmental designations for the site and it benefits from excellent wind resource.

The application for this wind farm will be determined by Perth and Kinross Council.



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Tackling the Climate Emergency

We are all more aware of the need to tackle the climate emergency. Reducing greenhouse emissions through moving away from harmful fossil fuels and transitioning to renewable and sustainable sources of energy is more important now than ever.

Craighead is set to be a part of the solution. It will help deliver the Scottish Government's target of net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2045 through powering the equivalent of around 33,600 homes with clean, low-cost energy.¹

This will save around 47,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions each year.² This is the equivalent of taking around 27,900 cars off the road.³

Community Engagement

As a responsible developer, we at Galileo are passionate about engaging with the communities we work in.

We believe that there is no substitute for positive, productive, and principled engagement with key local stakeholders and the wider community. In our experience, this is the only way to identify the issues that matter to local people and to address them correctly.

January 2024 - Public Consultation Events

We will soon hold our second round of public consultation events.

At these events, you will be able to ask questions and leave feedback with us directly.

Tuesday 23 January 2024,
3:30pm-7:30pm,
Carnbo Community Hall,
Carnbo, KY13 0NS

Wednesday 24 January 2024,
3:30pm-7:30pm,
Dunning Village Hall,
Auchterarder Road,
Dunning, PH2 0RJ

Public Consultation Update

Galileo held two public consultation events in November 2023. The first took place in Carnbo on 14th November, while the other was held in Dunning the following day.



Consultation event at Carnbo Community Hall



Consultation event at Dunning Village Hall

We were delighted with the range of feedback we received. This will be extremely helpful as we progress our wind farm development. A summary of these is highlighted below.

Support for Craighead Wind Farm

You told us that you supported the scheme for a number of different reasons, including:

- Reducing reliance on fossil fuels
- Delivering community benefits
- Noting that this was a considered and well thought out proposal

Comments

A number of comments were made, and a summary of these is highlighted below, along with our response:

- **Potential traffic impact** – a transport assessment will be undertaken as part of our application. A construction management plan will be put in place that will minimise impacts when it comes to groundworks, turbine delivery and erection.
- **Visual impact** – our initial proposal of 12 turbines has been reduced to 8 turbines, following a variety of assessments, in order to minimise impacts. Turbine technology has advanced considerably in recent years, meaning that turbines are now taller and more efficient, enabling them to generate a significantly greater amount of renewable electricity per turbine.
- **Shadow Flicker** – Shadow flicker will be assessed at the 6 identified properties within the study area as outlined within the scoping report.
- **Noise impact** – this will be further assessed via a noise impact assessment, which will consider factors such as distance from dwellings and background noise level.

Community Benefits

Galileo is committed to developing projects that deliver real, long-term benefits locally. Doing so, we believe, is key to strengthening the relationships we have with the communities we work in.

Craighead Wind Farm brings with it a real chance to make a generational difference in the local community, throughout and beyond the lifetime of the wind farm.

Views on the Community Wealth Fund

Galileo is committed to providing £5,000 per MW of generating capacity for the benefit of local communities through a Community Wealth Fund. This means that the fund could be worth around £240,000 per-annum, index-linked over the lifetime of the wind farm.

We are also committed to a Construction Community Fund, which will be made available to local groups and organisations to coincide with the start of construction until the commencement of the operation of the wind farm. This will help to offset any inconvenience caused during the construction period, and amount to around £100,000.

Overall, respondents in the public consultation events provided us with several examples of how they felt the resources should be used. These included re-wilding areas in partnership with local conservation groups, and creating paths between different locations that are not currently served by public walkways.

Views on the Renewable Electricity Discount Scheme (REDS)

As part of our feedback gathering, we asked specifically about the Renewable Electricity Discount Scheme (REDS) element of our proposal. This would be partially paid for via the Community Wealth Fund and involve those properties within 5km of the nearest wind turbine receiving a discount on their electricity bills, proportionate to how closely they are located to it.

For example, residential, commercial and community properties within 1.5km of Craighead Wind Farm could receive a discount of £1,400 per annum, index-linked over the lifetime of the development. This would reduce to £200 for those properties between 4.5km and 5km.

Other Aspects of Galileo's Community Offering

In addition to our REDS scheme, which we are exploring further, we have several other community benefit elements under active consideration.

This offering includes up to 10 per cent shared ownership in Craighead Wind Farm to the local community, which was overwhelmingly supported in our first series of public consultation events. It will see the profits generated through any ownership stake used to benefit the community.

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Contact us

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About Galileo

Galileo is a fast-growing pan-European, multi-technology, renewable energy developer, owner and operator, with a mission to significantly contribute to achieving global emission reduction targets.

We aim to do this by developing enough smart, efficient, high-quality and integrated green energy projects, so that renewable energy becomes the primary source of electricity for all energy consumers in Europe.

Founded in 2020, Galileo currently has a project development portfolio of over 7000MW across multiple European countries, including the UK, Sweden, Spain, Italy, Germany, France and Poland.

Our senior management team is made up of leading energy and investment experts that bring decades of international experience across more than thirty markets. Galileo's funders are long-term infrastructure and pension funds with a global footprint, international mindset and a collaborative mentality.

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Visit our wind farm website at www.craigheadwindfarm.co.uk

This newsletter has been designed to keep you up to date with the Craighead Wind Farm proposal. If you no longer want to receive this newsletter, please contact us at the address above to let us know.

References

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