

INTRODUCING GLENSKINNAN RENEWABLE ENERGY PARK



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We're developing proposals for Glenskinan Renewable Energy Park, located on land approximately 3km southeast of Strachan and 5km south of Banchory, within the Aberdeenshire Council area.

PROJECT PROPOSAL



Wind

Up to 14 turbines with a blade tip height of up to 220m.



Solar - being considered subject to further technical studies

Solar photovoltaic (PV) array.



Battery energy storage system (BESS) - being considered subject to further technical studies

- Stores the excess energy that is produced during high winds or sunny days and then exports that stored energy back to the electricity grid when generation is low and energy is needed.
- Provides a vital 'balancing role', helping to ensure that the electricity grid remains stable at all times.

***Up to 98 megawatts (MW) of clean energy generation from wind energy**

***The equivalent of up to 81,680 homes powered each year¹**

***Up to 115,620 tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions offset per year²**

*Final figures will be confirmed once the design of the Energy Park is fixed.

We're launching our non-statutory consultation to introduce the project to local residents and gather thoughts and feedback to shape our proposals.

Your feedback is important to us. Come along to one of our public consultation events to find out more about our plans, provide feedback and meet the project team.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION EVENT DATES:

 **Wednesday 19th March 2025 | 2:00pm – 7:00pm**

 **Strachan Village Hall, Strachan, Banchory AB31 6LG**

 **Thursday 20th March 2025 | 2:00pm – 7:00pm**

 **Auchenblae Village Hall, Monboddo St, Auchenblae, Laurencekirk AB30 1XQ**

Consultation materials, including the consultation boards and feedback form, will be available on this website from Wednesday 19th March 2025.

As the total generating capacity of the Energy Park will exceed 50 megawatts (MW), an application for consent will be made to the Scottish Ministers under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989. The application will be administered by the Scottish Government's Energy Consents Unit (ECU), with Aberdeenshire Council as a statutory consultee.

It is important to note that any comments received are not representations to the Scottish Ministers. There will be an opportunity to make comments on the application once it is submitted to the Scottish Ministers via the ECU.



Feedback from this consultation event closes on
Thursday 10th April 2025
Further information is available on our website

CLIMATE CHANGE

We believe the location could support a project that will help to address the climate emergency, making a meaningful contribution to Scotland's renewable energy and climate change targets, including net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2045.

THE SITE

Located on land approximately 3km southeast of Strachan and 5km south of Banchory, north of the existing Mid Hill Wind Farm cluster.

The site boasts excellent wind speeds, in addition to being outside all international or statutory designations for landscape, nature and heritage conservation, with appropriate separation from settlements.

ENERGY SECURITY

The growth of secure homegrown renewable energy will help play an important role in boosting our energy security through reducing reliance on imported fossil fuels and decoupling energy supply from volatile international markets. A clean energy future will also boost local businesses and supply chains, creating and supporting thousands of jobs nationwide.

MINIMISING IMPACTS

We will work to ensure that the design of the wind farm and placement of turbines is sensitive to the topography of the site and minimises environmental impacts, whilst making a positive contribution to the decarbonisation of the electricity system.

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

Galileo Empower is committed to developing projects that deliver direct and long-lasting benefits for the local area, fostering strong community relations and ensuring a green and sustainable future for generations to come. Our responsible approach towards project development will ensure that Glenskinnan Renewable Energy Park is delivered in a way that is sensitive to our neighbours, the surrounding environment, and local communities. We will:

- Commit to offering a community wealth fund of **£5,000 per MW** (index-linked) per year for the operational lifetime of the wind farm. This will be worth up to **£490,000 per year** based on a total generating capacity of up to **98MW**, equating to a total fund of up to **£19.6 million** distributed to local communities over the **40-year operational lifetime** of the project.
- Explore the possibility of a renewable electricity discount Scheme (REDS). This will provide an **annual discount** on electricity bills for those people living and working nearest to the wind farm.
- Offer shared ownership of up to **10 per cent** in the wind farm to local communities – where the profits generated by an ownership stake can be used to benefit them long-term.
- Offer a construction community fund to local groups and organisations, from the start of construction until the wind farm commences operating. Totalling approximately **£100,000**, this will aim to help **offset any inconvenience** caused during the construction period.
- Explore opportunities to deliver **green skills and jobs in the local area**. We are keen to ensure that wherever possible, the local supply chain helps us deliver the services we need for this project. If you are a local business and would like to know more about these opportunities, please get in touch.

KEY ECONOMIC BENEFITS



190 job years created in Aberdeenshire during the development and construction of the Energy Park.³



Estimated total capital expenditure of **£185 million**, and total operation and maintenance expenditure of **£246 million**.



£1.6 million contributed per year in business rates.



ABOUT GALILEO EMPOWER

This project is being developed by Galileo Empower, a fast-growing pan-European renewable energy developer, owner and operator, with a mission to significantly contribute to achieving global emission reduction targets.

Founded in 2020, Galileo Empower currently has a project development portfolio of over 13 gigawatts (GW) across multiple European countries, including the UK, Sweden, Spain, Italy, Germany, France and Poland.

We are developing a number of projects in Scotland in addition to Glenskinnan, such as Corr Chnoc in Argyll and Bute, Craighead in Perth and Kinross, Crosbie in North Ayrshire and Dorenell Extension in Moray.

Our senior management team is made up of leading energy and investment experts who bring decades of international experience across more than 30 markets.

For further information on Galileo Empower and our UK projects, please visit www.galileoempower.uk.





Meet the Senior Project Manager
Jason Morin

- 1 Based on DESNZ statistics for Annual GB average household consumption: <https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/65b12dff2718c000dfb1c9b/subnational-electricity-and-gas-consumption-summary-report-2022.pdf>
- 2 Based on DESNZ's "all non-renewable fuels" emissions statistic of 437 tonnes of carbon dioxide per GWh of electricity supplied: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/electricity-chapter-5-digest-of-united-kingdom-energy-statistics-dukes>
- 3 Preliminary economic impact assessment by Biggar Economics. 'Job years' are the standard approach for reporting construction employment impacts. One job year is the equivalent of one full-time equivalent (fte) job for one year.

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