

## What Happens Next?

- Wind Prospect will continue with consultations and assessments with a view to submitting planning applications to Clackmannanshire Council and Perth & Kinross Council this summer.
- We hope the local planning authorities will consider the proposals in late 2011 or early 2012.
- Based on these timescale, construction could begin during 2012 with energy being generated in 2013.

## We Want Your Views

We are keen to ensure that the comments and suggestions of local residents and groups are taken into account throughout our consultation and site design process. We try to incorporate the comments made into projects before the submission of any planning application. You can comment in the following ways:



- Write to us or email us (details below)
- Attend one of the public exhibitions and give us some feedback on our plans

## Invitation

### Burnfoot Hill Wind Farm Extensions Public Exhibitions

Tuesday 17th May 3:30pm - 7:30pm  
at Tillicoultry Community Centre

Thursday 19th May 3:00pm - 7:00pm  
at Blackford Village Hall

## Contact

We have endeavoured to reach all residents within 6km of the proposed wind turbines through the distribution of this newsletter. However, please let us know if you are aware of anyone within the vicinity who has not received a copy.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

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## Local Trust Fund

Should the projects be approved, the wind farm extensions would contribute to a local trust fund. Based on a potential 44 MW development of 22 turbines, funds of approximately £66,000 per year would be made available for environmental projects. We envisage that the fund would be managed by a Local Trust Fund committee comprised of local representatives, similar to that currently being set up to manage the existing Burnfoot Hill Wind Farm Trust Fund.



Gosberton House School, Lincolnshire now has a bird hide thanks to Bicker Wind Farm Trust Fund

## Supporting Wind Energy

Wind farms can attract vocal opposition, but there is also a silent majority who support wind energy. Surveys suggest this is around 74% (Renewable UK website [www.bwea.com](http://www.bwea.com)). It is important to show your support!

- **Write to your MP, MSP, Local Councillor or Community Councillor to let them know that you support the project**
- **Join other wind energy supporters at [www.embracewind.com](http://www.embracewind.com)**
- **Encourage your friends and family to support the wind farm too**
- **We're keen to hear from people who support wind energy, so please get in touch and tell us if you're in favour of the plans**



## Burnfoot Hill Wind Farm Extensions Newsletter April 2011

Dear Resident,

You may be familiar with Wind Prospect and our Burnfoot Hill Wind Farm in the Clackmannanshire Ochils. Construction of the project started early last year and we are now pleased to report that the site is now fully operational.

Since obtaining planning consent for the thirteen 102m to tip turbines at Burnfoot Hill Wind Farm back in 2007, it has become apparent that there is some scope to extend the existing project in both Clackmannanshire and in to Perth & Kinross. In total, there are four potential new developments comprising a total of 22 wind turbines. Combined the developments could generate enough electricity in a year to supply over 24,000 homes.

We want to ensure the community is kept up to date with our plans and as such would like to take this opportunity to invite you to attend one of our forthcoming public exhibitions. On **Tuesday 17th May** we will be at **Tillicoultry Community Centre** between 3:30pm and 7:30pm and on **Thursday 19th May** we will be at **Blackford Village Hall** between 3:00pm and 7:00pm.

These exhibitions will provide you with an excellent opportunity to find out more about the various Burnfoot Hill Wind Farm Extensions, for Wind Prospect staff to answer your questions, and for you to offer comment and suggestions on our current plans. If you are unable to attend one of the exhibitions but would like us to send you an information pack please do not hesitate to contact us (details overleaf).

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Dooley  
Senior Development Manager

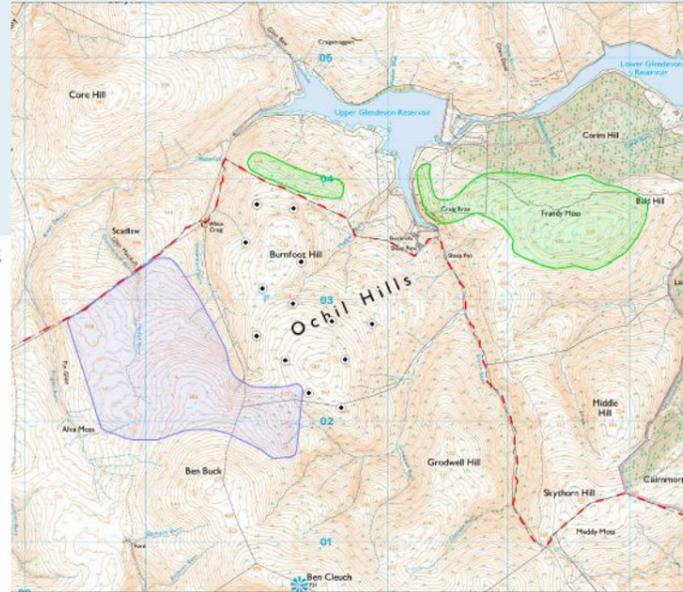


Longpark wind farm near Galashiels, Scottish Borders, developed and constructed by Wind Prospect

## Wind Farm Details

The Burnfoot Hill Wind Farm Extensions would comprise a maximum of 22 wind turbines. Each turbine would have a capacity of up to two megawatts (MW) and would be a maximum of 102m to blade tip height, the same as those already operational at Burnfoot Hill. Underground cables, access tracks, anemometer masts (to measure wind speed), switchgear buildings (to connect to the electrical grid) and temporary construction compounds would also form part of the developments.

The wind farms would be expected to have an operational life of around 25 years, after which time they would be de-commissioned and the land would be returned to its former use. We are currently finalising environmental and technical assessments, firming up turbine numbers and layouts, and will soon be compiling planning applications for submission to both Clackmannanshire and Perth and Kinross Councils. The map above shows the existing Burnfoot Hill wind turbines in black, in addition to the proposed development area in Clackmannanshire (in blue) and the proposed development areas in Perth & Kinross (in green). The boundary between the two local authorities is indicated by the red dashed line.



## About Wind Prospect

Wind Prospect's directors built the UK's second wind farm back in 1992 before founding Wind Prospect in 1997. Since then we have achieved planning consent for 35 wind projects in the UK. Four of these projects totalling 67MW have been consented in Scotland, including the 26MW Burnfoot Hill project.

We have an excellent UK planning success rate with nine out of ten projects gaining planning permission. This is well above the national planning success rate for wind farms, which we believe is down to our careful selection and design of sites.

Our business covers the whole spectrum of wind farm development, from site finding through construction, to operation for the lifetime of the project.



## The Need for Renewable Energy

An international consensus that fossil fuels are creating climate change has led to an increasing need for power generation from clean energy sources.



Many species are being affected by climate change

Wind turbines harness the wind, a free resource, to produce electricity in a renewable, secure and safe way.

The Burnfoot Hill Wind Farm Extensions would make an additional contribution towards achieving the UK Government's target of sourcing 20% of the UK's energy from renewable sources by 2020.

## Environmental Impact Assessment

In order to submit a planning application for a wind farm we have to undertake a wide range of comprehensive environmental studies which evaluate the suitability of the site in terms of its potential impact on ecology, landscape, archaeology and other environmental factors.

### Visibility

Comprehensive landscape and visual assessments are being carried out. Predicted views of the wind farm extensions from locations such as Ben Cleuch in the Ochils and the A823 Glendevon Road are being produced as part of this assessment. Some of these visualisations will be available to view at the public exhibitions.



### Wildlife

Ecological and ornithological studies are almost complete. These have looked at habitat, vegetation, protected species and birds. Some of these studies have been undertaken over several years in order to collect a complete dataset that will allow a robust assessment to be carried out that considers longer term species trends and migration patterns.



### Cultural Heritage

Cultural heritage assessments of the proposed wind farms and their surrounding area are currently being undertaken. Careful consideration is taken of any on-site cultural heritage findings when locating turbines, tracks and other infrastructure.

### Noise

Modern wind turbines are surprisingly quiet. As part of the planning process a noise assessment study will be carried out. This coupled with appropriate turbine model selection and thoughtful site design will ensure minimal sound levels at the residential properties nearest to the sites.

### TV & Radio Reception

Due to transmitter locations, it is not expected that the proposed turbines at the Burnfoot Hill Wind Farm Extensions would interfere with TV or radio signals. However, in the unlikely event that there is resulting interference, Wind Prospect would remedy any problems that occur.

### Construction and Access

The construction phase would be completed over a period of approximately one year and would be expertly managed to minimise disturbance. The sites would be accessed from the A823 Glendevon Road and would utilise both the upgraded Private Road and the existing wind farm access track. There would be no requirements for any widening works to the existing road network. Once fully operational the wind farm extensions would be monitored remotely with monthly visits by maintenance staff.

