Successful consultation event for Argyllshire Wind Farm

Vattenfall’s online public exhibition for its 26-turbine Musdale Wind Farm proposal, 9km south east of Oban, has generated valuable local feedback at an early stage in the development.

The virtual public exhibition event and online consultation, which launched on 8th December 2020 and closed on 2nd February 2021, received more than 350 ‘unique views’ and generated valuable feedback through its online survey and one-to-one calls with the project team.

The 26-turbine proposal, which was first announced in November 2020, will be designed to optimise the excellent wind resource and would be capable of powering approximately 117,500 homes with low-cost, renewable energy.

Alison Daugherty, Senior Project Manager for Vattenfall, said:

“We would like to thank everyone who has taken the time to visit our online exhibition over the last couple of months and provide comments on the proposal at this early stage. We’ve had more than 30 people get in touch directly and there has been some fantastic local feedback - particularly through the one-to-one calls - helping us identify potential issues, concerns, and opportunities early in the project which can be looked at further as the proposal progresses.

“Over the next few months, we will be undertaking detailed technical and environmental studies and following up on some of the feedback that we have received in order to help further develop the design. We are also planning to initiate specific consultation on community benefit around springtime, in order to understand the community’s thoughts and ideas on how the project could deliver meaningful benefit to the local area – including working with the local supply chain.”

A further public exhibition and consultation event will be held in the summer in order to engage again with the local community on the design and listen to feedback, with a final information event planned upon submission of the Section 36 application to Scottish Ministers which is expected to be towards the end of 2021.