

## About The Project

In August 2023, we submitted a Scoping Report to the Scottish Government's Energy Consents Unit (ECU) which sought feedback on the proposed scope of environmental assessment work.

The Scoping Report included an early design comprising 22 wind turbines and an energy storage proposal. In October 2023, we held public exhibition in the local area to seek views on this preliminary design. The events enabled people to learn more about the proposal and provide feedback on the layout design.

Since the scoping design, which was presented at the October 2022 public exhibitions, turbine numbers have reduced from 22 to 15 turbines.

We are no longer proposing to include an energy storage system as part of the Blair Hill development allowing us to maximise area available for wind turbine placement on the site.

### Design evolution

Since the public exhibitions in October 2023, we have completed our detailed site surveys. The findings from this work, together with feedback from the public exhibitions and consultees, has resulted in a number of design changes.

We have removed seven turbines from the layout design, reduced the tip height of 2 turbines to 210m (with the other turbines at a tip height of 250m) and revised the remaining turbine locations. This will minimise effects on heritage assets, reduce visibility from key viewpoints like the Merrick and avoid impacting sensitive habitats. Revisions to the layout design have also sought to reduce visibility of any required aviation lighting from within the Dark Sky Park.

The drawings below show the comparative changes to the proposed site layout of the project

