

# Community Consultation

## Phase 1 Consultation

In September 2023, we launched a public consultation to present the preliminary design for the proposed wind farm.

In-person consultation events were held on 3rd and 4th October 2023 in Newton Stewart and Wigtown, drawing approximately 400 attendees across both days. The events featured exhibition boards that provided a comprehensive overview of the project, including details of the proposed wind farm layout and preliminary designs. Attendees had the opportunity to engage directly with the project team, ask questions, and share their views. A total of 260 feedback forms were completed, offering valuable input from the local community to inform the project's development.

## Phase 2 Consultation

Phase 2 of the consultation was launched in May 2024, with consultation events held on 21st and 22nd May 2024 in Newton Stewart and Kirkcowan.

These events showcased the updated wind farm design, reflecting feedback from the first consultation phase and the results of site surveys and assessments. 330 members of the community attended across both days and 180 feedback forms were submitted.



## Community Liaison Group

In response to feedback from the first phase of consultation, a Community Liaison Group (CLG) was established in January 2024. This group was designed to create an effective channel of communication between RES and the local community. The goal was to maintain transparency and keep the dialogue open as the project advanced.

The CLG was formed with a diverse membership including locally elected representatives, community groups, and other key stakeholders. The CLG has exemplified a proactive, thorough and transparent approach to consultation with the local community by facilitating open dialogue and detailed discussions.

The CLG has held five meetings so far all at McMillan Hall, Newton Stewart. In February 2024, the CLG agreed on its terms of reference, which were then published on the project's website. RES provides full administrative support for the meetings, including booking the venue, arranging guest speakers, and posting meeting minutes online.

RES is committed to maintaining CLG meetings throughout the application phase and beyond.

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