

Welcome to the Community Consultation for Tom na Clach Wind Farm Extension

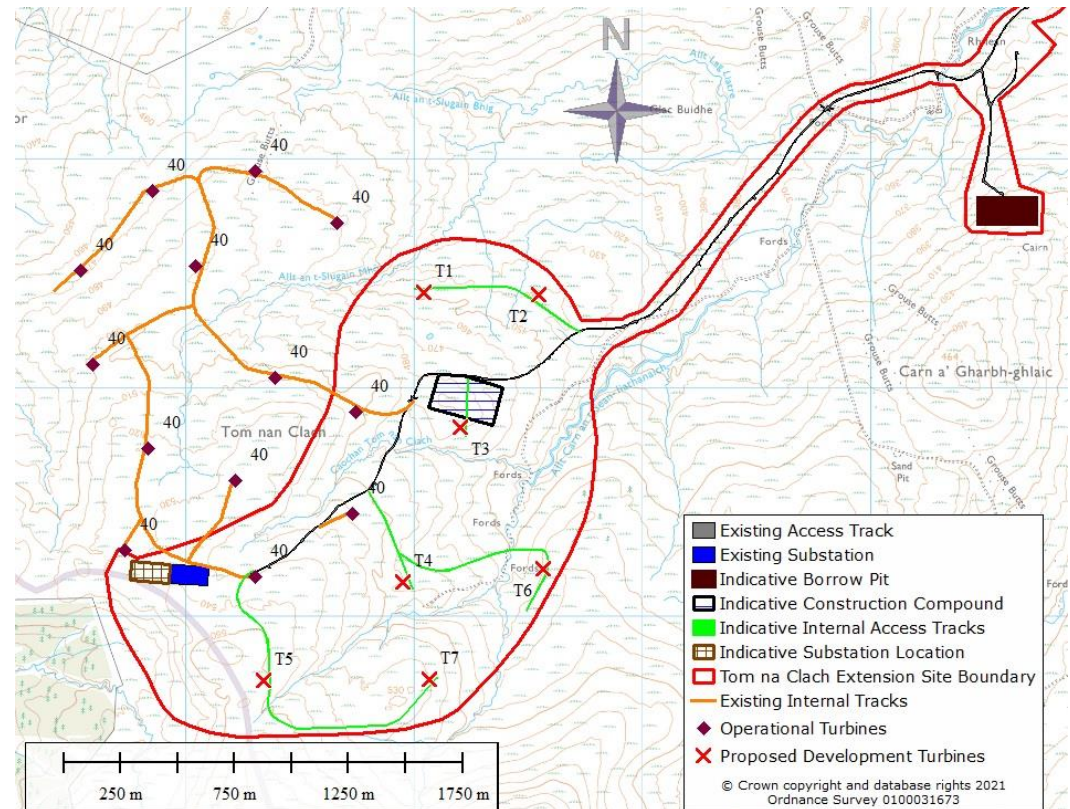
- Thank you for visiting us today. Here you will find a selection of information boards outlining the proposal for Tom na Clach Wind Farm Extension. Do not hesitate to speak with any of the project team members who are here to answer your questions, or if you are viewing this information online, send us a feedback form or email your comments.
- You will find all the panels available to download from the website following the consultation period.
- We would be grateful if you could complete a 'Feedback Form' which can be found here at our open day, or on the website.
- We will be hosting 2 live 'chat' sessions to discuss the project with you. Details of these sessions will be on the Consultation webpage.
- There are several other ways to obtain further information and to contact us:
 - Our website www.tomnaclachwindfarm.co.uk will be updated with all the latest information. We will publish the planning application documents including the Environmental Statement on the website once the application has been submitted.
 - Email us at info@tomnaclachwindfarm.co.uk
 - Ring the freephone number **0800 980 4299**
 - Write to us using **Freepost Infinergy Ltd.**



Tom nan Clach Wind Farm, Highland
Image for illustrative purposes only

Overview of the proposed plans

- The proposal is for up to 7 turbines which will form an Extension to the existing, operational Tom nan Clach Wind Farm.
- The capacity of the turbines is yet to be confirmed, but will likely contribute around an additional 30MW to the existing operational windfarm.
- At present there are various turbine models that suit this site. New and updated models matching the proposed dimensions will also be considered.
- The proposed turbines have a maximum tip height of 149.9m when one of the blades is in a vertical position.
- Keeping turbine tip heights under 150m means there is no requirement for visible aviation lighting.
- The proposed Extension will utilise the existing access track and reopen the borrow pit used for operational wind farm, reducing environmental impacts.



Proposed 7-turbine extension alongside operational Tom nan Clach Wind Farm

What's in a name?

The original development was named Tom nan Clach, a name taken from the Ordnance Survey map, visible above. 'Tom' is a small peak or knoll and 'nan' in Gaelic means 'if' which is clearly meaningless as part of a place name but was somehow adopted by the cartographer of the day. This time around, we have rectified that mistake and have named the Extension project **Tom na Clach**.

Tom na Clach Wind Farm Extension

Environmental Considerations

Local Wildlife: Extensive ecological surveys have been carried out on the proposed site including bat, bird, mammal, and vegetation surveys. During construction, management plans, approved by the council, will be implemented to ensure any disturbance to local wildlife is kept to a minimum and where possible enhanced.

Peat: Varying depths of peat have now been identified across the site. This information has also played a key part in the design of the proposed layout.

Noise: Noise monitoring is now being carried out to ensure the proposal will be in line with ETSU-R-97 "The Assessment & Rating of Noise from Wind Farms" guidance. The distance from the nearest property is approximately 2km (1.24 miles).

Landscape and Visual: The proposed development has been designed as an Extension to Tom nan Clach Wind Farm, from key viewpoints surrounding the site and taking into account the findings from the original application process.

Access

Route: Wind turbines will be delivered to Inverness Harbour, which has a long track record of the ability to handle wind farm components landed by ship; deliveries will then follow the A9 and A96/B9007 to site.

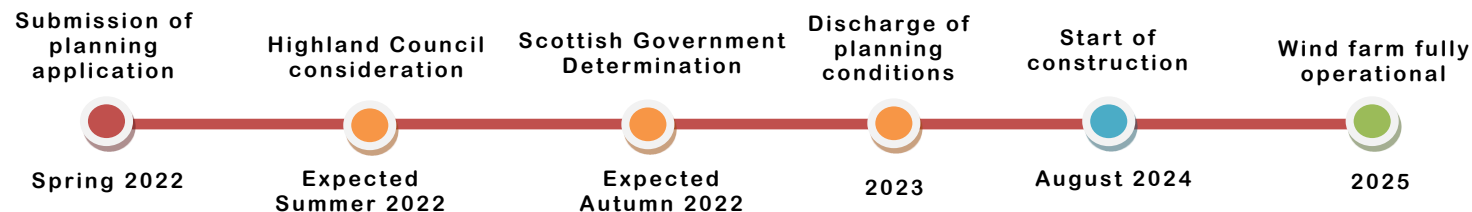
Preferred access: By using the existing Tom nan Clach Wind Farm access track off the B9007, this greatly reduces the need for new access roads, the amount of material required to be brought onto site and reduces the environmental impact.



Operational Tom nan Clach Wind Farm

Next steps

- We now hope to submit the Section 36 planning application for **Tom na Clach Wind Farm Extension** to the Scottish Government by the Spring of this 2021.
- An Environmental Impact Assessment Report ('EIA Report') including all the results from the surveys will be submitted with the planning application. All documents will be uploaded to our website www.tomnaclachwindfarm.co.uk under 'Downloads'.
- If you would like to receive a CD, or USB flash drive, containing all the planning application documents or a hard copy of the Non-Technical Summary (NTS, a condensed version of the EIA Report), please request this in the 'Voice your opinion' comment form available at the reception desk or online. The CDs/USBs and the NTS are provided free of charge for as long as stock last.
- Professional bodies in the fields of ecology, aviation, telecommunications, noise, landscape, cultural heritage, transport etc will all be consulted. To help the Government assess the proposal, not only do they listen to you, the local residents, but also the following consultees:
 - The Highland Council
 - NatureScot (formerly SNH)
 - VisitScotland
 - Historic Environment Scotland
 - RSPB
 - National Air Traffic Services
 - Ofcom
 - Local Community Councils
 - SEPA
- The timeline shown below gives an indication of possible timescales should the proposal be deemed acceptable and is subject to change depending on the planning process.



Community Benefit and Shared Ownership

- Community Benefit is something that comes as part and parcel of renewable energy developments these days and whilst it is not considered a 'benefit' in terms of the planning application, the Scottish Government has set the bar in terms of the amount a project is expected to contribute. This amount is £5,000 per MW of operational capacity. With the proposed Extension, this would mean around £150,000 per year for the lifetime of the scheme depending on the final number and capacity of wind turbines, which when added to the community benefit already in place with the original Tom nan Clach project, makes a total of around £350,000 per year.
- We want to ensure that the funds from Tom na Clach Wind Farm Extension help the surrounding communities become more resilient and sustainable in the long term and propose to simply add the funding to the existing bodies managing the Tom nan Clach Wind Farm Community Benefit funds.
- Over the course of the development of the operational Tom nan Clach Wind Farm, all of the surrounding communities met and discussed how they would like to see funds managed. The outcome of this process was an agreement that each area should have its own specific fund, managed by the local community.
- Each of the communities surrounding Tom nan Clach Wind Farm now have fully operational bodies managing each area's portion of the fund and further details can be found on our website www.tomnaclachwindfarm.co.uk
- Please feel free to write any ideas that you have on how community benefit could make a positive contribution to your local community on the 'post-its' provided and stick them up on this panel. Alternatively, please complete a 'Voice Your Opinion' comment form which is available from the reception desk or contact your local fund directly.

