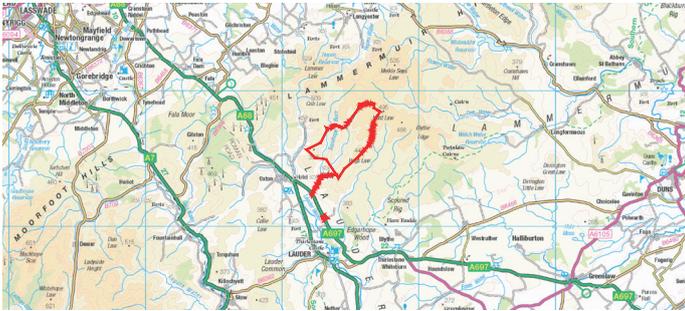


# Longcroft Wind Farm proposal

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## Section 36 submission

RES has submitted a Section 36 application for consent to the Scottish Government for a 19-turbine wind farm and energy storage proposal located approximately 9km north of Lauder in the Scottish Borders.



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The submission follows a wealth of technical and environmental survey work that has helped build our understanding of the site, identify key constraints, and inform the design. An extensive Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) captures the findings.

We have also undertaken four public consultation events to inform the public and gather feedback on the proposal. This work is summarised in a Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) Report as part of the submission.



Lauder Public Hall (September 2023 public exhibition)

## Viewing the planning documentation

Electronic copies of the planning application and associated planning documents, including the EIAR, can be viewed at (and downloaded from) [www.longcroft-windfarm.co.uk](http://www.longcroft-windfarm.co.uk) or the Scottish Government Energy Consents Unit (ECU) planning portal at [www.energyconsents.scot](http://www.energyconsents.scot) (reference ECU00004774).

In addition, hard copies of this documentation are available at the following locations for public viewing:

**Lauder Community & Leisure Centre**, Old Causeway, E High St, Lauder TD2 6SX (Monday-Sunday, 7am-9pm)

**Oxton War Memorial Hall**, Station Road, Oxton, TD2 6PL (24 hours - located in vestibule of the hall)

## Submitting formal representations

A statutory consultation period is being held by the ECU to enable the public, as well as key consultees, to submit formal representations on the proposal. **The closing date for representations is 12 January 2024** although Scottish Ministers may consider representations received after this date.

Representations on the application may be submitted to the ECU in the following ways:

Online: [www.energyconsents.scot](http://www.energyconsents.scot)

Email: [representations@gov.scot](mailto:representations@gov.scot)

Post: Scottish Government, Energy Consents Unit, 4th Floor, 5 Atlantic Quay, 150 Broomielaw, Glasgow, G2 8LU

All representations need to identify the project and specify the grounds for representation. Written or emailed representations should be dated, clearly stating the name, full return email or postal addresses of those making representations. Only representations sent by email will receive acknowledgement.

Representations will be assessed against the proposal and a determination made by Scottish Ministers in due course.

# Creating a future where everyone has access to affordable zero carbon energy.

## Climate change emergency

Climate change is one of the greatest threats facing our planet, and the Scottish and UK Governments have set legally binding targets of reaching net zero by 2045 and 2050 respectively to help tackle climate change. If consented, Longcroft Wind Farm would be capable of generating enough clean, low-cost electricity for around 145,000 homes<sup>1</sup> each year. The forecast end-to-end carbon payback time for the project, as set out in the EIAR, is one year.

## Cost of living crisis

Onshore wind, alongside other renewable energy technologies, can generate the lowest-cost form of new electricity generation.

## Security of energy supply

Wind is a free and inexhaustible resource which has an important role to play as part of a balanced energy mix. It increases energy security by reducing our reliance on imports and builds resilience to sudden fossil fuel price fluctuations and the uncertainties of global markets. It is also quicker to build (typically 12-24 months), for example, than offshore wind.

## Inward investment

The project is predicted to deliver approximately £5.3 million<sup>2</sup> of inward investment into the local area in the form of jobs, employment, and use of local services during construction and the first year of operation. In addition, around £65 million in business rates<sup>3</sup> would be payable to Scottish Borders Council during the project's operational lifetime.

## Community benefit package

We are proposing a tailored package of benefits for the community from the wind farm that would be worth over £31 million to the local area over the project's operational lifetime. Throughout the development of the proposal, we have consulted with local people to explore ideas and the feedback received to date demonstrates that RES' unique Local Electricity Discount Scheme (LEDS), which offers an annual discount to the electricity bills of those properties closest to a participating wind farm, is one of the preferred opportunities.

We have engaged with representatives from both Lauderdale and Oxtou & Channellkirk Community Councils, to progress the community benefit package to be delivered by Longcroft Wind Farm, if it is consented. Nevertheless, we continue to welcome feedback from the community on any alternative suggestions that will help to secure long-term economic, social and environmental benefits and provide a lasting legacy in the local area.

## About us

RES, a British company, has a long history in Scotland where it has been operating since 1993 and has since developed and/or built 21 wind farms, with a total generating capacity of 597MW. Employing more than 150 people in Scotland, it also exports its knowledge and skills in the renewables industry to 14 countries across the globe.

With 40 years of experience and over 2,500 employees worldwide, we're able to put our expertise to good use and power positive change.

For further information visit [www.res-group.com](http://www.res-group.com).



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<sup>1</sup> The 145,000 homes equivalent figure has been calculated by taking the predicted annual electricity generation of the site (based on RES assessments Longcroft Wind Farm has a predicted capacity factor of 46.4% - based on a 6.6MW [megawatt] candidate turbine) and dividing this by the annual average electricity figures from the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) showing that the annual UK average domestic household consumption is 3,509 kWh (December 2022). Final wind farm capacity will vary depending on the outcome of planning permission and the turbine type selected.

<sup>2</sup> The £5.3 million inward investment figure is based on typical spend that RES has seen spent on its projects with local stakeholders, suppliers and service providers in the region of £279,000 per wind turbine during the development, construction and first year of operation.

<sup>3</sup> The business rates figure of £65 million (£1.3 million each year) has been calculated from the most recent non-domestic rates revaluation in Scotland (2023 Revaluation) and predicted performance of the wind farm.