

Ardtaraig Wind Farm

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Community Open Days

Glendaruel Hall, Tuesday 31st October, 2-7pm

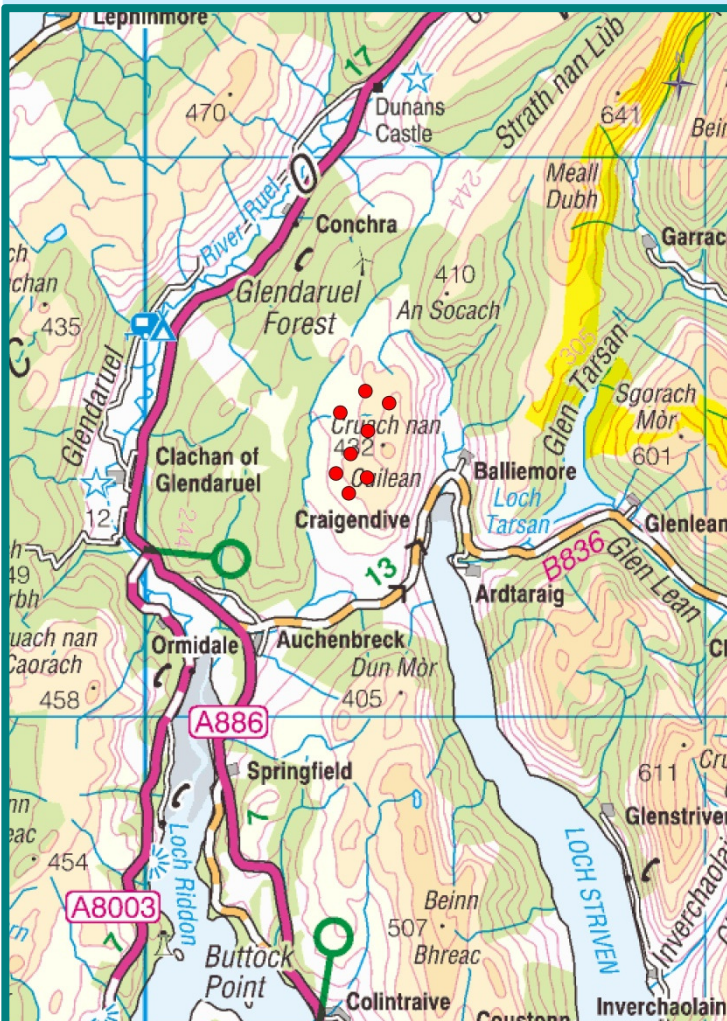
Colintraive Hall, Wednesday 1st November, 2-7pm

Please come along, we look forward to seeing you.

Ardtaraig Wind Farm Proposals

Since our last visit to Argyll in February, we have been collecting and analysing more data on the proposed Ardtaraig Wind Farm site as well as taking into consideration comments made following that round of community open days. With all of the latest information in mind, we have adjusted the layout accordingly and would like to invite you to attend our next round of Community Open Days to have a look at and discuss the revised scheme with the team.

Further research on the site has focused on a number of key areas including ornithology, noise, landscape and visual impacts, geology and hydrology with particular focus on water supplies and areas of peat.



The Proposed Plans – What has changed?

- **Turbine numbers have been reduced from ten to eight** giving a total installed capacity of around 22MW*.
- **Height to the top of the blades reduced.** When one of the blades is in a vertical position, it will be at a maximum of 135m, not 136.5m as before.
- **Construction traffic and required local road disruption reduced** due to the change of preferred site access via the existing Cruach Mhor Wind Farm.
- **Submission** of the planning application is now expected in December 2017.

*The model of turbine we are considering at present has an installed capacity of 2.75MW. There may be other models on the market with similar dimensions which may be able to offer greater capacity to consider, at the appropriate time, should consent be granted.

Estimated Energy equivalent

- **Electricity generated:** 58,000MWh per annum
- **Homes equivalent:** 14,800 homes per annum
- **Co2 saved:** 24,900 tonnes per annum

Figures from RenewableUK, based on a capacity factor of 30.1% and an average home energy usage of 430g/kWh.

Community Benefit and Shared Ownership

We want to try to ensure that community benefit funds help the community become more resilient and sustainable over the long term. We will work with the community, via the Community Councils as elected representatives in the first instance, to ensure a suitable body is in place to manage the funds.

Although there are various options open to the community on how to use community benefit to generate additional income, one option would be to invest in the wind farm itself. The Scottish Government wants to see communities maximising the potential a project such as this can bring and increased shared ownership is one of its primary aims going forwards. The proposed Ardtaraig Wind Farm would be open to investment from community organisations and social enterprises up to a maximum of 10% of the project. This would be achieved most likely via a 'shared revenue' model, one of the options proposed in the Scottish Government's "Good Practice Principles". Potential returns over the lifetime of the wind farm into the local third sector economy would help those organisations involved to ensure their development plans have a secure source of funding over the lifetime of the wind farm.

A wind farm's Community Benefit is typically directly linked to the size of the installed capacity (in megawatts/MW) of the development. In the case of the proposed Ardtaraig Wind Farm the current design and installed capacity could provide £110,000 per year for the lifetime of the scheme. We look forward to discussing the potential for shared ownership as well as hearing your ideas for community benefit at our open days. If you are not able to make it along, please feel free to contact us using the details found below.

Who we are

Onshore wind developer Infinergy Ltd has a significant amount of experience developing wind farms in Scotland, successfully developing the consented 22-turbine Lochluichart Wind Farm in Ross-shire, the 13-turbine Tom nan Clach Wind Farm in Nairnshire and the 59-turbine Dorenell Wind Farm in Moray. The team of specialists working on the application for Ardtaraig has been brought together based on their extensive experience and expertise in wind farm design and development.

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Have Your Say

Your opinion is important to us; please let us know how you feel about the plans. Please tick the appropriate box, cut off this section and pop it in the post. You can send it free of charge, just write **Freepost Infinergy Ltd** on the envelope and it will reach us without any stamps required.

How do you feel about Ardtaraig Wind Farm?

☐ Very supportive ☐ Supportive ☐ Undecided ☐ Opposed ☐ Very opposed

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