

## Content of email received from Emily Galloway: Fred Olsen Renewables 14.08.22

### Re: Hearthstanes Windfarm

I am writing to provide the Tweedsmuir Community Council a brief update in relation to the proposed Hearthstanes Wind Farm.

As you may be aware planning permission has been granted for the Fred. Olsen Renewables met mast application at the proposed Hearthstanes Wind Farm, located approximately 3km south of Tweedsmuir Village in the Scottish Borders.

The mast, which would be located within the proposed wind farm site and in place for up to 3 years, will help to provide information which is vital in helping to design Hearthstanes Wind Farm. Capable of measuring wind conditions, including speed, direction, pressure and temperature, the data will inform any future site design including turbine size and model, as well as location.

Following the two events in June, held in Tweedsmuir and Broughton, Fred Olsen Renewables have received 24 completed feedback forms. As requested, below is a summary of the responses we received:

Q1	Do you agree that there is a need to generate more renewable energy?	%
Yes	17	77%
No	2	9%
Unsure	3	14%

Q2	Do you support our proposals?	%
Yes	7	29%
No	12	50%
Unsure	5	21%

Q3	Do you have any initial comments or questions on the proposal presented?	%
Yes	17	71%
No	7	29%
Unsure	0	0

Summary of key themes raised in the comments boxes included:

- Concerns over cumulative impacts
- Concerns over visual impacts
- More renewable energy is needed
- Benefit of potential to divert timber traffic out of the village
- Impact on house values
- Impact on Garlete hill
- Need to move away from fossil fuels
- Proposals should incorporate aspirations set out in the Community Action Plan
- Turbines seem too tall
- Prefer seeing turbines over power stations
- Positive contribution to energy security/pricing
- Impacts on views at Talla, Fruid and Garlete hill could impact tourism and local economy
- Tweedsmuir will be surrounded by wind turbines
- Scotland already self-sufficient – no more needed
- More information on noise impacts needed

- More information on grid route needed
- Impacts on birds
- There is already too much forestry development
- Tweedsmuir is spending a lot of effort in renovating the Crook – a central hub of the area
- The proposed development seems well designed and unobtrusive compared with other wind farms
- Turbines should be as far away as possible
- Put turbines in areas of UK needing their output

Summary of suggestions or ideas for community benefit:

- Free electricity/electricity provided/paid for
- Don't spend CBF on the Crook
- Provide good internet/broadband
- Local transport service
- Development of local footpaths – reopen the Silver Jubilee Rd
- Clarification needed on administration of and who is eligible for community benefit
- Reduce householders energy use – free insulation, energy generation
- Support community organisations
- Eco-museum will need continued support
- Improvements on Menzion Burn between Scottish water pump house and Over Menzion for biodiversity
- Reinststate ponds and put interpretation panels for butterflies etc. Great Scottish Argus habitat!

We will seek to take on board concerns raised and look to address these where possible. In relation to the suggestions for community benefit I would be really interested in progressing discussions with TCC on how we can work with the community to realise as many of these as possible. If you did have any availability in late September/October to meet and discuss this in further detail that would be greatly appreciated.

In the meantime, if the community council have any queries please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

Emily

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