

# Corr Chnoc Wind Farm Proposal

## Consultation Events

### About the Project

#### Overview and Site Location

Corr Chnoc Wind Farm, proposed by renewable energy company Galileo, is located on land at Dunach Estate, situated approximately 2km northeast of Kilmore and 5km east of the centre of Oban.

We envisage a total of up to 15 turbines, each with a height to blade tip of up to 200m and a generating capacity of up to 90 megawatts (MW). This will be supported by a battery energy storage system (BESS), with a storage capacity of up to 50MW.

#### Tackling the Climate Emergency

The proposal for Corr Chnoc Wind Farm is set against the backdrop of the climate emergency, and the need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from polluting fossil fuels through moving to renewable energy sources.

Corr Chnoc Wind Farm will play its part in tackling the overall challenge and support the delivery of the Scottish Government's ambitious legally-binding target of net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2045,<sup>1</sup> powering the equivalent of up to approximately 63,000 homes with clean low-cost electricity.<sup>2</sup>

Recent events, such as the war in Ukraine, have also focused people's minds on the risks of over-reliance on imported fossil fuels, with the rising cost of gas driving the huge increase in energy bills. Onshore wind is one of the cheapest sources of new-build electricity generation in the UK, and therefore has a key role to play in addressing the cost-of-living crisis.



#### Project Proposal

The proposed Corr Chnoc site benefits from an excellent wind resource and has no landscape, ecological or cultural heritage designations that restrict its scope to accommodate a wind farm.

Replacing polluting fossil fuels, the dominant cause of global warming, the wind farm could save up to approximately 88,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions annually.<sup>3</sup>

As the combined capacity of the wind farm and BESS will exceed 50MW, an application for consent will be made to the Scottish Ministers under section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989. Argyll and Bute Council will be a key statutory consultee as the host planning authority.

The application will be administered by the Scottish Government's Energy Consents Unit, and is expected to be ready to be submitted in Spring 2024.



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### Community Engagement

#### Consultation Events – October 2023

As part of our pre-application consultation on Corr Chnoc Wind Farm, we will be holding consultation events in the local area to enable people to learn more about the project, discuss the proposal with our project team, and provide feedback on the current design.

Monday 23rd October,  
3.00pm to 7.00pm,  
Taynuilt Village Hall,  
Taynuilt, PA35 1JH

Tuesday 24 October,  
3.00pm to 7.00pm,  
Kilmore and Kilbride  
Village Hall,  
Kilmore, PA34 4XT

We are also keen to understand the local priorities, needs and community projects which people would like to see the wind farm support, should it go ahead.

The information, including the feedback form, will be available for people to view on the website at [www.corrchnocwindfarm.co.uk](http://www.corrchnocwindfarm.co.uk) from Monday 23rd October.

Alternatively, if you are unable to access this material online, you may obtain it by calling 0131 202 3259 or by writing to Orbit Communications, 42 Charlotte Square, Edinburgh EH2 4HQ.

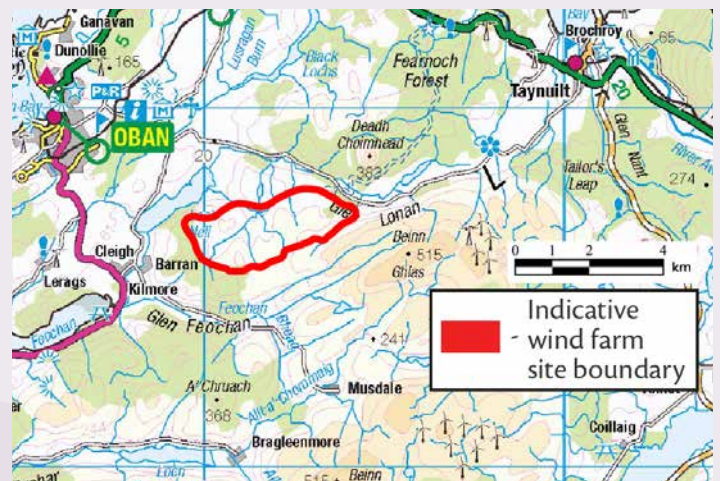
We will also anticipate hosting a second set of public consultation events in early 2024, to update people on the proposal and present the final design.

Any comments received are not representations to the Scottish Ministers. If a section 36 application is submitted, then there will be an opportunity to make a direct representation on that application to the Scottish Ministers.

#### Galileo's Community Offering

Galileo is committed to developing projects that deliver substantial and tangible long-term benefits locally, fostering strong community relations.

If consented, significant funding will be distributed to the local community over the lifetime of Corr Chnoc Wind Farm, in addition to creating employment and providing opportunities for local businesses in areas such as construction and hospitality.



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## Community Wealth Fund

The wind farm will provide a real opportunity to build and contribute to a lasting and sustainable Community Wealth Fund, benefiting the local community over the lifetime of the wind farm and beyond.

Galileo is committed to exploring with local groups and organisations as to how a such a fund, worth up to £450,000 per annum index-linked for the operational lifetime of the wind farm, can best be distributed.

The extent of the fund will be based on generating capacity of up to 90MW, with each MW providing a guaranteed income of £5,000 annually.

### **We actively encourage input from members of the local community concerning the types of local projects they would like to see benefit from the Community Wealth Fund.**

Some suggestions to consider are highlighted below:

- **Renewable Electricity Discount Scheme (REDS)**  
It was clear from meetings with community councils, local groups and organisations, that there was an interest in electricity discounts arising from the wind farm development.  
  
The Corr Chnoc Renewable Electricity Discount Scheme (REDS) will provide a direct and tangible benefit to people living and working nearest to the wind farm, and be open to all residential, commercial and community properties.  
  
**Subject to further consultation, it is proposed that those in closest proximity to the wind farm will receive a discount on their electricity bills.**
- **Education and Training Fund**  
Galileo could set up a wind farm bursary scheme to encourage local students who want to extend their education but may not have the means to do so.



## Community Shared Ownership

In addition to the Community Wealth Fund, up to 10% ownership of Corr Chnoc Wind Farm will be offered to the community surrounding the development to invest in. The profits generated by any ownership stake can be used to benefit the community.

Galileo has a long-term working relationship with Local Energy Scotland ([www.localenergy.scot](http://www.localenergy.scot)), the Scottish Government's adviser on shared ownership, who can assist in providing professional advice and support to the local community.

In August, we brought together LES with local community councils and other stakeholders for an informative meeting to discuss potential models of shared ownership.

## Construction Community Fund

A Construction Community Fund in the region of £100,000, will be made available to local groups and organisations to coincide with the start of construction until the commencement of the operation of the wind farm.

## Opportunities for Local Businesses and Suppliers

Galileo is committed to ensuring that, wherever reasonably practicable, local contractors and employees are used in all aspects of wind farm development.

Galileo is keen to hear from local businesses who may be able to offer skills and services to Corr Chnoc Wind Farm.

If you are a local business and would like to know more about opportunities for the local supply chain, please contact us via the contact details below. There will also be the opportunity to engage with us at the consultation events.

## Contact us

To discuss the Corr Chnoc Wind Farm proposal in more detail, please contact:



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## About Galileo

Galileo is a fast-growing pan-European, multi-technology, renewable energy developer, owner and operator, with a mission to significantly contribute to achieving global emission reduction targets.

We aim to do this by developing enough smart, efficient, high-quality and integrated green energy projects, so that renewable energy becomes the primary source of electricity for all energy consumers in Europe.

Founded in 2020, Galileo currently has a project development portfolio of over 7000MW across multiple European countries, including the UK, Sweden, Spain, Italy, Germany, France and Poland.

Our senior management team is made up of leading energy and investment experts that bring decades of international experience across more than thirty markets.

Galileo's funders are long-term infrastructure and pension funds with a global footprint, international mindset and a collaborative mentality.

Website: [www.galileoenergy.uk](http://www.galileoenergy.uk)

Visit our wind farm website at: [www.corrchnocwindfarm.co.uk](http://www.corrchnocwindfarm.co.uk)

This newsletter has been designed to keep you up to date with the Corr Chnoc Farm proposal. If you no longer want to receive this newsletter, please contact us at the address above to let us know.

## References

<sup>1</sup> The Scottish Government, Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland Act) 2019. Available at: [www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2019/15/contents/enacted](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2019/15/contents/enacted)

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