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1. Background.

1.1 Introduction

- 1.1.1 This Pre-Application Consultation ('PAC') Report has been prepared by Cavendish Consulting on behalf of Ravengill Energy Park Ltd ('The Applicant'). Detailed within this report is a schedule of consultation activity which was carried out in relation to proposals for the Ravengill Energy Park ('The Proposed Development').
- 1.1.2 The Proposed Development comprises of 21 turbines, with a maximum tip height of 220 m, a Battery Energy Storage System ('BESS') with a capacity of approximately 50 MW co-located with an on-site substation, along with other associated infrastructure including foundations, tracks, site compounds, laydown areas, borrow pits and underground power cables.
- 1.1.3 With a generating capacity over 50MW, the Proposed Development is the subject of an application for consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 and deemed planning permission. A full section 36 application has been submitted to the Energy Consents Unit and this report has been produced to accompany the formal application.
- 1.1.4 There are currently no specific statutory requirements for pre-application consultation for Section 36 applications, however the Applicant has applied the principles set out in the Scottish Government's Good Practice Guidance for Applications under Section 36 and 37 of the Electricity Act 1989 (February 2022) which broadly reflects the consultation process recommended for 'major' planning applications as set out in The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 and Planning Circular 3:2022-Development Management Procedures. This enables the local community and all those with an interest in the proposals a clear opportunity to view the proposals and importantly comment and feedback. As pre-application consultation will shortly become statutory for all Electricity Act applications, this further reinforces the principle that Section 36 applications should be subject to meaningful public consultation, as has been undertaken in this case.
- 1.1.5 This PAC Report outlines the programme of consultation activity undertaken by the Applicant, including formal information events and wider engagement with the community and stakeholders.
- 1.1.6 This report outlines the feedback received at formal public consultation events and through meetings with community groups, and how the Applicant has responded within the final application.

2. Consultation Overview.

2.1 Best Practice

2.1.1 The Applicant understands the value of engaging with and seeking to involve local people in development proposals, both prior to and following the submission of any application and through to the construction and operation should the Applicant's proposals obtain consent.

2.1.2 Planning Advice Note (PAN) 3/2010 – Community Engagement sets out the Scottish Government's expectations for effective engagement with communities as part of the planning process. It emphasises the importance of ensuring that those with an interest in the future development of their community understand the planning process and are provided with a genuine opportunity to participate in shaping development proposals.

2.1.3 PAN 3/2010 highlights that the term "consultation" is used to mean the:

"Dynamic process of dialogue between individuals or groups based on a genuine exchange of views and, normally, with the objective of influencing decisions, policies or programmes of action. The terms 'engagement' and 'involvement' are generally interchangeable and are taken to mean the establishment of effective relationships with individuals or groups. Participation is everything that enables people to influence the decisions and get involved in the actions that affect their lives (page 3, paragraph 1)."

2.1.4 In this context, engagement is about providing communities with a genuine opportunity to comment on proposals that may affect them, listening to those views, and reaching decisions in an open and transparent manner that takes account of the feedback received.

2.1.5 This approach is consistent with the Energy Consents Unit Good Practice Guidance, which states that "the carrying out of pre-application consultation with the public is considered good practice and applicants are encouraged to have meaningful engagement at the earliest possible stage with any communities or groups who would be affected by development proposals."

2.1.6 National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4) (2023) also highlights the important role of effective engagement, stating:

"Throughout the planning system, opportunities are available to engage in development planning and decisions about future development. Such engagement, undertaken in line with statutory requirements, should be early, collaborative, meaningful and proportionate. Support or concern expressed on matters material to planning must be given careful consideration in the determination of development proposals."

The Applicant is committed to undertaking effective and early consultation methods in this way, including tailoring its strategies to suit individual communities. Residents' values and issues of importance vary, and the consultation programmes are designed to reflect that.

2.2 Timeline

- 2.2.1 The Applicant's plans for Ravengill Energy Park were launched in April 2024 when key stakeholders were notified that the Proposed Development was in the early stages of development. The Applicant engaged with likely host Community Councils and offered to attend meetings to introduce the project. Meetings of Duneaton Community Council and Leadhills Community Council were attended to introduce the project in September and June 2024 respectively.
- 2.2.2 The first formal consultation for the Proposed Development began in May 2025, coinciding with the submission of the Environmental Impact Assessment ('EIA') Scoping Request to the Energy Consents Unit (ECU) of the Scottish Government.
- 2.2.3 The Applicant issued a stakeholder letter on 25 April 2025. The letter provided details of the proposed development, information about upcoming consultation events, and notice of the forthcoming EIA Scoping Request. A copy of the letter is included in Appendix 1.
- 2.2.4 The email was sent to:
- Clydesdale East ward councillors
 - Clydesdale South ward councillors
 - Mid and Upper Nithsdale ward councillors
 - Clydesdale MSP
 - Dumfriesshire MSP
 - South of Scotland Regional MSPs
 - Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale MP
 - Community Councils
 - Crawford and Elvanfoot
 - Leadhills
 - Duneaton
 - Sanquhar
 - Wanlockhead
 - Kirkconnel and Kelloholm
- 2.2.5 Dialogue has been maintained with local community councils and other community groups up to the point of submission via written and verbal communication and will continue through determination of the planning application and, should this planning application be approved, into the construction and operation of the Proposed Development. To date, this communication has included information on upcoming consultation events, and general updates on the application.
- 2.2.6 A first consultation event included public exhibitions which took place on 20th May 2025 in the Leadhills Village Hall (15:00 - 20:00) and 21st May 2025 (15:00 -19:00) in the Crawfordjohn Village Hall where the proposals were introduced, and feedback sought. The Applicant received useful feedback (see section 6) through this initial round of consultation.
- 2.2.7 Following public consultation in May 2025, a second round of consultation was undertaken to provide the local community and stakeholders the opportunity to view and comment on the updated proposals in advance of the submission of an application to the Scottish Government.

- 2.2.8 The timings and venues of the public exhibitions were selected to ensure members of the public most likely to have an interest in the Proposed Development had an opportunity to attend, view the proposals, engage with the project team and importantly provide feedback.
- 2.2.9 All comments and feedback received from the consultation period, as well as those received through additional community engagement programme have been collated and analysed as part of this PAC Report (Section 6), which also illustrates how feedback has, where possible, helped shape and inform the design of Proposed Development.

3. Phase 1 Consultation.

3.1 Overview

- 3.1.1 The first round of consultation for the development included a public exhibition which took place on 20th May 2025 in the Leadhills Village Hall (Ramsay Road, Leadhills, ML12 6YA) (15:00 – 20:00) and 21st May 2025 (15:00 – 19:00) in the Crawfordjohn Village Hall (Manse Road, Crawford, ML12 6SR). The end time of the event in Leadhills was extended at the request of the local community council.
- 3.1.2 The first phase of consultation for the development was announced on 25th April 2025 when stakeholders were notified of the upcoming public exhibition. The letter, sent via email, (Appendix 1) included details such as the consultation date, the location of the proposed site, and an outline of the infrastructure included in the plans.
- 3.1.3 In addition to notifying political stakeholders, a flyer (Appendix 2) was sent to 901 residences within the vicinity of the site (map available in Appendix 3). The flyer was used to advertise an upcoming event for Renewco's Watchman development as well as Ravengill.
- 3.1.4 Further, a public notice (Appendix 4) advertising the first exhibition was placed in the Carlisle and Lanark Gazette (7th May) and Lanark and Carlisle Advertiser (8th May).
- 3.1.5 A feedback form (Appendix 5) was available at the exhibition and feedback could also be provided via the project AssetFace portal which was accessible via the project website at <https://www.renewcopower.com/portfolio/united-kingdom/uk-projects/ravengill-energy-park/> from 20th May. The feedback form included space for general comments on the proposals, as well as a detailed questionnaire to allow the Applicant to gauge the community's preference for community benefit.

3.2 In-person exhibition event

- 3.2.1 In total, 80 people attended the first round of consultation events – 73 in Leadhills and 7 in Crawfordjohn.
- 3.2.2 At the event, nine information banners were on display (Appendix 7). The information boards were made available at <https://www.renewcopower.com/portfolio/united-kingdom/uk-projects/ravengill-energy-park/> from 20th May 2025. The Applicant also brought paper copies which could be taken away upon request.

3.2.3 The subjects of the boards were as follows:

1. Ravengill Energy Park Exhibition	2. The Development Site	3. Project Development
4. Preparing for a Section 36 Consent Application	5. Working with the Community	6. Project Timeline
7. Feedback and Next Steps	8. Who is Ravengill Energy Park Ltd?	9. Our M74 Corridor Strategy

3.2.4 The feedback period for the first phase of consultation ended on 11th June 2025. In total, 42 forms were received at the event, online or via post.

3.2.5 In addition to the written feedback provided, the project team made notes of comments made in the course of their discussions with attendees at the public exhibition.



IMAGE OF ONE OF THE FIRST CONSULTATION ROUND OF CONSULTATION EVENTS

4. Phase 2 Consultation.

4.1 Overview

- 4.1.1 On 10th and 11th February 2026, the Applicant returned to the area to reconsult with the community and demonstrate the changes which had been incorporated into the design following the first event.
- 4.1.2 Stakeholders were again notified via email (Appendix 8) on 7th January 2026. The email included details of the second consultation event, and information about changes made to the scheme following the first round of consultation.
- 4.1.3 The resident mailout (Appendix 10) was updated to reflect changes to the site boundary. However, to ensure consistency, all properties that received leaflets during the first round of consultation were also included in the second round. Consequently, the resident flyer (Appendix 9) was distributed to 856 properties. This total was lower than the first consultation mailout, which covered a wider area because it also included addresses relating to the public consultation event for Watchman Energy Park.
- 4.1.4 A public notice (Appendix 11) was again placed in the Lanark and Carluke Gazette (28th January) and Carluke and Lanark Advertiser (29th January).
- 4.1.5 As with the first round of consultation, a poster was drafted (Appendix 12) and sent to community councils to be put on social media and around the local area.
- 4.1.6 A feedback form (Appendix 13) was available to be filled out at the event or taken home to fill out at a later date. Feedback could also be provide the project AssetFace portal which was accessible via the project website at <https://www.renewcopower.com/portfolio/united-kingdom/uk-projects/ravengill-energy-park/>.
- 4.1.7 Respondents were informed on the feedback form that any comments provided to the Applicant as part of this pre-application consultation does not remove the right or the potential need to comment on the final application once it is made to the Scottish Ministers.

4.2 In-person exhibition events

- 3.2.6 The second consultation event was held on 10th February 2026 in the Leadhills Village Hall (Ramsay Road, Leadhills, ML12 6YA) and 11th February 2026 in the Crawfordjohn Village Hall (Manse Road, Crawford, ML12 6SR), with both events running from 3pm- 8pm. As the local community council requested a later finish for the previous Leadhills event, the end times for the second events were also extended to 8pm to maintain consistency. In total, 47 people attended both sessions - 35 in Leadhills and 12 in Crawfordjohn.
- 4.2.1 Members of the project team were on hand to answer questions and discuss the proposals with members of the public.
- 4.2.2 11 new information boards were on display (Appendix 14) to provide an overview of the scheme and any updates following the May 2025 event.

4.2.3 The subjects of the boards were as follows:

1. Ravengill Energy Park Exhibition	2. The Development Site	3. Project Development	4. Site Access Strategy & Construction Management
5. Substation & BESS	6. Outline Biodiversity Enhancement & Management Plan	7. Working With The Community	8. Project Timeline
9. Feedback & Next Steps	10. Who is Ravengill Energy Park Ltd?	11. Our M74 Corridor Strategy	

4.2.4 In total, six feedback forms were received over the course of the consultation period by the time the period of feedback ended on 25th February 2026.

4.2.5 In addition to the written feedback provided, the project team made notes of comments made in the course of their discussions with attendees at the public exhibition.



IMAGE OF SECOND CONSULTATION

5. Additional engagement.

5.1 Community Liaison Group

- 5.1.1 As part of the Applicant's ongoing engagement with local communities regarding Renewco Power's proposed developments in the area, a Community Liaison Group (CLG) was established in February 2025.
- 5.1.2 The CLG was designed as a platform for transparent communication and detailed discussions, ensuring that community representatives have the most up to date information on Renewco's proposed projects, and are able to provide community updates where relevant.
- 5.1.3 Renewco Power is dedicated to continuing this collaborative engagement by maintaining the CLG's establishment beyond the pre-application phase, and into the post-submission/construction phases, should the application for development consent be approved.
- 5.1.4 The CLG was formed with a broad membership, intended to involve any community which may have an interest in the proposals. Invites were issued to any community council which hosts infrastructure for either the Watchman, M74 West or Ravengill Energy Parks, and all bordering Community Councils. Direct invitations to local groups were issued in February 2025.
- 5.1.5 The membership includes:
- Leadhills Community Council
 - Carmichael Community Council
 - Biggar Community Council
 - Muirkirk Community Council
 - Wanlockhead Community Council
 - Sanquhar Community Council
 - Moffat Community Council
 - Kirkpatrick Juxta Community Council
 - Thornhill Community Council
 - Closeburn Community Council
 - Douglas Community Council
 - A representative from the Crawford and Elvanfoot area, in the absence of an established Community Council
- 5.1.6 An invite to join the CLG was also declined by the stakeholders and community groups listed below:
- Symington Community Council
 - Upper Tweed Community Council
 - Tweedsmuir Community Council
 - Kirkconnel and Kelloholm Community Council
 - Carronbridge Community Council
 - Duneaton Community Council
 - Quothquan and Thankerton Community Council

- 5.1.7 Thus far, the CLG has convened on the following dates:
- 24th April 2025 | 7pm – 9pm | The Old School House in Abington
 - 23rd June 2025 | 7pm – 9pm | The Old School House in Abington
 - 10th September 2025 | 7pm – 9pm | The Old School in Abington
 - 26th November 2025 | 7pm – 9pm | The Old School House in Abington
 - 24th February 2026 | 7pm – 9pm | The Old School House in Abington

5.1.8 Minutes from all CLG meetings and the Terms of Reference can be found in (Appendix 15).

5.2 Contact details

5.2.1 To ensure that as many interested parties as possible were able to access information regarding the proposals and speak to a member of the project team, a dedicated website, email address and phone number were established. Details of these points of contact are listed below.

5.2.2 Website: <https://www.renewcopower.com/portfolio/united-kingdom/uk-projects/ravengill-energy-park/>

5.2.3 Phone number: 0800 066 8943

5.2.4 Email address: ravengill@renewcopower.com

5.2.5 The website contains information about the Applicant and the proposed development.

6. Feedback and Responses.

6.1 Feedback from consultation

- 6.1.1 The consultation rounds undertaken introduced the Proposed Development to the local community and provided an opportunity for all stakeholders to provide feedback.
- 6.1.2 A feedback form was made available at the events. Feedback could also be submitted online via the AssetFace portal which could be accessed via the project webpage.
- 6.1.3 The Applicant's contact details were also prominent throughout.

6.2 Response to key consultation topics

- 6.2.1. The following section sets out the key topics raised during the pre-application consultation period and those raised in the various meetings and discussions the Applicant had with stakeholders.
- 6.2.2. Where appropriate, a response has been provided to demonstrate how these issues have been addressed within the 36 Application, including highlighting any adjustments made to the site layout as a direct result of the feedback received. A substantial amount of feedback was gathered during the first round of consultation events, both in written form and through verbal comments at the events. Those that made written feedback will be directed to the response contained within the PAC report.

<i>Key issue</i>	<i>Applicant response</i>
Concerns about the conservation area	Chapter 5 – 'Cultural Heritage' of the submitted Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) assesses the impact of the Proposed Development on Leadhills Conservation Area. The assessment notes that the Proposed Development, once constructed, would form part of the wider landscape around Leadhills village and Conservation Area; however, the key views of importance to the setting of this Conservation Area, those reciprocal views between the village of Leadhills and the surrounding remains of the lead mines, would be retained. The ability to understand, appreciate and experience the conservation area as a former mining village located in a remote upland landscape would be retained albeit with the proposed turbines visible to the northeast and northwest to varying degrees in views out from the village and in views towards the village on the approach from the south. The assessment concludes that, as a result of the change to its wider surroundings, the Proposed Development would have an impact of medium magnitude on the setting of Leadhills Conservation Area, an asset of medium sensitivity. With reference to the terms of the National Planning Framework 4 Policy 7d) test, the assessment finds that the Proposed Development would preserve the architectural and historic character of the area, the existing density, built form and layout and would adequately preserve the context and siting of the Leadhills Conservation Area as it would remain readily appreciable that this is a former mining village set within a remote upland landscape.

Concerns about visual impact and domination of landscape	Taking account of community feedback and in response to the findings of further surveys, following the first round of consultation the Applicant chose to make significant changes to the layout of the Proposed Development. These layout changes resulted in a reduction in the number of turbines from 32 (scoping layout) to 21 (design chill and design freeze layouts). These changes sought to better align the layout with the design objectives for the Proposed Development, including the aim of setting back development as far back as possible from settlements and the sides of glens to reduce turbine visibility and potential contrast with small-scale characteristics within those settlements/glens. The layout changes included the removal of the southern group of turbines (south of the B7040 Elvanfoot to Leadhills road) from the Proposed Development. Chapter 4 - 'Landscape & Visual Amenity' assesses the impact of the Proposed Development on various landscape and visual receptors. It identifies significant residual effects on the landscape of the Site, relating to physical changes to the landscape fabric and the introduction of turbines and associated infrastructure. Significant effects were also identified in relation to landscape character, and to one of the special qualities of the Leadhills and Lowther Hills Special Landscape Area (SLA), albeit the integrity of the designation would be retained. Furthermore, significant changes to views were identified from a number of visual receptors, including sections of the B797 and B7040 roads, parts of the M74 Motorway / A74 (M), the A702, National Cycle Route 74, the Southern Upland Way, selected Scottish Hill Tracks, Core Paths within 5 km of the Site, and hill summits within the wider upland area. However, as acknowledged by NP4 Policy 11 'Energy', significant landscape and visual effects are to be expected for wind farm development. Policy 11 goes on to state that such effects will generally be acceptable where they are "localised and/or appropriate design mitigation has been applied." As set out in the Planning Statement, it is considered that the impacts are sufficiently localised in extent and appropriate design mitigation, including the changes set out above, has been applied in accordance with this policy. Moreover, such impacts must be weighted in the planning balance against the benefits the Proposed Development would provide, including helping meet greenhouse-gas reduction and renewable energy targets. Such benefits should be given significant weight as required by NPF4 Policy 11 and Policy 1. Overall, whilst it is acknowledged that the Proposed Development would have significant effects on landscape and visual receptors, these have been minimised as far as feasible and the effects are, it is contended, acceptable when assessed against the policies in NPF4.
Concerns about cumulative landscape and visual impact around the M74	Chapter 4 - 'Landscape & Visual Amenity' and associated Technical Appendix 4.5 of the submitted EIAR considers cumulative landscape and visual effects on receptors within the Site and surrounding area based on two scenarios: a Consented <u>s</u>cenario - with consented wind farms present in the baseline (in addition to existing wind farms and developments currently under construction), i.e., a likely future scenario; and an In-Planning <u>s</u>cenario - with undetermined proposals in planning, including those at appeal, present in the baseline (in addition to the above), i.e., a less certain future scenario. The assessment finds that the cumulative context would not increase the effects in relation to landscape character and changes to views from visual receptors relative to the Proposed Development in isolation.
Impact of red lights on dark skies in the area	The assessment in Chapter 4 - 'Landscape & Visual Amenity' also considers nighttime landscape and visual effects resulting from visible aviation lighting proposed to be fixed to ten of the wind turbines. Detailed assessment is set out in Technical Appendix 4.6 - 'Aviation Lighting Assessment.' The assessment in Chapter 4 and TA4.6 finds that the lighting would have a moderate effect on the various sensitive receptors identified, which is significant in

	EIA terms. However, as set out above, such effects should be assessed against the NPF4 policies which acknowledge that significant landscape and visual effects are inevitable for wind farm development and the requirement for significant weight to be given to the benefits the Proposed Development would convey in terms of helping meet renewable energy and net zero targets, as well as its contribution towards addressing the nature crisis. In this context it is again contended that these effects should be regarded as acceptable.
Impact on habitats and biodiversity	Chapter 6 – ‘Ecology’ of the EIAR assesses the impact of the Proposed Development on Important Ecological Features (IEFs), including designated sites, terrestrial and aquatic habitats, and protected (non-avian) species. Chapter 7 – ‘Ornithology’ considers impacts on birds and is discussed below. The assessment in chapter 6 finds that there would be no significant residual effects on IEFs, with all scoped in IEFs assessed as having minor adverse effects, or less, which are not significant, prior to the implementation of additional enhancement presented in the Outline Biodiversity Enhancement Management Plan (OBEMP). This conclusion takes into account the iterative design changes to the Proposed Development which sought to minimise impacts on sensitive habitats and other IEFs.
Impact on wildlife, especially birds	The application Site has been the subject of extensive ecological and ornithological survey work over a period of over two years. The outcomes of these surveys have influenced the iterative development of the Proposed Development layout with the aim of minimising impacts on wildlife. Collision risk, displacement and barrier effects on birds have also been considered. The impact of the Proposed Development on Important Ornithological Features (IOFs) is set out in Chapter 6 – ‘Ornithology’ of the EIAR. With the implementation of the mitigation and enhancement measures proposed, including the OBEMP, the Chapter 6 concludes that the Proposed Development would not have a significant adverse impact on any of the assessed IOFs.
Concern about noise	As noted in Chapter 10: ‘Noise’ of the submitted EIAR, the turbine layout of the Proposed Development has been iteratively developed through evolution of the number of turbines, their locations and increasing separation distances where possible to avoid potentially significant operational noise effects, based on a representative candidate turbine model, whilst maintaining, as far as possible, the generation capacity of the Proposed Development (in addition to other design considerations). This included consideration of the cumulative effects with neighbouring wind farms, where relevant. The assessment in Chapter 10 advises that noise impacts during the construction phase will be controlled through the production and implementation of a CEMP. Compliance with the proposed construction phase noise limits will result in construction phase noise effects being not significant. Operational noise (including cumulative noise from the Proposed Development and other wind farm developments) is assessed with reference to ETSU-R-97 ‘The Assessment and Rating of Noise from Wind Farms’ and the Institute of Acoustics document ‘A Good Practice Guide to the Application of ETSU-R-97 for the Assessment and Rating of Wind Turbine Noise’. The predicted noise levels at all noise sensitive receptors (NSRs) are assessed in Chapter 10 as being not significant, subject to adherence to the specified noise limits which the Applicant is committed to meeting. This will be achieved by selection of an appropriate turbine model which can meet the noise limits, including the application of low noise modes where required.
Concerns about the impact of the wind farm on tourism in the local area	The S36 Application is supported by a report by Biggar Economics titled ‘Maximising Socio-economic Benefits.’ The report refers to two major studies which considered the impact of wind farms on tourism – a 2008 study by the Moffat Centre at Glasgow Caledonian University and a 2021 study by Biggar

	Economics. Both reports found no statistical evidence that the tourism is adversely affected by wind farms. Nevertheless, the Maximising Socio-Economic Benefits report includes an assessment of the specific impact of the Proposed Development on tourism receptors. The assessment finds that, whilst significant landscape and visual effects have been identified on a number of receptors, these receptors are not key drivers of tourism in the area. The principal driver of tourism activity in the vicinity of the Proposed Development, activity-based assets, are not identified as being subject to significant environmental effects. Given this, the report concludes that the Proposed Development is not expected to result in significant adverse effects on tourism or recreation
Impact on mental health if countryside is ruined	Potential mental health issues are considered indirectly in the EIAR via the visual amenity, noise and shadow flicker assessments in Chapter 4 – ‘Landscape and Visual Amenity’, Chapter 10 – ‘Noise’ and TA1.7 ‘Shadow Flicker’ respectively. Both Chapters 4 and 10 are supported by technical appendices which set out more detailed assessment of these issues. Beyond these issues, there is no body of evidence that the Applicant is aware of that would indicate a connection between renewable energy developments and adverse mental health impacts. The “right to a view” is not protected by planning legislation and therefore visual amenity impacts are only a material consideration in planning decisions if the visual impact is so severe that it is considered an issue of residential amenity like issues such as noise. Chapter 4 finds that the Proposed Development would not adversely affect the amenity of nearby properties to the extent that the Residential Amenity Threshold would be breached. As set out above, Chapter 10 - Noise finds that operational and construction noise from the Proposed Development would not significantly affect the amenity of any surrounding residential properties subject to various mitigation measures, including compliance with noise limits. The assessment in TA1.7 - Shadow Flicker finds that two receptors would potentially be affected by shadow flicker as a result of the Proposed Development; Waterhead Toll Cottage and New Glendorch. However, mitigation in the form of a Wind Farm Shadow Flicker Mitigation protocol would reduce impacts to an acceptable level. Overall it is not considered that the Proposed Development would have a significant adverse impact on mental health.

7. Conclusion.

7.1 Concluding statement

- 7.1.1. From the project launch, the Applicant sought to engage and consult comprehensively with the local community and relevant stakeholders to gather feedback on the proposals.
- 7.1.2. While not currently mandated by statute for a Section 36 planning application, the Applicant has actively pursued and exceeded best practices in the community engagement and public consultation, as evidenced by the two extensive rounds of public consultation.
- 7.1.3. The Applicant extends sincere appreciation to those who participated in the in-person public exhibitions, reviewed the proposals online, and provided valuable feedback via email and telephone. The feedback received has been invaluable, directly influencing and shaping the project's design in significant ways. Taking account of community feedback, among other factors, the Applicant made substantial revisions, including a reduction in the total number of turbines to 21 turbines from the 32 turbine Scoping Layout, which included the removal the southern cluster of turbines (south of the B7040 Elvanfoot to Leadhills road) from the Proposed Development. Development north of the B7040 has also been drawn further back from the valley floor and road.
- 7.1.4. These modifications underscore the Applicant's commitment to ensuring that the development is responsive to local needs and priorities. By integrating community feedback into the project's design, the Applicant has not only met regulatory requirements but also demonstrated a genuine commitment to creating a development that reflects the concerns and values of the local community. This collaborative approach has resulted in a scheme that is both environmentally and socially considerate, highlighting the meaningful impact of the consultation process on the final design.

8. Appendices.

Appendix 1: First Consultation Stakeholder Letter



Renewco
POWER

25th April 2025

Dear Councillor Allison,

Renewco Power: Ravengill Energy Park Public Consultation Events

I am writing to inform you that Ravengill Energy Park Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of Glasgow-based renewable energy developer Renewco Power Ltd, is exploring the potential of developing a renewable energy park on land north and east of the village of Leadhills. I am also writing to invite you to our upcoming public consultation events on 20th May between 3pm and 7pm in the Leadhills Hall (35 Ramsay Rd, Leadhills, ML12 6YA) and 21st May between 3pm and 7pm in the Crawfordjohn Village Hall (Manse Rd, Crawfordjohn, ML12 6SR).

Renewco Power Ltd

Renewco Power is a Glasgow-headquartered renewable energy developer dedicated to developing onshore wind, solar PV, battery storage and green hydrogen projects across Europe and the US. With over 50 employees, Renewco's mission is to accelerate the deployment of clean energy by delivering 5 GW of construction ready projects across Europe and the US by 2030. The company was formed by a highly experienced team of entrepreneurs and renewable sector specialists with significant development, technical, project structuring, construction, and financing expertise across all renewable technologies.

Ravengill Energy Park

The proposed Ravengill Energy Park sits north and east of the village of Leadhills. The development would consist of up to 32 wind turbines with a generating capacity around 224 MW, and a 50 MW Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) facility which would allow renewable energy to be stored and released during peaks in demand. The project represents a significant investment in South Lanarkshire, and will provide employment opportunities within the supply chain, as well as a generous community benefit fund. As the project will have a generating capacity greater than 50 MW, it will require consent under section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 meaning that the consenting process will be administered through the Energy Consents Unit (ECU) of the Scottish Government. A scoping request for the project will be submitted imminently, and early engagement with the local community is already underway.

Public Consultation

Renewco is dedicated to engaging with the local community regarding the proposals. We are committed to making sure that local residents have the opportunity to learn about the proposed development and provide feedback. This feedback, along with a number of technical and environmental studies, will help us develop the final scheme. Our first consultation events will be held on 20th and 21st May and we would encourage anyone with an interest in the proposals to attend. For those who are unable to attend, the consultation materials and an online feedback form will be available at <https://www.renewcopower.com/portfolio/united-kingdom/uk-projects/ravengill-energy-park/> from 20th May. All feedback is welcome until 11th June.

If you would like further information, or if you would like to arrange a meeting to discuss the proposals, please contact Daisy Geissler on 0141 674 8680 or by email at daisy.geissler@cavendishconsulting.com.

Yours sincerely,

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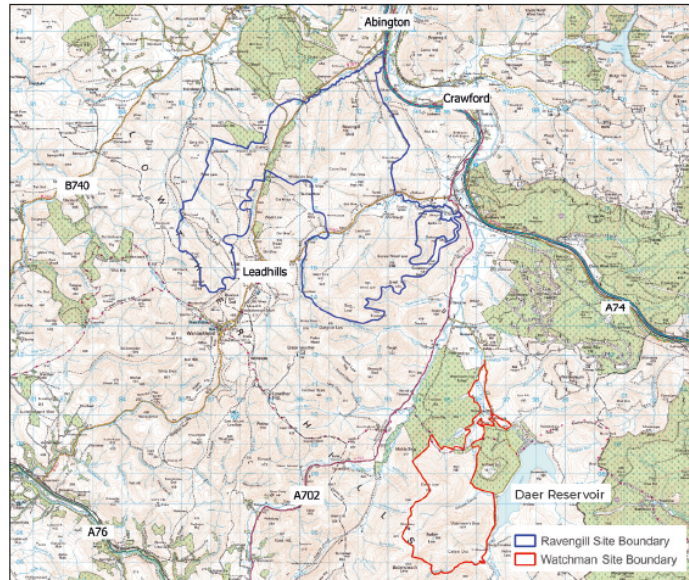
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Appendix 2: First Consultation Flyer



WATCHMAN ENERGY PARK PUBLIC CONSULTATION EVENT RAVENGILL ENERGY PARK PUBLIC CONSULTATION EVENTS



Watchman Energy Park:

12th May | 3pm - 7pm | Crawford Hall (100 Carlisle Rd, Crawford, ML12 6TW)

Ravengill Energy Park:

20th May | 3pm - 7pm | Leadhills Hall (35 Ramsay Rd, Leadhills, ML12 6YA)

21st May | 3pm - 7pm | Crawfordjohn Hall (Manse Rd, Crawfordjohn, ML12 6SR)

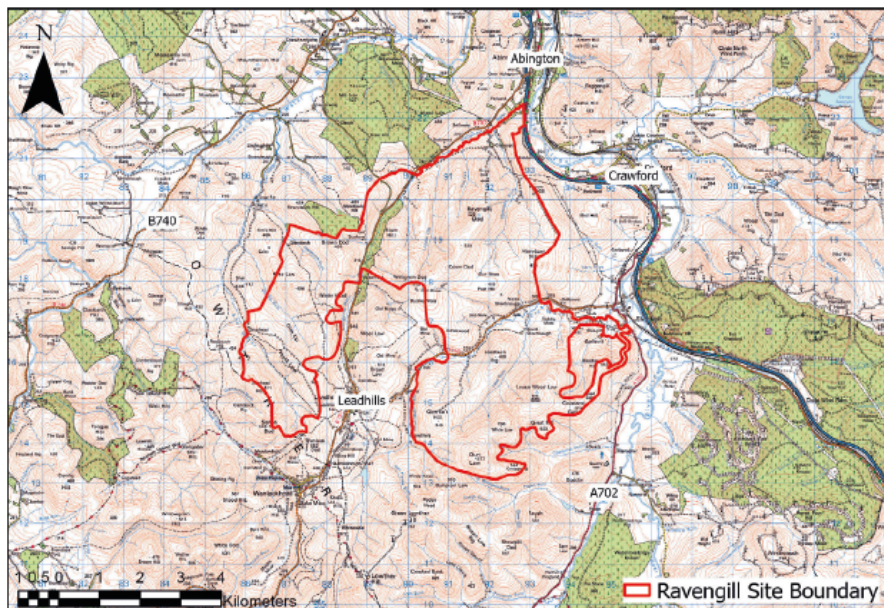
Renewco Power Ltd is holding three consultation events: to provide an update on the proposed Watchman Energy Park, and to introduce proposals for the Ravensgill Energy Park. Members of the public are encouraged to attend the events to find out more, ask questions of the project team and provide feedback.

For those unable to attend, the exhibition materials and a link to provide feedback will be available on the project websites (overleaf) from **12th May** for Watchman and **20th May** for Ravensgill. Feedback for both projects will be welcomed until **11th June**.

Ravengill Energy Park

The site for the proposed Ravengill Energy Park sits north and east of the village of Leadhills. The development would include up to 32 wind turbines and a battery energy storage system (BESS). Based on the current layout it is anticipated that the development will have a total installed capacity of approximately 224MW wind and 50MW BESS, and would generate enough renewable energy to power up to 271,406 homes.

The consultation events on **20th** and **21st May** will provide an opportunity for members of the local community to be introduced to the proposals, ask questions, and provide valuable feedback. Feedback will also be sought on local priorities for the associated community benefit fund. A second round of consultation will be held later in the year ahead of submission of a Section 36 application for consent to the Scottish Government in 2026.



Watchman Energy Park

The site for the proposed Watchman Energy Park is located approximately 7km south of Elvanfoot, and 10km south of Crawford. The proposals include up to 13 wind turbines (approximately 91MW), and a 50MW BESS - enough to power over 110,259 homes. An initial consultation event was held in December 2024, with updates since then including: a reduction in the maximum number of turbines from 16 to 13; the development of options for access from the public

road, internal tracks, substation and BESS; and the development of initial options for biodiversity enhancement.

The event on **12th May** will provide an opportunity for anyone with an interest to view the updated proposals, ask questions, and provide further feedback ahead of an application being submitted later this year. Further feedback will also be sought from the community on priorities for community benefit funding.



The M74 Corridor Strategy

Both Ravengill and Watchman, along with M74 West, form part of Renewco Power's strategy to deliver new renewable energy assets in the vicinity of the M74 motorway. We consider that there are several strategic advantages to development in this area, including:

- access to the 400kV ZV overhead line;
- proximity to the motorway network for delivery of components to the sites;
- consistently high wind speeds;
- and a large-scale landscape which can accommodate modern wind turbines.

By bringing forward a cluster of developments, strategic social and economic benefits can be delivered for local communities including through community benefit funds potentially worth over £2 million per annum. The cluster will also deliver biodiversity enhancements across the area.

Contact details

Watchman



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Ravengill



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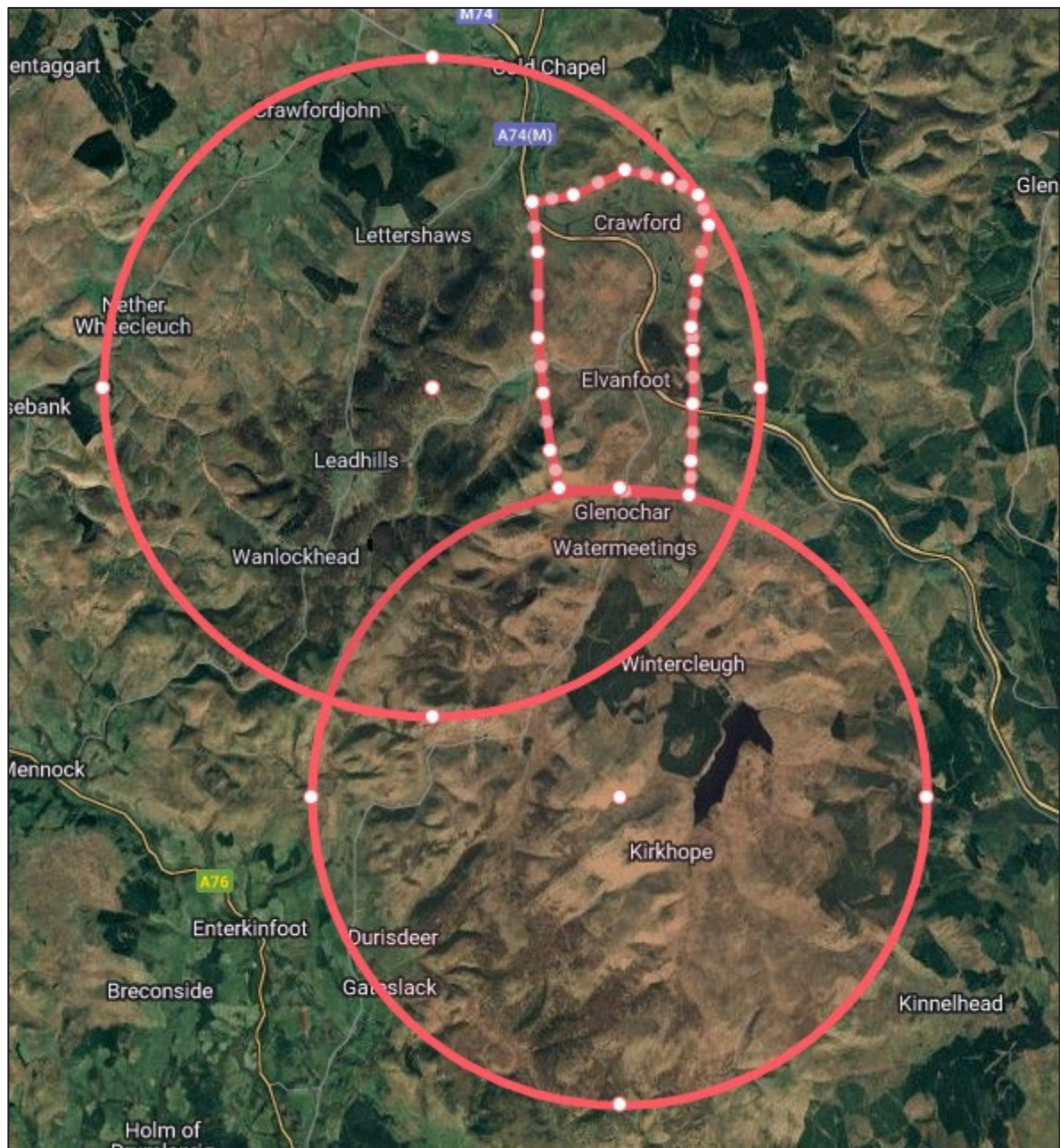


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Appendix 3: Flyer Mailout Radius



Appendix 4: Event 1 Public Notices

RAVENGILL ENERGY PARK PUBLIC CONSULTATION EVENTS

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20th May 2025, 15:00 - 19:00, Leadhills Village Hall (35 Ramsay Road, Leadhills, ML12 6YA)

21st May 2025, 15:00 – 19:00, Crawfordjohn Village Hall (Manse Road, Crawfordjohn, ML12 6SR)

These events will provide an opportunity to view the proposals, as well as information on surveys which have been undertaken and the community benefit funding which would be delivered. Members of the project team will be in attendance to answer any questions and receive feedback.

Renewco Power is committed to open discussion, and would encourage feedback and suggestions that could help shape the Ravengill development. Feedback can be given at the event, or via a link on the project website from the same date at <https://www.renewcopower.com/portfolio/united-kingdom/uk-projects/ravengill-energy-park/>. Please note, all feedback should be returned by 11th June.

For further information, please contact the project team via email ravengill@renewcopower.com or in writing to c/o Cavendish Consulting, 220 St Vincent Street, Glasgow, G2 5SG.

CARLUKE AND LANARK GAZETTE, 7TH MAY 2025

Other

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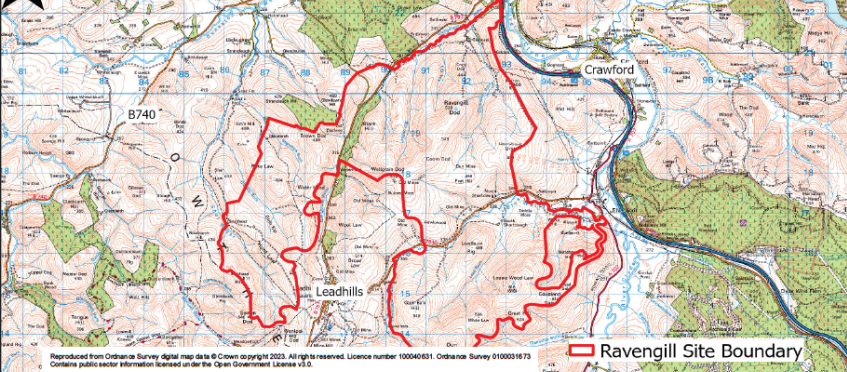
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LANARK AND CARLUKE ADVERTISER, 8TH MAY 2025

Appendix 5: Event 1 Poster

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Ravengill Energy Park Public Consultation Events



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Leadhills Village Hall,
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ML12 6YA

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Crawfordjohn Village Hall,
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ML12 6SR

As part of the pre-application consultation process, Renewco Power are hosting public consultation events regarding the proposed Ravengill Energy Park located north and east of the village of Leadhills. The events will provide an opportunity for members of the public to be introduced to the proposals and provide their feedback.

Those unable to attend either of the events can leave their feedback via the project website linked below from 20th May. Please note, all feedback is due by 11th June.

Contact Us

Should you have any questions or require any further information regarding the proposals please contact the team on **0800 066 8943** or **ravengill@renewcopower.com**

To find out more please scan the QR code or visit **renewcopower.com/portfolio/united-kingdom/uk-projects/ravengill-energy-park/**



Appendix 6: Event 1 Feedback Form



FEEDBACK FORM

PRIVACY STATEMENT

By filling-in this form you are agreeing that Cavendish Consulting Limited ("Cavendish") can hold and process your Personal Data in relation to this public consultation exercise.

- Cavendish will share your Personal Data with the project team companies for planning evaluation purposes only.
- Your Personal Data will not be used for any other purposes without your consent.

Cavendish and the project team will use your Personal Data to:

- Send you updates about the project (where you provide us with your contact details); and
- Develop a Pre-Application Consultation Report (or similar document) about this public consultation that will be submitted to the planning authority or similar body; this will be a publicly available document. Your comments will be anonymous and we will only identify you in these reports with your consent.

If you provide us with your contact details, we may also contact you for more details regarding the comments you have made.

Cavendish acts on behalf of the project team to run public consultation activities.

YOUR DETAILS

Title (Miss/Mrs/Ms/Mr/Other):

First Name or Initial:

Surname:

Postcode:

Age Group (please circle):
Under 13 13-17 18-24 25-34 35-44
45-54 55-64 65-74 75-84 85+

YOUR CONTACT DETAILS

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

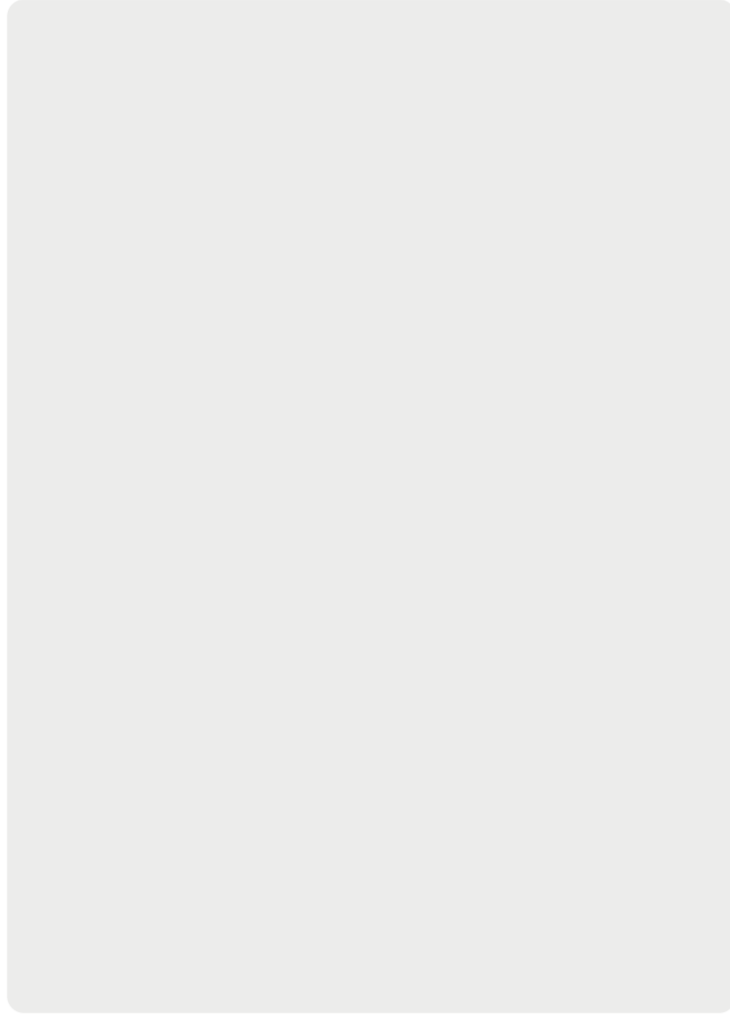
I do not wish to provide personal details but can confirm that I am over the age of 13 ☐

We will use these details to contact you and update you on the proposals. If you would like to be kept up to date with these proposals, please tick this box ☐

Data Protection

We process all Personal Data in accordance with the UK General Data Protection Regulation, the EU General Data Protection Regulation 2016/679 (together the "GDPR") and the Data Protection Act 2018. Your Personal Data will not be transferred outside the UK or European Economic Area (the EU member states plus Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein). To see our full Privacy Notice and find out how to exercise your data subject rights, please visit cavendishconsulting.com/dp or by contact us by phone on 01962 893 893, or email at dataprotection@cavendishconsulting.com.

WE WELCOME YOUR FEEDBACK, PLEASE PROVIDE
YOUR COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSALS OVERALL:



COMMUNITY BENEFIT QUESTIONNAIRE

The below questions relate to the community benefit banner presented at the community engagement events on the 20th and 21st of May 2025 and available on the Ravengill web page (<https://www.renewcopower.com/portfolio/united-kingdom/uk-projects/ravengill-energy-park/>). Please take the time to review the banner before answering the questions.

As part of the consultation on community benefits for the Ravengill Energy Park, a Small Grants Fund of £5,000 has been launched. Applications can be made for up to £500 towards projects and initiatives with a catchment area that includes any part of the Crawford and Elvanfoot or Duneaton community council areas via the project AssetFace page <http://www.assetface.com/ravengillenergypark>.

1. We have identified some potential benefits that could be delivered as part of the future Community Benefit Fund we would like your view on. How would you rate the following benefits?
(1 – poor to 7 – excellent)

- a) The installation of solar PV/thermal and battery storage in homes
- b) New electric vehicle charging infrastructure in your community
- c) Electric vehicle car club scheme
- d) Scholarship scheme
- e) Business grant scheme
- f) Repair and restoration of historic buildings
- g) Development of tourist facilities

2. Are there any other projects or activities that should benefit from the future Ravengill Community Benefit Fund?

3. What organisation(s) should manage the distribution of community benefit funds?

- a) Local authority
- b) A community body, either existing or setup for the purpose
- c) The developer
- d) A third-party specialist organisation e.g. Foundation Scotland
- e) Other (please specify)

4. What are the most important factors that should be taken into account when deciding which communities can access Ravengill community benefit funding (please rank from 1 - least important to 7 - most important)?

- a) Proximity to proposed site
- b) Visibility of Ravengill Energy Park
- c) School catchment areas
- d) Housing market areas
- e) The funding should be available to the whole of South Lanarkshire
- f) The funding should be available to areas in Dumfries and Galloway
- g) Other (please specify):

5. Renewco Power is keen to work with local suppliers as part of the development of Ravengill. Please tell us about any potential suppliers that we should be made aware of.

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TODAY AND COMPLETING THE FORM

If you would like more time to consider the questions, please print off a copy of the form and return it by 11th June 2025 to:

C/O Cavendish Consulting,
220 St Vincent Street,
Glasgow,
G2 5SG

Email: ravengill@renewcopower.com

Further information on the proposals can also be obtained by contacting Cavendish Consulting at the address above or by telephone on 0800 066 8943.

This feedback form along with more information regarding the project can be found at:
<https://www.renewcopower.com/portfolio/united-kingdom/uk-projects/ravengill-energy-park/>



Appendix 7: Event 1 Exhibition Boards



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RAVENGILL ENERGY PARK EXHIBITION

Welcome to the first public consultation event for the Ravensgill Energy Park ('the Proposed Development').

The purpose of today's event is to provide you with information about the Proposed Development and gather feedback. Representatives from Renewco Power, supported by our Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) team from Ramboll and landscape and visual impact specialists MVGLA, are available to discuss the project and answer your questions.

The contents of the remaining information banners are summarised below.

- **Banner 2:** The Development Site (overview of the site and project)
- **Banner 3:** Project Development (how the project has developed and next steps)
- **Banner 4:** Preparing for a Section 36 Consent Application (what further work is required to prepare a consent application)
- **Banner 5:** Working with the Community (our approach to community benefits)
- **Banner 6:** Project Timeline
- **Banner 7:** Feedback and Next Steps (how to provide feedback and next steps in project development)
- **Banner 8:** Who is Ravensgill Energy Park Limited? (overview of the developer of the Proposed Development)
- **Banner 9:** Our M74 Corridor Strategy (Renewco Power's plans for development in the vicinity of the M74)

Scan QR code to access the project website





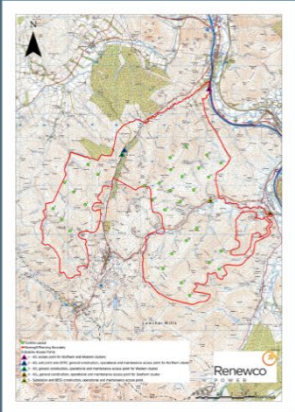

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THE DEVELOPMENT SITE

LOCATION

The Site, covering an area of approximately 3789 (ha), is located north of Leadhills village, south of Abington village and west of the A74(M) motorway. The Site is within the administrative boundary of South Lanarkshire Council.



THE PROJECT

The project is at the early stages of development and at this stage is anticipated to include:

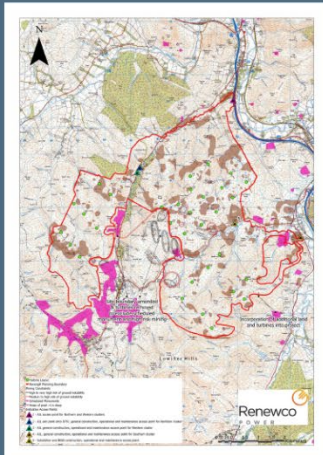
- up to 32 wind turbines, with a height of up to 220 m to tip
- Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), with a capacity of approximately 50 MW
- onsite substation co-located with the BESS
- internal access tracks
- construction compound, laydown areas and borrow pits
- temporary construction access from M74 for turbine deliveries to northern and western clusters, access via A702 for southern cluster
- construction and operational and maintenance access from B797 and A702

The project has a contracted grid connection to the Elvanfoot Substation to the immediate east of the site. The connection from the project substation to Elvanfoot Substation is anticipated to be by an underground cable and will be subject to a separate consent application by Scottish Power Energy Networks (SPEN).

A request for an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Scoping Opinion from Scottish Ministers has been submitted. This seeks a view from Scottish Ministers, with input from relevant authorities, on which environmental issues should be addressed by the EIA which will guide the ongoing development of the project. The findings will be reported in an EIA Report which will form part of the Section 36 application for development consent.



PROJECT DEVELOPMENT



Early engagement with stakeholders took place in mid-2024 and at that point a layout comprising 30 turbines, up to 125 MW of ground mounted solar PV, and an approximately 50 MW BESS was under consideration.

Since then, significant survey and design work has been undertaken to arrive at the current proposed development comprising up to 32 turbines and a 50 MW BESS, including:

- changes to the red line boundary to set development further back from Leadhills village, avoid land impacted by historic mining and to include additional land to the southeast
- removal of solar PV from consideration
- revision of turbine layout in response to findings of extensive survey work including: peat probing, habitat and protected species surveys, bird surveys, historic environment review, transport review, mining risk assessment
- identification of access points for component deliveries and general construction, operation and maintenance traffic



PREPARING FOR A SECTION 36 CONSENT APPLICATION

An application for Section 36 Consent from Scottish Ministers is being prepared for submission in early 2026. Some key next steps to prepare for a Section 36 consent application are to:

- address comments submitted as part of the public consultation process;
- carry out further environmental surveys – including more detailed peat surveys and noise monitoring;
- further develop the turbine layout in response to consultee feedback and environmental sensitivities including:
 - key views from surrounding settlements, landmark hills and transport corridors;
 - the settings of designated cultural heritage assets in the surrounding area;
 - the findings of noise modelling using noise monitoring data;
 - water supply sources;
 - sensitive ecological habitats; and
 - both breeding and non-breeding birds, including consideration of disturbance and collision risk.
- finalise the development including design of the track layout, selection of borrow pit search areas, confirmation of substation and BESS location, confirmation of access routes and access points, and identification of suitable construction compound locations;
- complete the detailed assessment of the impact of the final layout of the development and prepare the EIA Report documenting the process undertaken and findings of the EIA.



WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY

Ravengill Energy Park will provide a range of benefits for the local community, including a fund which will deliver direct investment into community projects and initiatives. The fund will reflect Scottish Government best practice guidance. For example, should the wind aspect of the development have an installed capacity of 224 MW, the Proposed Development would provide a minimum of £1.12 million annually in community benefits. To guide this investment to the most appropriate projects and initiatives, seven high-level investment priorities have been identified, including:

- education and skills;
- health and wellbeing;
- economy and jobs;
- environment;
- culture and heritage;
- facilities and amenities; and
- transport

In advance of the Proposed Development being delivered, a Small Grants Fund of £5,000 is being launched to help support local initiatives and test a new engagement platform, AssetFace. The AssetFace platform has been developed by software developers BizGive, and will allow you provide feedback on the investment priorities and submit your ideas on the kinds of projects and initiatives that would benefit the local community. You can also highlight businesses that could benefit from expenditure associated with delivering Ravengill Energy Park.



Scan QR code to access the AssetFace



PROJECT TIMELINE

Ravengill Energy Park will have a generating capacity of >50 MW and so will require consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989. This consenting process is administered by Scottish Ministers through the Energy Consents Unit (ECU) of the Scottish Government. The project requires an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), and this process will strongly influence the ongoing design work. The EIA process will result in an EIA Report which will document the findings of the assessments completed, provide environmental information for the project, and form a key element of the Section 36 consent application.



* Under ongoing reforms to how entry of new connections to the national grid is managed, it is expected that the Ravengill Energy Park will be able to connect to the grid earlier than the 2036 date currently contracted.

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FEEDBACK & NEXT STEPS

YOUR FEEDBACK

To help us take your views into account in the development of the Ravensgill Energy Park, including the community benefit package, we would appreciate if you could provide feedback via our AssetFace site. You can also use the AssetFace platform to apply for funding for local initiatives from the Ravensgill Small Grants Fund.



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Alternatively, we have feedback forms available for you to complete and hand to a member of the project team.

We would appreciate if you could provide feedback by 11 June.

NEXT STEPS

A further community engagement event will take place before the S36 application is submitted, where we will provide further detail on the Proposed Development including how feedback from this event and input from South Lanarkshire Council, SEPA, NatureScot, Historic Environment Scotland and others has been taken into account. The project team will also engage with community bodies during the intervening period.

CONTACT US AT:

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WHO IS RAVENSILL ENERGY PARK LTD?

Ravensgill Energy Park Ltd is a wholly owned subsidiary of Renewco Power Ltd. Renewco Power is a Glasgow-headquartered renewable energy developer dedicated to developing onshore wind, solar photovoltaic (PV), battery energy storage systems (BESS) and green hydrogen projects across Europe and the US. With over 50 employees, Renewco's mission is to accelerate the deployment of clean energy by delivering 5 GW of construction ready projects across Europe and the US by 2030. The company was formed by a highly experienced team of entrepreneurs and renewable sector specialists with significant development, technical, project structuring, construction, and financing expertise across all renewable technologies.

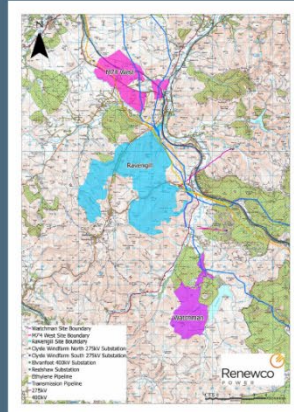
While Renewco Power is a relatively new company, our team has a proven track record, delivering renewable energy projects in the UK and beyond. Our experience includes wind, solar, BESS, and emerging technologies such as green hydrogen.

Our aim with all of our projects is to maximise the renewable potential deliverable on a site while minimising impacts to land and the surrounding community. Irrespective of the technology our relationships with the community are critical to ensure we make a lasting positive impact, which is why we would welcome any and all feedback as part of this consultation.

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OUR M74 CORRIDOR STRATEGY



Ravensgill Energy Park forms part of Renewco's wider strategy to deliver new renewable energy assets in the vicinity of the M74 motorway. We consider that there are several strategic advantages to development in this area, including:

- access to the 400 kV ZV Overhead Line;
- proximity to the motorway network for the delivery of components to site and access to labour;
- consistently high wind speeds which will enable the export of large amounts of renewable energy to the grid;
- low population density which means that impacts on the amenity of householders, through issues such as noise and visual impacts, can be minimised;
- the large scale character of the landscape which is generally suitable to accommodate large modern, commercial wind turbines;
- the projects will create a cluster of developments in the area along the M74 corridor, considered to be an appropriate location, which allows the most sensitive landscapes and habitats elsewhere to be protected whilst facilitating the pooling of investment to provide strategic benefits for local communities;
- developments in this area will help deliver Scottish and UK Government targets for the deployment of renewable energy and reducing carbon emissions, with Ravensgill Energy Park alone expected to produce enough energy to power the equivalent of approximately 231,846 homes.

Appendix 8: Second Event Stakeholder Letter



7th January 2026

Dear Councillor Allison,

Renewco Power: Ravengill Energy Park Second Consultation Event

I am writing to provide an update on Renewco Power's proposals for Ravengill Energy Park, near the village of Leadhills, and to invite you to our second round of consultation events at Leadhills Village Hall (Ramsay Road, Leadhills, ML12 6YA) between 3pm and 8pm on 10th February 2026 and Crawfordjohn Hall (Manse Road, Crawfordjohn, ML12 6SR) between 3pm and 8pm on 11th February 2026.

Ravengill Energy Park

As you are aware, Renewco is bringing forward proposals for an onshore wind farm, and a 50MW Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), on land approximately 1km north-west and 2.5km north of Leadhills village, South Lanarkshire, Scotland. Since our first public exhibitions in May 2025, when we presented a preliminary design for the project, we have undertaken further site survey and environmental appraisal. The findings from this, together with the comments received from the community and stakeholders, has resulted in an updated design

This includes a significant reduction in the number of turbines to 21, eleven fewer than previously proposed, with the southern cluster removed to reduce the visual impact in views from Leadhills and along the B7040 Leadhills to Elvanfoot road. The location of the proposed project substation and 50MW Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) are now confirmed.

The project represents a significant investment in South Lanarkshire, with opportunities for local business within the supply chain, as well as a Community Benefit Fund that could support projects and organisations in the surrounding area.

Renewco Power

Renewco Power (Renewco) is a Glasgow-headquartered renewable energy developer with a 7GW development pipeline spanning utility-scale wind, solar, energy storage and green hydrogen projects across the UK and Europe. Since launching in 2021, the company has grown to 38 employees with offices in Glasgow, Edinburgh, London, Madrid and Milan.

Founded by a highly experienced team of entrepreneurs and renewable sector specialists, Renewco's leadership and wider team have collectively deployed more than 10GW of renewable power across over 50 countries. This deep sector expertise enables Renewco to deliver high-quality renewable energy projects that accelerate decarbonisation and create lasting benefits for local communities.

The proposed development forms part of Renewco Power's ambitious proposals for development within the M74 Corridor which will deliver a significant investment in South Lanarkshire. Alongside enabling progress towards South Lanarkshire Council and Scotland's ambitious Net Zero targets, Ravengill will provide benefits for the local community, including a generous community benefit package and investment within the local supply chain.

Next Steps

Our upcoming consultation event will provide an opportunity for members of the community to view the updated design and provide further feedback. If you are unable to attend in person, exhibition boards and an online feedback form will also be available at: www.renewcopower.com/portfolio/united-kingdom/uk-projects/ravenhill-energy-park/ from 10th January 2026. All feedback is welcome until 25th February 2026.

We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss the proposals in more detail and answer any questions you may have. To arrange a meeting, either in person or virtually, please contact my colleague Salma Mahmud at 0141 674 8680 or via email at salma.mahmud@cavendishconsulting.com.

Yours sincerely,

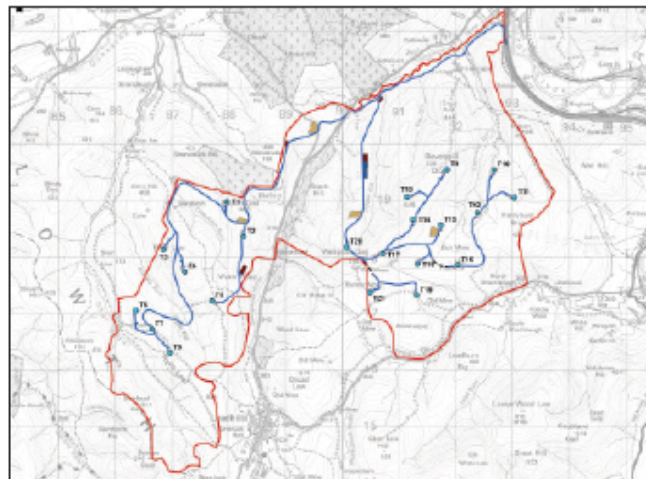
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Chief Development Officer UK, Renewco Power.

Appendix 9: Second Consultation Resident Flyer



RAVENGILL ENERGY PARK Second Public Consultation Events



Location: Leadhills Village Hall,
Ramsay Road, Leadhills, ML12 6YA

Date: 10th February 2026

Time: 3-8pm

Location: Crawfordjohn Hall, Manse
Road, Crawfordjohn, ML12 6SR

Date: 11th February 2026

Time: 3-8pm

Ravengill Energy Park Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Renewco Power Ltd, will be hosting a second round of public consultation events to provide an update on their proposals for Ravensgill Energy Park located north-west and north-east of Leadhills and encourage members of the local community to attend.

Those unable to attend these events can view the project material online and provide feedback at www.renewcopower.com/portfolio/united-kingdom/uk-projects/ravengill-energy-park/ from 10th February 2026. Please note, all feedback is due by **25th February 2026**.

The proposed development represents a major investment in South Lanarkshire and supports Scotland's ambitious targets for Net Zero, and onshore wind. Ravensgill Energy Park will support local and national Net Zero goals while delivering community benefits and investment in the regional supply chain.

Since our first public exhibitions in May 2025, when we presented a preliminary design for the project, we have undertaken further site survey and environmental appraisal. The findings from this, together with the comments received from the community and stakeholders, has resulted in an updated design. This includes a significant reduction in the number of turbines to 21, eleven fewer than previously proposed, with the southern cluster removed. The location of the proposed project substation and 50MW Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) are now confirmed.

The upcoming consultation events will provide an opportunity for the project team to answer questions and collect valuable feedback.

Those unable to attend this event can view project material and provide feedback from 10th February at the following website: www.renewcopower.com/portfolio/united-kingdom/uk-projects/ravengill-energy-park/.

We kindly ask that all feedback is submitted by **25th February 2026**.

Please note that comments made will be collected and used by Renewco Power and are not representations to the determining authority. Representations to the determining authority will be possible following the submission of a planning application.

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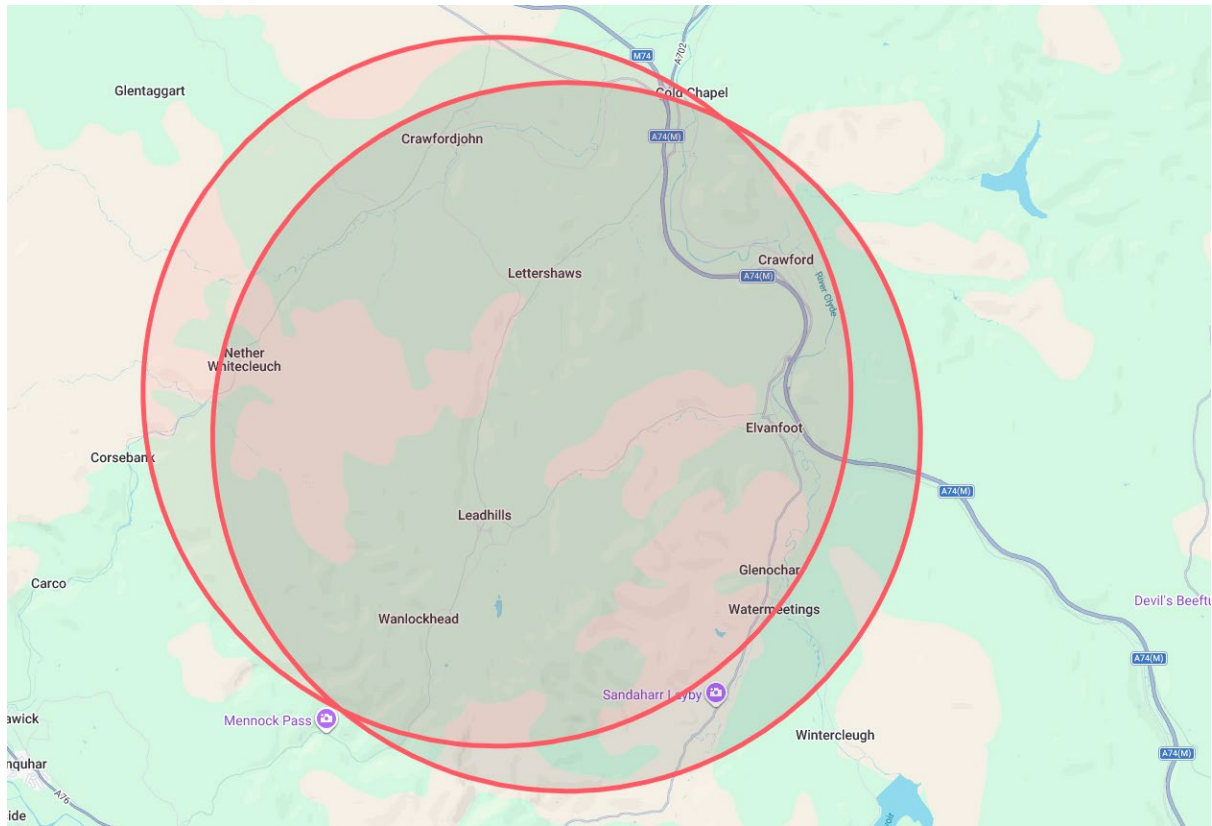
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Appendix 10: Second Event Mailout Radius



Appendix 11: Second Event Public Notices

GENERAL NOTICES

RAVENGILL ENERGY PARK
Second Public Consultation Event

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10th February 2026 | Leadhills Village Hall
(Ramsay Road, Leadhills, ML12 6YA) | 3pm to 8pm

11th February 2026 | Crawfordjohn Village Hall
(Manse Road, Crawfordjohn, ML12 6SR) | 3pm to 8pm

Renewco invite members of the public to attend the second round of consultation events where there will be an opportunity to view and comment on the updated proposals. Members of the project team will be in attendance to answer any questions and receive feedback.

Renewco Power is committed to open discussion on the proposals and would encourage feedback. A dedicated project website is available at www.renewcopower.com/portfolio/united-kingdom/uk-projects/ravengill-energy-park/, which provides more information related to the proposed development.

For further information, please contact Salma Mahmud on 0141 264 2831, by email at salma.mahmud@cavendishconsulting.com or in writing to c/o Cavendish Consulting, 220 St Vincent Street, Glasgow, G2 5SG.

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CARLUKE AND LANARK GAZETTE, 28TH FEBRUARY 2026

RAVENGILL ENERGY PARK

Second Public Consultation Event

Ravengill Energy Park Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Renewco Power Limited, is exploring the opportunity of developing a Renewable Energy Park comprising of 21 wind turbines and a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS). The site is located on land approximately 1km to the north-west and 2.5km north of Leadhills, South Lanarkshire, Scotland.

10th February 2026 | Leadhills Village Hall (Ramsay Road, Leadhills, ML12 6YA) | 3pm to 8pm

11th February 2026 | Crawfordjohn Village Hall (Manse Road, Crawfordjohn, ML12 6SR) | 3pm to 8pm

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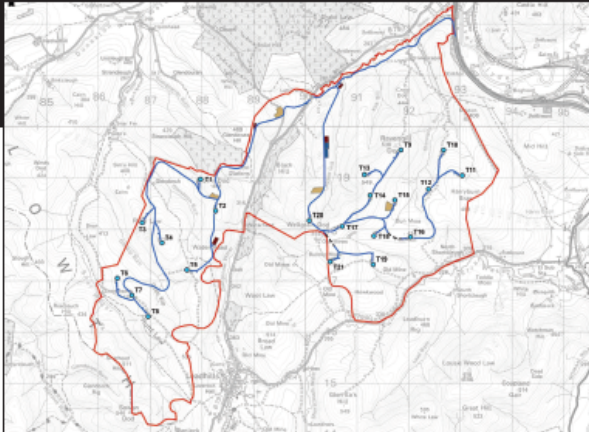
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LANARK AND CARLUKE ADVERTISER, 29TH FEBRUARY 2026

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Ravengill Energy Park Public Consultation Event



**10th February 2026,
3-8pm**

**Leadhills
Village Hall,
35 Ramsay Road,
Leadhills,
ML12 6YA**

**11th February 2026,
3-8pm**

**Crawfordjohn
Village Hall,
Manse Road,
Crawfordjohn,
ML12 6SR**

As part of the pre-application process, Ravengill Energy Park Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of Renewco Power Limited, are hosting their second set of public consultation events regarding the proposed Ravengill Energy Park. The site is located on land approximately 1 km to the north-west and 2.5 km to the north-east of Leadhills, South Lanarkshire, Scotland.

The events will provide an opportunity for members of the public to view the updated proposals and provide feedback ahead of submission of the planning application.

Those unable to attend this event can view the project material virtually and provide feedback online at www.renewcopower.com/portfolio/united-kingdom/uk-projects/ravengill-energy-park/ from 10th February 2026. Please note, all feedback is due by **25th February 2026**.

Contact Us

0800 066 8943
ravengill@renewcopower.com

To find out more please scan the QR code or visit
renewcopower.com/portfolio/united-kingdom/uk-projects/ravengill-energy-park/



Appendix 13: Second Event Feedback Form



FEEDBACK FORM

PRIVACY STATEMENT

By filling in this form, you are agreeing that Cavendish Consulting Limited (Cavendish) can hold and process your personal data in relation to this public consultation exercise.

- Cavendish will share your personal data with the project team companies for planning evaluation purposes only.
- Your identifiable, personal data will not be used for any other purposes without your consent.

Cavendish and the project team will use your data to:

- Send you updates about the project (where you provide us with your contact details).
- Develop a Pre-Application Consultation Report (or similar document) about this public consultation that will be submitted to the planning authority or similar body; this will be a publicly available document.

Your comments will be anonymous, and we will only identify you in these reports with your express permission.

If you provide us with your contact details, we might also contact you to ask more about the comments you've made.

Cavendish acts on behalf of Renewco Power to run public consultation activities.

YOUR DETAILS

Title (Miss/Mrs/Ms/Mr/Other):

First Name or Initial:

Surname:

Postcode:

Age Group (please circle):

Under 13 13-17 18-24 25-34 35-44
45-54 55-64 65-74 75-84 85+

YOUR CONTACT DETAILS

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

I do not wish to provide personal details but can confirm that I am over the age of 13 ☐

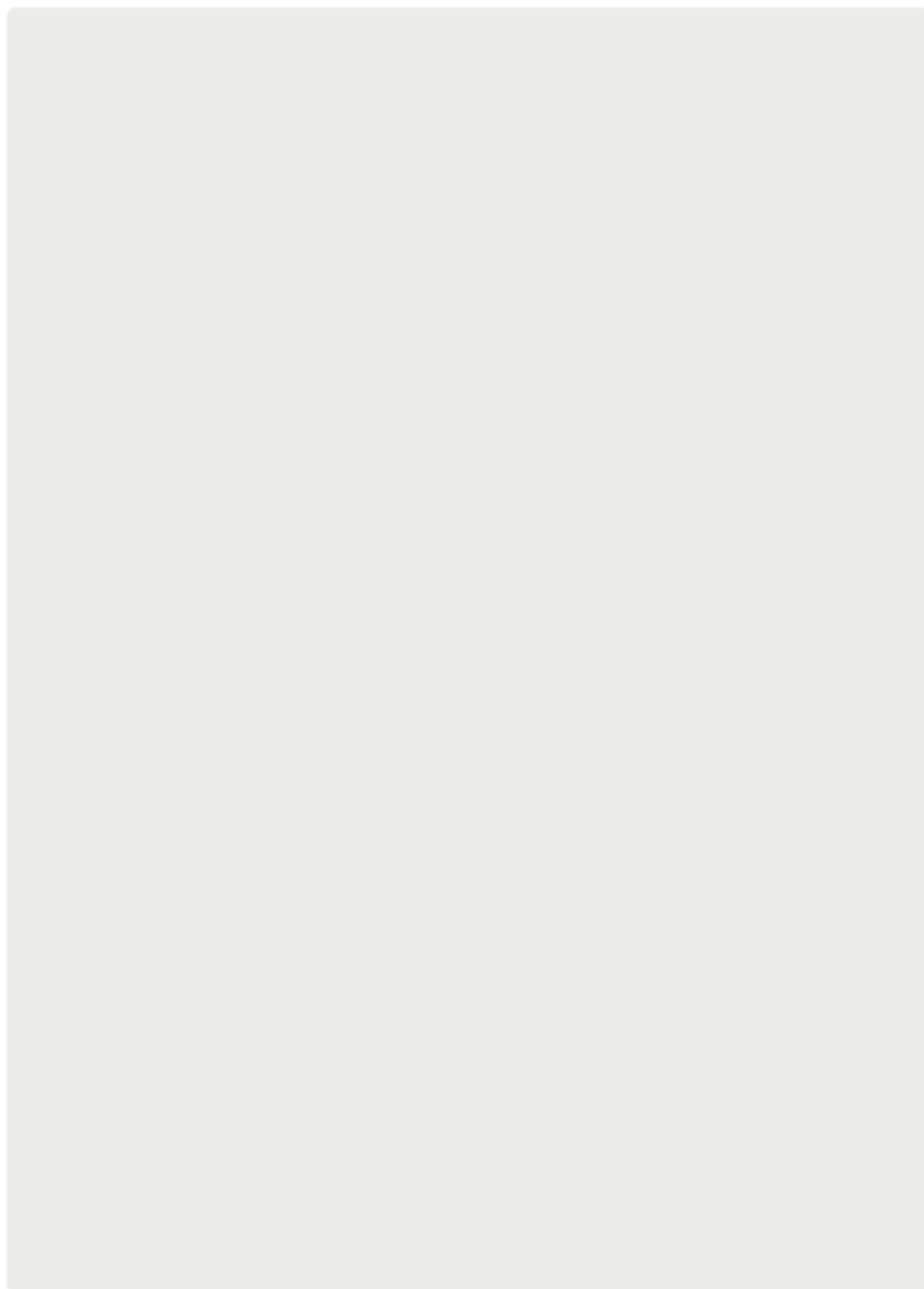
We will use these details to contact you and update you on the proposals. If you would like to be kept up to date with these proposals, please tick this box ☐

Data Protection

We process all Personal Data in accordance with the UK General Data Protection Regulation, the EU General Data Protection Regulation 2016/679 (together the "GDPR") and the Data Protection Act 2018. Your Personal Data will not be transferred outside the UK or European Economic Area (the EU member states plus Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein). To see our full Privacy Notice and find out how to exercise your data subject rights, please visit cavendishconsulting.com/dp or contact us by phone on 01962 893 893, or email at dataprotection@cavendishconsulting.com.

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**WE WELCOME YOUR FEEDBACK, PLEASE PROVIDE
ANY COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSALS OVERALL:**



COMMUNITY BENEFIT QUESTIONNAIRE

The below questions relate to the community benefit banner presented at the community engagement events on the 10th and 11th February 2026 and available on the Ravengill Energy Park website. (www.renewcopower.com/portfolio/united-kingdom/uk-projects/ravengill-energy-park/). Please take the time to review the banner before answering the questions.

1. We have identified some potential benefits that could be delivered as part of the future Community Benefit Fund we would like your view on. How would you rate the following benefits? (1- poor to 7- excellent).

- ☐ The installation of solar PV/ thermal and battery storage in homes
- ☐ New electric vehicle charging infrastructure in your community
- ☐ Electric vehicle car club scheme
- ☐ Scholarship scheme
- ☐ Business grant scheme
- ☐ Repair and restoration of historic buildings
- ☐ Development of tourist facilities

2. Are there any other projects or activities that should benefit from the Ravengill Community Benefit Fund?

3. What organisation(s) should manage the distribution of community benefit funds?

- | | |
|---|---|
| ☐ Local authority | ☐ A community body, either existing or setup for the purpose |
| ☐ The developer | ☐ A third-party specialist organisation (e.g. Foundation Scotland) |
| ☐ Other (please specify) | |

4. What are the most important factors that should be taken into account when deciding which communities can access Ravengill community benefit funding (please rank from 1- least important to 7- most important)?

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|--|--|
| ☐ Proximity to proposed site | ☐ Visibility of Ravengill Energy Park |
| ☐ School catchment areas | ☐ Housing market areas |
| ☐ The funding should be available to the whole of South Lanarkshire | |
| ☐ The funding should be available to areas in Dumfries and Galloway | ☐ Other (please specify): |

5. Renewco Power is keen to work with local suppliers as part of the development of Ravengill. Please tell us about any potential suppliers that we should be made aware of.

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TODAY AND COMPLETING THE FORM

If you would like more time to consider the questions, please print off a copy of the form and return it by 25th February 2026 to:

C/O, Cavendish Consulting, 220 Saint Vincent Street, Glasgow, G2 5SG

Email: ravengill@renewcopower.com

Please note that any comments provided to the Applicant as part of this consultation are not representations to the Scottish Ministers. Should an application be submitted, there will be a separate opportunity for individuals and organisations to make representations directly to the Scottish Ministers as part of the formal application process.

Further information on the proposals can also be obtained by contacting Salma Mahmud at the address above or by telephone on 0141 674 8680.

More information regarding the project can be found at:
www.renewcopower.com/portfolio/united-kingdom/uk-projects/ravengill-energy-park/



Appendix 14: Second Event Boards



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RAVENGILL ENERGY PARK EXHIBITION

Welcome to the second public consultation event for the Ravengill Energy Park.

The purpose of today's event is to provide you with information about the proposed development and gather feedback.

Representatives from Renewco Power, supported by our Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) team from Ramboll and landscape and visual impact specialists MVGLA, are available to discuss the project and answer your questions.

Banner Content of Exhibition

- **2** The Development Site Overview
- **3** Project Development & Next Steps
- **4** Site Access Strategy & Construction
- **5** Substation & BESS
- **6** Outline Biodiversity Enhancement & Management Plan
- **7** Working with the Community
- **8** Project Timeline & Section 36 Application
- **9** Feedback
- **10** Who is Ravengill Energy Park Limited?
- **11** Our M74 Corridor Strategy



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THE DEVELOPMENT SITE

LOCATION

The Site, covering an area of approximately 2,555 ha is located north of Leadhills village, south of Abington village and west of the A74(M) motorway. The Site is entirely within South Lanarkshire.

THE PROJECT

The project is at an advanced stage of development and is anticipated to include:

- up to 21 turbines (maximum tip height 220 m)
- Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), approximately 50 MW capacity
- onsite substation co-located with the BESS
- internal access tracks
- construction compound, laydown areas and borrow pits
- vehicular access from the A74(M) motorway for abnormal load deliveries (turbine components)
- construction and operational access from the B797 and crossing the C class road that connects the B797 with Crawfordjohn

GRID CONNECTION

The project has a grid connection agreement in place to connect at Elvanfoot substation, 1 km south east of the Site. Under ongoing grid reforms there is potential that the date and location of the connection will differ from that currently contracted. ScottishPower Energy Networks (SPEN) will be responsible for providing the grid connection, including any necessary consents. The grid connection is not within the scope of the current consultation.



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SITE ACCESS STRATEGY & CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

SITE ACCESS STRATEGY

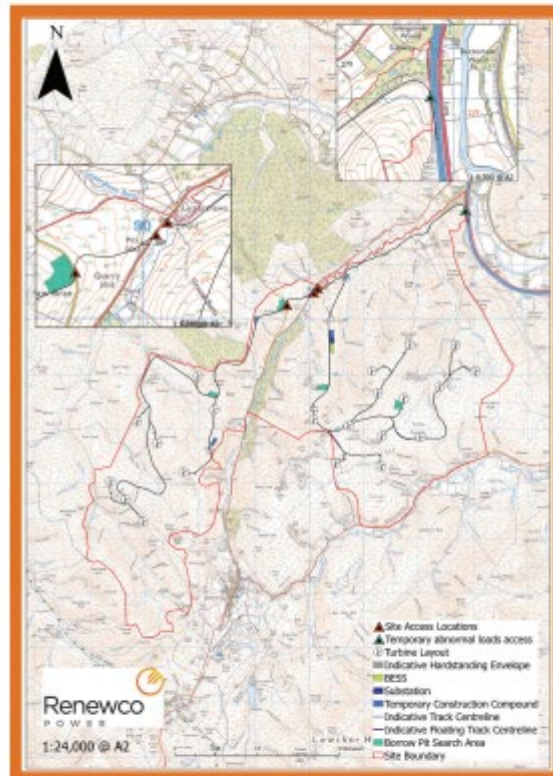
The Site Access Strategy aims to minimise the impact of the development on settlements and the surrounding local road network, working with the Site topography and avoiding impacts on environmental assets.

KEY FEATURES PROPOSED INCLUDE:

- Access to the site from the A74(M) & B797;
- Abnormal loads (turbine components) will be delivered via the A74(M), and cross the B797 and the road to Crawfordjohn.
- Internal tracks will be a combination of upgraded existing tracks and new access tracks designed to minimise impacts on peat and the environment.

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

An Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) and Outline Traffic Management Plan (TMP) will accompany the S36 application. Final versions of the CEMP and TMP will be secured by condition if consent is granted. These documents will set out in detail the approach to managing construction traffic whilst minimising the impact of construction activity on environmental receptors including nearby residential properties.





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SUBSTATION & BESS

Following a detailed assessment of multiple potential locations, Glengonnar Rig has been identified as the preferred site for the substation and BESS.

The proposed substation and Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) will allow the Proposed Development to connect to the national electricity grid, export clean renewable energy efficiently, and support the efficient operation of the grid by storing excess electricity generated at the site until it is needed.

Why Glengonnar Rig?

ENVIRONMENT & TOPOGRAPHY

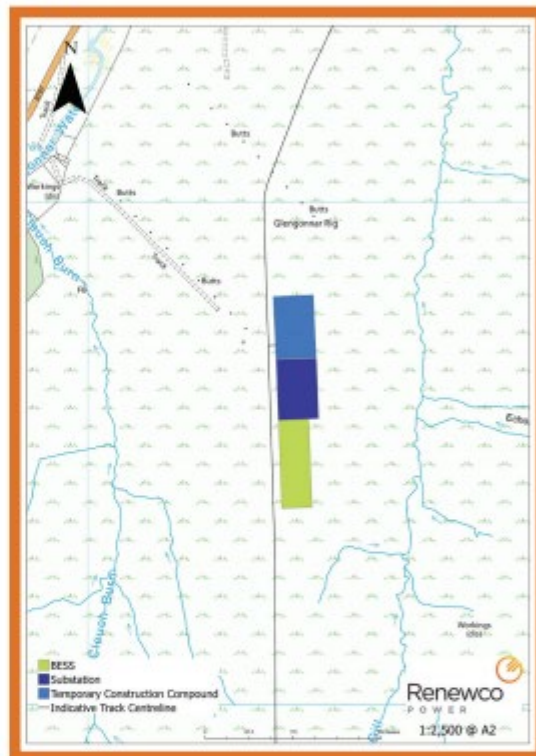
- Distant from designated environmental and cultural heritage assets and minimizes the impact on sensitive habitats and peat.
- Suitable topography to accommodate the substation and BESS footprints whilst limiting cut and fill

LANDSCAPE SCREENING

- Natural landform provides very limited visibility from key viewpoints, including the B797
- Provides better mitigation of visual impacts than other options considered

LAYOUT INTEGRATION

- The site aligns with the main construction compound and the access route serving the turbines east of the B797.



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OUTLINE BIODIVERSITY ENHANCEMENT & MANAGEMENT PLAN (OBEMP)

A comprehensive OBEMP is in preparation to deliver long term biodiversity improvements as part of the project. The plan is being prepared in accordance with guidance from NatureScot, in response to the impacts the project is expected to generate, and in discussion with the landowner. Key enhancement and management measures include:



Peatland Restoration: to restore areas of degraded peatland to support carbon storage, water management, and healthy upland ecosystems. Extent of the area will aim to meet the NatureScot guidance target of 1:10 disturbed peatland to restored peatland delivering a net gain in functioning peatland across the Site.

Riparian Habitat Creation: to enhance biodiversity along watercourse corridors by establishing native broadleaf planting and upland scrub in appropriate areas. Benefits will include habitat quality and connectivity.

Bracken Management: targeted bracken control will be carried out to help restore valuable upland habitats. This will establish suitable conditions for native vegetation, support the success of riparian planting and enhance opportunities for species diversity across open upland areas of the Site.

Ground Nesting Bird Habitat Enhancement:

Habitat enhancement to support ground nesting birds will be developed by specialist ornithologists. This will include appropriate vegetation management to maintain suitable nesting and foraging conditions.





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PROJECT TIMELINE

Ravengill Energy Park will have a generating capacity of >50 MW and so will require consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989. This consenting process is administered by Scottish Ministers through the Energy Consents Unit (ECU) of the Scottish Government. The project requires an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), and this process has influenced the development of the project. The EIA process will result in an EIA Report which will document the findings of the assessments completed, provide environmental information for the project, and form a key element of the Section 36 consent application.



* Under ongoing reforms to how entry of new connections to the national grid is managed, it is expected that the Ravengill Energy Park will be able to connect to the grid earlier than the 2036 date currently contracted.

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FEEDBACK & NEXT STEPS

YOUR FEEDBACK

To provide feedback on the Ravengill Energy Park, including the community benefit package, we would appreciate if you could use our AssetFace site.



Scan QR code to access
the AssetFace



Alternatively, we have feedback forms available for you to complete and hand to a member of the project team or email the team at ravengill@renewcopower.com.

We would appreciate if you could provide feedback by the 25th of February 2026.

NEXT STEPS

- We will review all feedback from residents, community councils, local businesses, and stakeholders and use this information in the ongoing refinement of the project in advance of the section 36 application.
- A summary of feedback and how we have responded will be included in a Pre-Application Consultation Report that accompanies the Section 36 application.

CONTACT US AT:

WATCHMAN@RENEWCOPOWER.COM
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WHO IS RAVENGILL ENERGY PARK LTD?

Ravengill Energy Park Ltd is a wholly owned subsidiary of Renewco Power Ltd. Renewco Power is a Glasgow headquartered renewable energy developer dedicated to developing onshore wind, solar photovoltaic (PV), battery energy storage systems (BESS) and green hydrogen projects in the UK, Spain and Italy. With over 40 employees, Renewco's mission is to accelerate the deployment of clean energy by delivering 5 GW of construction ready projects across Europe by 2030. The company was formed by a highly experienced team of entrepreneurs and renewable sector specialists with significant development, technical, project structuring, construction, and financing expertise across all renewable technologies.

While Renewco Power is a relatively new company, **our team has a proven track record, delivering renewable energy projects in the UK and beyond.** Our experience includes wind, solar, BESS, and emerging technologies such as green hydrogen.

Our aim with all of our projects is to maximise the renewable potential deliverable on a site while minimising impacts to land and the surrounding community. Irrespective of the technology **our relationships with the community are critical** to ensure we make a lasting positive impact, which is why we would welcome any and all feedback as part of this consultation.

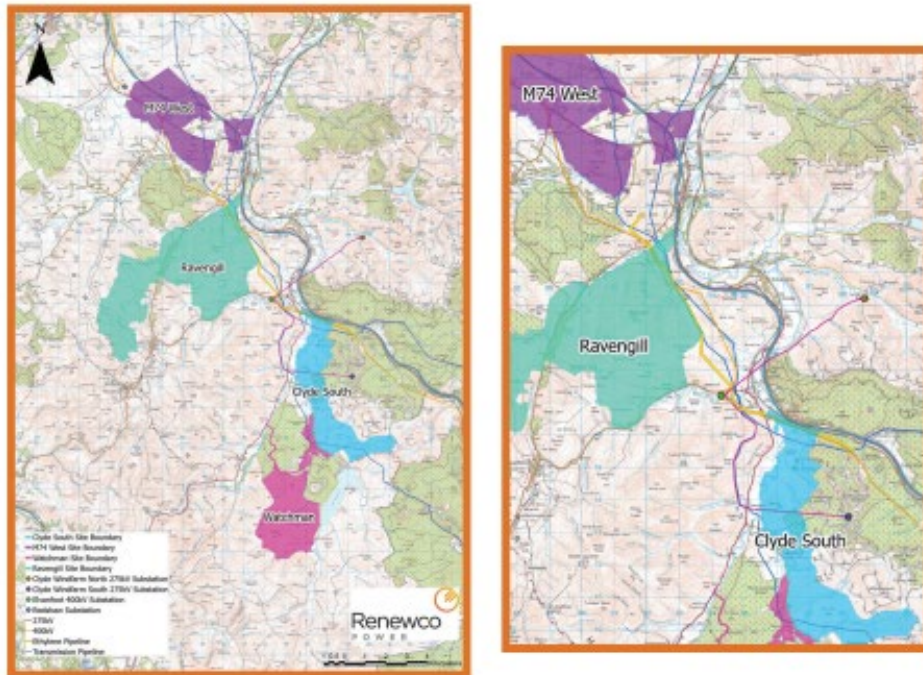


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OUR M74 CORRIDOR STRATEGY



Ravengill Energy Park forms part of Renewco's wider strategy to deliver new renewable energy assets in the vicinity of the M74 motorway. We consider that there are several strategic advantages to development in this area, including:

- access to the 400 kV ZV Overhead Line;
- proximity to the motorway network for the delivery of components to site and access to labour;
- consistently high wind speeds which will enable the export of large amounts of renewable energy to the grid; low population density which means that impacts on the amenity of householders, through issues such as noise and visual impacts, can be minimised;
- the large scale character of the landscape which is generally suitable to accommodate large modern, commercial wind turbines;
- the projects will create a cluster of developments in the area along the M74 corridor, considered to be an appropriate location, which allows the most sensitive landscapes and habitats elsewhere to be protected whilst facilitating the pooling of investment to provide strategic benefits for local communities;
- more broadly, developments in this area will help deliver Scottish and UK Government targets for the deployment of renewable energy and reducing carbon emissions, with Ravengill Energy Park alone expected to produce enough power to support the equivalent of approximately 178,110 homes.

Appendix 15: CLG

Appendix 15.1: Terms of Reference



Terms of Reference (ToR)

Renewco Power Community Liaison Group (CLG)

Purpose of the Community Liaison Group

The Renewco Power Community Liaison Group (CLG) has been established to create a forum for open, respectful, and constructive dialogue between Renewco Power and local communities, in relation to proposed renewable energy projects. The CLG will facilitate ongoing communication, allowing community members and stakeholders to raise questions, provide feedback, and share local knowledge that may inform project development. The local community is defined as those living or working in the vicinity of, or in areas likely to be affected by, renewable energy projects proposed by Renewco Power.

Objectives of the CLG

The CLG will serve the following key objectives:

- To create and maintain clear and open communication between representatives from Renewco Power and the local community.
- To provide regular updates on the progress of Renewco Power's renewable energy proposals.
- To consider any issues arising from the planned development of renewable energy proposals by Renewco Power.
- To enhance community understanding of Renewco Power's ongoing renewable energy initiatives and associated development process.

CLG Membership

The CLG will consist of representatives from relevant community councils, and other key stakeholder groups, alongside representatives from Renewco Power. Membership will initially be determined based on local representation from the project areas, with a focus on inclusivity and ensuring diverse community voices are heard.

Membership may include:

- Representatives from local community councils within the affected areas.
- Representatives from relevant community organisations or residents' groups.
- Project representatives from Renewco Power.

Proxy members may attend meetings if primary members are unavailable, with notification given to Renewco Power no later than three working days in advance of the scheduled meeting. Membership may be reviewed and adjusted as project proposals progress, with any changes to be agreed upon by the CLG members.

Meetings

- The date, time and venue for the next meeting will be agreed at each CLG meeting.
- Meetings will be held in-person with the option to join via an online platform. The date, time, and venue confirmed at the end of each meeting.
- The frequency of the meetings shall be decided between the CLG and Renewco Power but will not be more than two monthly.
- The meetings will not be open to members of the public.

Standing agenda:

- Attendance / apologies
- Approval of minutes from previous meeting
- Project updates
- Community updates
 - Representatives to give any relevant community updates
- Q & A
 - Questions must relate to matters discussed during meeting, or have been submitted a minimum of 7 days in advance.
- Matters for discussion at next meeting
- Agreement on date of next meeting

Commitments by Renewco Power

Renewco Power commits to:

- Draft and circulate meeting minutes within five working days after each CLG meeting.
- Issue draft meeting agendas at least five working days before the meeting, with the agenda to be finalised three working days before the meeting.
- Share information and technical details with CLG members to ensure transparent communication.
- Provide logistical support for meetings, including venue hire, online meeting platforms, and relevant documentation.
- Facilitate guest speakers or technical experts to address specific concerns raised by the community.
- Provide timely updates on project development and the planning process.

CLG Member Commitments

CLG members agree to:

- Participate constructively in discussions and share relevant feedback from their communities.
- Disseminate information from CLG meetings back to their local groups and communities.
- Review and provide input on meeting minutes within five working days of receipt.
- Suggest relevant topics or concerns for inclusion in meeting agendas at least 5 working days in advance of the next scheduled meeting.

Chairperson

Renewco Power will chair the CLG meetings, ensuring the orderly conduct of discussions, adherence to the agreed agenda, and enforcement of the Terms of Reference. In the event that the designated Chairperson from Renewco Power is unavailable, a temporary Chairperson will be appointed by Renewco Power for that meeting.

Minutes and Documentation

- Meeting minutes will be recorded by Renewco Power and circulated to all CLG members within five working days. Members will have an additional five working days to review and approve the minutes, after which they will be finalised and made available.
- Approved minutes and relevant documentation will be shared with CLG members via email and published on a dedicated project website for public access.

Amendments to the Terms of Reference

These Terms of Reference may be reviewed and amended by the CLG as necessary. Any changes must be approved by a majority vote of the CLG members.

Dissolution of the CLG

The CLG may be dissolved at any time by majority agreement of the members, or upon the completion of Renewco Power's renewable energy projects in the area.

Appendix 15.2: CLG Meeting 1 Minutes



Renewco Power M74 Community Liaison Group – Meeting 1

Date: 24th April 2025

Location: The Old School House, Abington

Attendees:

- Mick Barker- Moffat Community Council (MB)
- David Booth- Moffat Community Council (DB)
- Robert McCafferty - Wanlockhead Community Council (RM)
- Karen Morrison - Wanlockhead Community Council (KM)
- David McLachie - Muirkirk Community Council (DM)
- Gerard Godfrey - Leadhills Community Council (GG)
- Steve Johnston - Leadhills Community Council (SJ)
- Jeremy Cooper - Crawford and Elvanfoot (JC)
- Elizabeth Shelby - Thornhill Community Council (ES)
- Richard Koiak - Renewco Power (RK)
- Maeve Fryday - Renewco Power (MF)
- Nick Lopez - Renewco Power (NL)
- Aneesa Miller - Cavendish Consulting (AM)
- Daisy Geissler - Cavendish Consulting (DG)

Agenda:

- Attendance / apologies
- Terms of Reference
- Project updates
- Community updates
 - Representatives to give any relevant community updates
- Q & A
 - Questions must relate to matters discussed during meeting, or have been submitted no later than 12pm on Tuesday 22nd April.
- Matters for discussion at next meeting
- Agreement on date of next meeting

Terms of Reference (ToR)

- **RK:** Emphasised that the forum is not intended to replace existing community events or project updates. It aims to provide additional information, foster transparency, and offer accountability. The CLG can be used to answer questions and explain elements of Renewco's projects, and may also serve as a forum for further information exchange around the changing situation with renewables etc.
- **SJ:** Requested that Leadhills' comments be read out; criticised timing of ToR circulation during Easter holidays.
- **RK:** The ToR is to help Renewco be held to account. It is a living document meant to evolve. Pre-submitted questions allow for more accurate responses.
 - [Read out SJ's email]

- **MB:** Asked for clarification on whether placing developments further from the grid increases costs.
 - **RK:** Explained that being closer to the grid is better for the developer and the consumer.
 - **MF:** Explained that the cost will be built into the overall project costs.
- **DB:** Stated that the lifetime of turbines used to be 25 years but has gone up to 40 as technology has become more efficient. They can be renewed or upgraded, so 50MW can become 100MW in the future.
 - **RK:** In theory yes, but there will be a cap in terms of size. Referenced Clean Power 30 plan which moves a lot more towards need case and balancing need against supply.
- **JC:** Asked whether Renewco can say which substations the projects will connect to, and whether these will need upgraded. Referenced a recent upgrade to Elvanfoot substation which had a significant impact.
 - **MF:** Yes, all of this information is in the public domain and on the TEC register. It is for NESO to decide where the connection goes, and for Scottish Power to facilitate the grid connection.

Project Overview: Key Features

- **MF:** [Slide: The M74 Strategy – Key Features]
- **JC:** Asked for clarification on whether there would be solar on Watchman or Ravengill.
 - **RK:** Confirmed there will not.
- **MB:** Asked why the BESS are all 50MW.
 - **MF:** Replied that it is a good size for batteries to be packaged.
- **JC:** Asked whether the BESS will store electricity from the wind farm sites, and whether they will share the cable to the substation.
 - **MF:** Explained that during times where power can't be exported, batteries will be used to provide more resilience.
 - **RK:** Suggested that as part of the CLG forum, if attendees would like a battery expert to attend one of the meetings it could be arranged.
- **MB:** Asked whether turbines will ever be associated with Milton Farm BESS.
 - **RK:** Guaranteed it will only ever be a standalone BESS site.
- **SJ:** Asked why solar was removed from Ravengill.
 - **MF:** Explained that having looked at practicalities, it cannot be delivered on the intended scale. On balance the location isn't right for current technology.

M74 West

- **MF:** [Slide: M74 West Energy Park Update]
- **DB:** Asked whether the fact that the M74 is a private road has any bearing.
 - **MF:** Responded that dialogue is with both M6 Autolink (manager of the road) and Transport Scotland (responsible for management of the road on behalf of the

owner who is the Scottish Government). Transport Scotland are the statutory consultee.

- **JC:** Asked for clarification on whether consultation with the MoD is on low level flying or Eskdalemuir Seismic Array (EKA).
 - **MF:** This is on both. On low level flying Renewco have provided MOD with the required information, but on EKA the project is in the holding pattern along with all other wind energy development within the 50 km consultation zone.
- **DB:** Asked what will replace these projects once their operational life runs out.
 - **RK:** Some will be repowered and some will be shut. Technology may be significantly different in 40 years.
- **GG:** Suggested that in terms of legislation, when a wind farm has been consented it sets a precedent that the site is suitable in perpetuity.
 - **RK:** Compared to housing – consent for a bungalow does not imply consent for a ten-storey house. The principle is established, but not specifics.

Watchman

- **MF:** [Slide: Watchman Energy Park Update]
- **JC:** Inquired about access routes, and whether an upgrade would be needed to the Elvanfoot substation.
 - **MF:** Confirmed that access will be via the A702, with a number of options currently under consideration and that more information will be available at the public consultation on 12th May. An upgrade will likely be needed to the substation and that is for SPEN to deliver rather than the Watchman project.
- **GG:** Asked whether there had been feedback from NatureScot regarding the SSSI.
 - **MF:** Development is kept out of the SSSI. At the consultation event there will be further information on the proposed Biodiversity Enhancement and Management Plan which will include actions which could support enhancement of the SSSI.

Ravengill

- **MF:** [Slide: Ravengill Energy Park Update]
- **JC:** Asked about Euroforest proposals and abnormal load transport.
 - **MF:** Confirmed that Renewco are aware of the proposals and are in discussion with the developer. Access to the southern cluster of turbines is likely to come through the forest (as indicated on Euroforests plans).
- **JC:** Asked about abnormal loads and whether they would come through Elvanfoot.
 - **MF:** Confirmed that at present the access would go through Elvanfoot but design is ongoing. It is early days and Renewco are about to start discussing suitability with South Lanarkshire Council. Aware of the bridge as a pinch point for HGV

traffic- nothing is off the table in terms of upgrades and all proposed routes shown are indicative at this stage.

- **SJ:** Asked whether consultation dates are confirmed.
 - **AM:** Confirmed dates are final and invitation will go out on 26.04.
- **RM:** Asked whether there will be two extensions to the Elvanfoot substation, and whether the connection will be overhead.
 - **MF:** Renewco are speaking to SPEN about the best option for grid connection and what their plans are for the required upgrade of the Elvanfoot substation. At the moment, the grid connection is expected to be via an underground cable.
- **GG:** Asked whether there will be information on the zone of theoretical visibility (ZTV) at the consultation event, and about the aviation lighting (red light) impact.
 - **MF:** Confirmed the ZTV will be available , and that Renewco's landscape architect will be there with WindPlanner software available to see how the turbines will look from certain locations (Note: this will be somewhat dependant on internet access). Explained that it is common to have a reduced lighting scheme where not all turbines require to be lit to meet aviation safety requirements - on a scheme of 30, typically 10 or 12 may be lit. It is too early in the design process to meaningfully present the likely lighting scheme that will be proposed.

Community Updates

- **RK:** Confirmed that there is no obligation for updates from communities, but people can speak if they would like to. Also, a forum to communicate positive / negative actions and experiences related to other developments.
 - **AM:** Reiterated that members can get in touch via email with updates as and when needed.
- **MB:** Mentioned Conrad's proposed battery storage which is very near to Renewco's Milton Farm site.
 - **RK:** Asked for clarification of location.
 - **MB:** Confirmed that it is a mile east of Beattock, but that it does not yet have a grid connection.
- **GG:** As a topic for future meetings, it may be beneficial to have a look at the principles of CBF and how it works.
 - **MB:** SOSE and the CLES are trying to draw together 5 principles of engagement between developers and local communities. It discusses employment, openness etc, and is a set of things which would be perceived as good by all involved. MB to share contact details.

- **RK:** Explained the Asset Face platform. Renewco are aware of the burden on communities, and are keen to use technology to take away some of the admin involved in administering funds.
- **DM:** Explained that Muirkirk are about to sign an agreement on Mill Rig – community councils included in East Ayrshire and South Lanarkshire. The group will run the community benefit side of things.
 - **NL:** asked whether there is support being offered for this.
 - **DM:** Explained that On Path are supporting at the moment, but that a new constitution is about to be signed.

Q&A:

- **JC:** Asked how often the CLG will meet.
 - **RK:** Confirmed that it will be roughly every two months, but this can change.
 - **SJ:** Suggested that it might be worth scheduling meetings to coincide with project milestones. Suggested that we should decide on a schedule the next time we meet.
 - **MF:** The CLG is intended to be very high level – as projects progress, we will update communities and hold consultation events. There may be instances where we don't have a major update, but these meetings could be used to go into detail on CBF, specific technical issues etc.
 - **GG:** Suggested that looking at the noise profile of turbines could be useful.

Agreement of date for next meeting:

- Meeting to take place in late June 2025. Exact date tbc.

AOB

- SJ suggested that authorisation to share email addresses could be requested from attendees there and then but RK objected on GDPR grounds.
- SJ then suggested that an authorisation form could be prepared and distributed at the next meeting of the CLG.

Actions Agreed

- Renewco include Milton Farm BESS in next update.
- MB to share SOSE/CLES details.

- Renewco to share copy of the presentation to attendees.
 - Renewco to discuss GDPR implications regarding SJs request for email addresses of other members.
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Appendix 15.3: CLG Meeting 2 Minutes



Renewco Power M74 Community Liaison Group – Meeting 2

Date: 23rd June 2025

Location: The Old School House, Abington

Attendees:

- Kenneth Wills – Kirkpatrick Juxta Community Council (KW)
- Franca Bruno – Kirkpatrick Juxta Community Council (FB)
- Tommy Cronin – Douglas Community Council (TC)
- Brian Muir – Douglas Community Council (BM)
- Jeremy Cooper – Crawford and Elvanfoot (JC)
- Steve Johnston – Leadhills Community Council (SJ)
- Gerard Godfrey – Leadhills Community Council (GG)
- Elizabeth Shelby – Thornhill Community Council (ES)
- Robert McCafferty – Wanlockhead Community Council (RM)
- David Dick – Closeburn Community Council (DD)
- Mike Steele – Closeburn Community Council (MS)
- Mick Barker – Moffat Community Council (MB)
- Neil Ingram – Biggar Community Council (NI)
- Richard Koiak – Renewco Power (RK)
- Maeve Fryday – Renewco Power (MF)
- Nick Lopez – Renewco Power (NL)
- Daisy Geissler – Cavendish Consulting (DG)
- Grace McGovern – Cavendish Consulting (GM)

Actions Agreed:

- Renewco to share email addresses with those who consented.
- Cavendish to circulate draft amend to ToR suggested by MS.
- Renewco to arrange a BESS expert for next meeting.
- Renewco to prepare and upload visualisations requested by MS and MB.
- Renewco to check consultation list for Ravengill with relation to Scoping Request.
- Renewco to address issue with Vimeo.
- Renewco to propose some suggested scenarios for CBF distribution.
- Members to share community updates.

1. Attendance / Apologies

- Attendance noted as above.

- Apologies:
 - Carmichael Community Council
 - Sanquhar Community Council
 - Muirkirk Community Council
 - CEDAR
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2. Approval of Previous Minutes

- SJ: Queried inclusion of his previous comments.
 - DG: Clarified that comments regarding GDPR were included in AOB.
 - RK: Asked whether current format is acceptable.
 - MS: Asked that actions be included at the beginning of the minutes.
 - RK: Raised SJ's request for other members' contact details.
 - SJ: Suggested that he has been denied the opportunity to have access to other members' email addresses.
 - RK / MF: Renewco want to respect everyone's personal preference on this, and do not want to pressure people into sharing their details. Renewco contacted people via publicly accessible information.
 - [List of email addresses was passed around] **Action:** details will be shared with those who signed up.
 - Terms of Reference (ToR):
 - RK: Noted concerns about Renewco holding chair voiced by SJ.
 - MS: Request to include line on community needs in ToR.
 - **Action:** Cavendish/Closeburn to circulate draft wording.
 - TC/BM: Discussion on timeframe for proxy member notice (extended vs. 3-day limit).
 - Expert Input:
 - **Action:** Renewco to arrange a BESS expert presentation with defined scope.
 - Noise: To be addressed at future stage.
 - Meeting Schedule:
 - Agreement to maintain current schedule unless milestone-triggered.
 - Option for virtual meetings in winter discussed.
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3. Project Updates

Renewco Power Overview

- Overview of Renewco's wider project context shared via maps.

The M74 Strategy

- MF: [slide: Project Updates: The M74 Strategy]
 - MB: Concerns about wind resource overlap (wind stealing) among developers.
 - MF/RK: Clarified that the wind is not owned by anyone, but that modelling methods take into account this wake effect. This is not discussed with other developers, but clarified that other proposed projects are included in modelling.
 - SJ: Referenced a case in Holland where a developer is taking another to court due to the impact of one windfarm on another.
 - FB: Raised soil erosion and water management concerns.
 - MF: assured strong regulatory standards and methodologies exist in Scotland. The EIA Report will provide an outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (oCEMP) which will identify the measures proposed to manage surface water runoff, which is the primary mechanism for soil erosion and associated impacts on water bodies in Scotland.

M74 Strategy – Key Features

- MF: [Slide – The M74 Strategy Key Features]
 - FB: Questioned whether BESS will remain at 50MW.
 - MF confirmed 50MW is current plan; flexibility depends on grid reform.
 - JC: Mentioned lack of capacity at Elvanfoot substation.
 - RK: Discussed grid reform works currently underway, and the fact that SPEN will be responsible for delivery of the grid connections.
 - BM: Highlighted that there is six BESS in planning near Douglas.
 - GG: Questioned whether there is a body overseeing this development.
 - RK: Referenced Clean Power 2030 plan, which shows that there is an oversubscription of batteries in the queue. There is a spatial energy plan which is expected to be published in 2026.
 - FB: Questioned why BESS is now included in all wind farms.
 - MF: Clarified that BESS improves project efficiency and makes the most of grid connections.
 - SJ: Questioned what the BESS means for Ravengill's productivity.

- MF: Explained that excess power would go to batteries, but that how long it takes to charge depends on the turbines' capacity and how much they are generating.
- JC: The placing of batteries is important- has written to Secretary of State for Net Zero on this issue, as SLC have said there is no guidance.

M74 West

- MF: [Slide – M74 West Energy Park Update]
- JC: asked whether MoD Concerns relate to flying or Eskdalemuir.
 - MF: Both. Flying issues have been addressed through provision of clarification information, and the Eskdalemuir issue is subject to the ongoing process to revise the methodology for calculating available seismic budget etc. In respect of Eskdalemuir the project is in the same position as all other projects within 50 km of the Eskdalemuir array that do not already have seismic budget allocated under the existing system of calculation.
 - GG: Has heard that MoD is planning to move the facility.
- BM: Asked about August decision feasibility.
 - MF: We can only work based on what SLC have asked the ECU for.
- ES: Asked for the height of the turbines.
 - MF: up to 220m to tip.

Watchman

- MF: [Slide – Watchman Energy Park Update]
- JC: Regarding access, made reference to Crookedstanes and Lion Hill wind farms which were withdrawn. They wanted to come through Glasgow but were redirected via Dumfries due to passing through Elvanfoot.
 - MF: Responded that technology is constantly changing and we are adapting to that.
- ES: asked about turbine height.
 - MF: 240m to tip.
- FB: Asked about the proposed Southern Upland Way (SUW) diversion.
 - MF: Explained that in the SUW crosses through the site at the far west. Plan is for substation and BESS to be next to the path. We think we can improve the SUW through the site if we create a permanent diversion. The area between the current and diverted SUW will be used for a construction compound and thereafter planted to create screening to improve the experience of walkers. Further detail will be included in the application.
- MS: Viewpoints at the consultation will be predominantly from the East.

- MF: Explained that this was based on where Renewco thought people attending would be interested in.
- **Action:** Renewco to provide Visualisations representative of the area of the Thornhill Uplands by using the A76 as a further video of how the project may be experienced, as well as the Moffat equivalent based on views coming up the motorway between Lockerbie and Moffat.

Ravengill

- MF: [Slide – Ravengill Energy Park Update]
- SJ: Leadhills CC have been asked by SLC to respond to the Scoping Request. Asked which other CCs have been asked.
 - **Action:** Renewco to check consultation list.
- RM: Asked about visualisations and the fact they didn't work at the consultation event.
 - MF: Explained that visualisations availability was based on internet access (no wifi and poor mobile phone reception made this challenging) and they are now available online.
 - SJ: Raised an issue with accessing Vimeo without creating an account.
 - **Action:** Renewco to look into problem.

5. Community Benefit Discussion

- NL: [Slide – Community Benefit Discussion]
- KW: Asked if the approach taken to encourage spending was legislative, or Renewco's choice.
 - RK: Explained that local authorities and communities are accusing each other of failing to spend the funding. Explained that Renewco just want to encourage a plan, this may be to save or invest money for a specific purpose.
- JC: Asked if there is a precedent for creating a new body.
 - MS: Highlighted the Nith Valley as a useful example.
 - MF: Referenced the 9CC in East Ayrshire.
- FB: Voiced a strong belief in CCs taking responsibility, as well as Foundation Scotland. Do not want to force communities to spend money and waste it.
 - RK: Explained that Renewco are looking at a period of 3 years- it is an impetus to spend money. Looking to create a document based on good practice.
- GG: Referred to Clyde Windfarm distribution body – criticised involvement of Local Authority, and bureaucratic system put in place.

- RM: Clyde is an example of different approaches from different Local Authorities, as Dumfries and Galloway allocated the money to communities.
 - RK: Referred to risk involved should CCs dissolve. All of this is a challenge with documentation – Renewco want to have these discussions and agree in advance.
 - MB / MS: Expressed preference for Foundation Scotland to be involved rather than Local Authorities.
- MB: Questioned why there is no CBF for standalone BESS. Also questioned the statement that £5,000 per MW is best practice- it is a 2014 figure and relates to price of energy in 2014. Councils such as Highland are requesting a 50% increase. Suggested trying to make this project more innovative in line with others.
 - RK: Will think about how to address this.
- KW: Asked about whether SSE are 100% shareholders in Renewco, and if projects are sold on to them.
 - RK: SSE has invested in Corren Capital, who have in turn invested in Renewco, but the projects will not necessarily be sold to SSE. The vast majority of, if not every, wind farm project that has been developed in Scotland has been sold at some point (e.g. to gain investment to construct). We want to sign CBF deals because then whoever buys the projects will be obliged to stick to them.
 - KW: Queried whether additional CBF should be calculated based on profit of uplift from the scale when the project is passed on to another investor.
 - RK: Explained CBF is an oddity of wind development in that no other type of development is expected to provide such direct funding to communities, but appreciates the point and will take the challenge to think of something innovative.
- FB: Asked which areas will be eligible for funding.
 - NL: Explained that radius had not been confirmed yet. We will have an agreement in place for each windfarm, even if communities decide the preference would be for one scheme covering all of them.
- RM: Questioned composition of CLG without knowledge of which areas would benefit.
 - RK/DG: Highlighted that meetings are not just about community benefit- they are designed to be information exchange.
 - **Action:** Renewco to suggest some scenarios for funding radii.
- KW: Questioned why there is no opportunity for community ownership.
 - RK: Have never seen it work.

6. Community Updates

- **Action:** Community representatives to submit their updates before next meeting.
 - MS: provided link to website which outlines projects Closeburn CC are involved in www.nithvalley.org
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7. Q&A

- FB: Queried turbine decommissioning timelines (2069–2073).
 - RK: Reuse of parts common; blade recycling improving.
 - BM: Industry evolving to manage this effectively.
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8. Matters for Next Meeting

- Potential to arrange a BESS expert.
- Date TBC- late August / early September.



Renewco Power M74 Community Liaison Group – Meeting 3

Date: 10th September 2025

Location: The Old School House, Abington

Attendees:

- Kenneth Wills – Kirkpatrick Juxta Community Council (KW)
- Tommy Cronin – Douglas Community Council (TC)
- Jeremy Cooper – Crawford and Elvanfoot (JC)
- Steve Johnston – Leadhills Community Council (SJ)
- Gerard Godfrey – Leadhills Community Council (GG)
- Karen Morrison – Wanlockhead (KM)
- Robert McCafferty – Wanlockhead Community Council (RM)
- David Dick – Closeburn Community Council (DD)
- Mike Steele – Closeburn Community Council (MS)
- Mick Barker – Moffat Community Council (MB)
- Neil Ingram – Biggar Community Council (NI)
- Richard Koiak – Renewco Power (RK)
- Maeve Fryday – Renewco Power (MF)
- Salma Mahmud – Cavendish Consulting (SM)
- Grace McGovern – Cavendish Consulting (GM)

Actions Agreed:

- Renewco to provide an overview of cumulative project maps (including overlays) in both electronic and fixed formats.
- Moffat to circulate the ESPR (Energy Storage Performance Report) referenced by MB.
- Renewco to prepare and present a range of Community Benefit Fund (CBF) scenarios and suggestions for detailed discussion at the next meeting.
- Cavendish to circulate a Doodle Poll with proposed dates for the next meeting, alongside the finalised minutes, to give members options and advance notice.

1. Attendance / Apologies

- Attendance noted as above.
- Apologies:
 - Carmichael Community Council
 - Thornhill Community Council
 - Duneaton Community Council

- Muirkirk Community Council
- CEDAR

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

- Outstanding actions from 23.06 minutes:
 - RK: Noted that differing from the shared minutes, he would provide an initial overview on BESS at this meeting before bringing in an external expert if desired by members.
 - RK outlined two initial options for visualising Community Benefit Fund (CBF) distribution:
 1. Radii centred on the site centre point.
 2. Radii based on the site boundary.
 - MB: Request for Renewco to provide clearer, more user-friendly maps.
 - RK: confirmed that a BESS presenter can be lined up for a future session; and that the purpose of the presentation was to allow members to establish a common understanding first.
 - RK: Confirmed that minutes are closed.
 - Minutes approved by the members.
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3. Project Updates

Renewco Power Overview

- Overview of Renewco's wider project context shared via maps.

The M74 Strategy

- MF: [slide: Project Updates: The M74 Strategy]
- MF: confirmed slides are consistent with previous meetings.
 - GG: Confirmed that Glensalloch Wind Farm was at consultation last week (1st – 3rd September).
 - MS: Asked if a standalone set of maps, that are user friendly, high quality and downloadable could be shared.
- **Action: Renewco to prepare and circulate a standalone set of maps, including BESS locations and scales.**
 - JC: Asked why Renewco BESS locations were not highlighted.
 - MF Confirmed they are within the site boundaries.

Strategy:

- MB: asked who authored the "M74 Strategy" and expressed concern about the term being used by other developers without a clear plan.
 - MF: Acknowledged this point but confirmed that the 'M74 Strategy' is Renewco's own strategy.

- MB: The strategy has been capitalised by other developers and condoned the use of the word strategy as believes there is a lack of one present in the wider developments across the M74 belt.
 - RK: Asked if members would welcome a forum including other developers.
 - Members agreed that this would become unmanageable.

Policy

- GG: Queried whether the Scottish Government has a central strategy or a laissez-faire approach.
 - RK: The Scottish Government sets policy; each developer submits its own application. All S36 applications are available to view on the Energy Consents Unit (ECU) portal.
 - GG: Spoke of an example of a Freedom of Information (FOI) request on all S36 applications in Scotland – which GG understand was denied due to a lack of a comprehensive database within the Scottish Government.
 - RK: Potential that this request was not honoured due to the information being accessible elsewhere – e.g. the ECU portal.
- MB: Stated that there seems to be a massive oversubscription of planning applications which there is a lack of wider strategy for. Confirmed that Moffat CC have written on the back of the Highland Community Councils request for a moratorium on all renewable energy applications.
 - JC: Raised concerns about turbines being curtailed while consumers still pay for power.
 - RK: Outlined the forthcoming Strategic Energy Plan (SEP) as part of the grid reform, focus of the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero. There are not enough projects in the pipeline for the capacity that is required for policy goals.
 - MF: Stressed Renewco's aim to be transparent about grid capacity, BESS and planning. The SSEP will identify across GB how much generation there is and how much is still required / when this can realistically come forward.

M74 West

- MF: [slide: M74 West Energy Park Update]
- MF: South Lanarkshire Council objected at Planning Committee (HES/MoD/NATS issues, plus ECU not granting extension). Negotiations ongoing with NATS, HES, and MoD regarding Eskdalemuir. Noted that LVIA issues were not raised as a grounds for objection.
 - RK: Asked Moffat CC if there was any news on Scoop Hill Wind Farm, given their closer proximity to Eskdalemuir.
 - MB: No update.

Watchman

- MF: [slide: Watchman Energy Park Update]

- MF confirmed the met mast has been installed and the project has reached design freeze; submission was targeted before Christmas, with consultation expected in January.
 - MS: Asked whether maps show transmission lines.
 - MF: Confirmed they do not as SPEN is responsible for delivery of the grid connection.
 - GG: Queried grid connection timescale.
 - MF: 2036 as it stands under current queue, but grid reform should accelerate this.
 - JC: Noted SPEN only builds extensions post-consent and land may be limited.
 - RK: Renewco can only act on information provided by SPEN.

Ravengill

- MF: [slide: Ravengill Energy Park Update]

4. Battery Energy Storage System Presentation + Discussion

- RK: [slide: What are Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS)]
- RK: Explained that in the Renewco team, team members with both Ofgem and NESO experience contributed to the presentation.
- RK: Introduced Renewco's approach to all BESS; noted that all Renewco wind energy projects are hybridised.
 - MS asked about the cooling process for BESS.
 - MF confirmed that air conditioning is used.
 - MS: Is there a backup generator?
 - RK: Confirmed this is two different things – if the batteries are running, it doesn't need cooled. The BESS would also have a distribution level supply to provide power for ancillary functions (e.g. operating heating and cooling systems (HVAC)).
- JC: If charged at its full rate to the point where there is a power cut, it would need be cooled.
 - MF: The power control system shuts down before overheating; UK climate is mild for these systems.
 - MS: Questioned why systems aren't designed architecturally to stay cool
 - MF: The UK approach works and is based on containerised systems with built in HVAC.
 - JC: Voiced frustration about lack of resilience of BESS, comparing to e-bike fire risks and lack of regulation and that the Planning System should hold authority to regulate health and safety associated risks. Referenced the Elvanfoot BESS application, where the Head of Planning said fire safety is not a matter for the PAC.
 - RK: Noted planning consent is separate from ongoing health & safety compliance, which regulations enforce. BESS differs fundamentally from e-bikes.
 - NI: Confirmed planning only covers planning issues, not health & safety.

Noise

- JC: Planning allows noise increase over current levels and cited examples of audible 45dB fans; MF clarified, for human hearing a 3dB change in sound level is generally accepted as the minimum change discernible. Distance from the noise source matters, as does fabric of buildings, in terms of audibility (e.g., 200m vs inside a building). Environmental Health Officers (EHO) handle noise assessments and noise levels are generally set as those predicted external to buildings.
 - MF: BESS must demonstrate no nuisance noise.

Fire Risks & Design

- MB: Cited an EPRI report showing many BESS fires with unknown or design-related causes and asked what Renewco will do differently.
 - MF: Explained controlled burndown is a recognised approach to fire control and management and often is chosen as the strategy to tackle fires where it is considered to be safer and result in reduced potential for pollution.
 - MB: Highlighted lack of fire service training
 - MF: Said developers often-but aren't obliged to-engage with fire services with regard to fire response planning.
 - JC: Asked if Renewco engage with the Fire Department.
 - RK: Confirmed they did a site visit for M74 West - Fire & Rescue aren't statutory consultees and more guidance would help. Lithium-ion is becoming safer as understanding grows.
 - JC: Raised concern if second-life car batteries are to be used.
 - MF: Battery recovery/regeneration is an emerging market but costly in Europe.
 - RK: Emphasised cost reduction cannot compromise safety.

Hybrid battery vs connected battery.

- RK: [Slide 5: What are BESS used for?]
 - JC: BESS can respond in milliseconds in comparison to Pump Storage Hydro. Queried Renewco's storage technique regarding solar.
 - RK: Answered that BESS manage overlaps in wind/solar generation, reducing network infrastructure needs.
 - MS: Asked about capacity numbers
 - MF: 30% is general rule of thumb rather than specific.
 - GG: Questioned duration during outages
 - SJ: Asked about storage capacity for Ravengill
 - MF: Detailed design (inc. MW capacity) is next stage, aiming to have this ready for November consultation.
 - SJ: Asked if this could be done by November consultation.
 - MF: Confirmed hopes to have location / initial layout / scale in time for November consultation. This will only ever be an approximation as Met Mast

has been delayed going up, so instead the proposals will be based on estimated data (which is the approach widely used for renewable energy projects) .

- MB: Questioned best practice and aesthetics for BESS.
 - MF: BESS at M74 West will have screening, tree and shrub planning and biodiversity enhancements.
 - MB: Requires trust from the community that Renewco are true to their word.
 - RK: Replied that it is a fair point and a fair challenge.
 - MS: Questioned why trees aren't planted earlier.
 - RK: Confirmed that early planting is being explored but is complicated where we do not yet have a planning consent or confirmation that the project will go ahead. Gauging if this may be possible for M74 West.

RK: [Slide 7: What could this look like?]

- RK: Noted that each of containers will be slightly different and will have its own fire suppression system. Added that more guidance is welcomed
 - MB: Replied that it is years away from detail specification for BESS projects.
 - RK: Confirmed that it is but trying to consent the best possible option.
 - MS: Questioned the lifespan of BESS
 - RK: Replied that this depends how it is run – if it is run as stop and start, doesn't think it will get past a 40-year consent life as they will need to be replaced much quicker.

6. Community Updates

- RK opened the floor to members to offer updates on behalf of community councils.
- GG: Confirmed that Leadhills CC have made comments in relation to the Ravengill scoping.
- MF: These will be considered alongside all other comments received as part of EIA Scoping and would look to provide an update on how these points are being addressed during the second round of consultation via a 'You said, we did' narrative. All feedback will ultimately be captured in the Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) Report.

7. Matters for Next Meeting

- MB: Requested that the next meeting focuses fully on the wider Community Benefit Discussion, including updated figures, ownership options, structures and visual materials.
 - MS: Suggested that members invite in organisations that help with the distribution of CBFs.
 - All members agreed.

- SJ: Noted that BESS sites in England/ Wales are legally required to provide a CBF, even if included in a wider energy park (solar, wind etc) – unlike Scotland.
 - RK: questioned this suggestion and believed it to be unlikely. Will check and report back.

Action: Renewco to seek clarity of CBF structure for English/Welsh BESS vs Scottish.

- MB: Over what period would BESS and turbines depreciate?
 - RK: Renewco not had to practice this yet – but all developers vary their method here.
 - MB: Noted that understanding accounting practice will help conceptualise the impact of CAPex expenditure.
 - RK: Questioned the relevance.
 - MB: Replied that the relevance is when making a return for investors and Renewco, communities are providing a part of that asset which enables this. If there is to be a reward from these activities, then it's reasonable to understand what shares are due.
 - RK: There are pie charts available to highlight expenditure.
 - MB: Noted the importance to share outcomes that are worthwhile. Advocating for communities providing the asset.
 - MB: Highlighted the importance of these dialogues.

Housekeeping

- GM: Asked if members were happy to use 'Doodle Poll' for the arrangement of the next meeting, following a suggestion from Carmichael CC.
- Members confirmed – requested that next date options were issued as early as possible.
- GM: Target would be to issue next date options alongside finalised minutes.

Appendix 15.5: CLG Meeting 4 Minutes



Renewco Power – M74 Community Liaison Group – Meeting 4

Date: 26th November 2025

Location: The Old School House, Abington

Attendees:

- Steve Johnson (SJ) - Leadhills Community Council
- Gerard Godfrey (GG) - Leadhills Community Council
- Jeremy Cooper (JC) - Crawford & Elvanfoot
- Neil Ingram (NI) - Biggar Community Council
- David McLatchie (DL) - Muirkirk Community Council
- Robert McCafferty (RM) - Wanlockhead Community Council
- Karen Morrison (KM) - Wanlockhead Community Council
- Mick Barker (MB) - Moffat & District Community Council
- David Moffat (DM) - Moffat and District Community Council
- Mike Steele (MS) - Closeburn Community Council
- David Dick (DD) - Closeburn Community Council
- Elizabeth Shelby (ES) - Thornhill Community Council
- Brian Muir (BM) - Douglas Community Council
- Tommy Cronin (TC) - Douglas Community Council
- Richard Koiak (RK) - Renewco Power
- Maeve Fryday (MF) - Renewco Power
- Nick Lopez (NL) - Renewco Power
- Salma Mahmud (SM) - Cavendish Consulting
- Grace McGovern (GM) - Cavendish Consulting
- Dario Ewing (DE) - Cavendish Consulting

Actions Agreed:

- Renewco to provide an update on shared ownership at the next CLG meeting.
- CLG members to consider and agree their preferred approach to community benefit, for discussion at the next meeting.
- Members to discuss desired approach to defining catchments for community benefit which will be discussed at the next meeting.
- Cavendish to circulate a Doodle Poll with proposed dates for the next meeting, alongside the finalised minutes, to give members options and advance notice.

1. Attendance / Apologies

- Attendance as noted above
- Apologies
 - Sanquhar Community Council
 - Carmichael Community Council
 - Kirkpatrick & Juxta Community Council
 - Crawford, Elvanfoot and Daer Action Resource (CEDAR)

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

Members confirmed and approved the minutes of the previous meeting as presented.

3. Project Updates

- Overview of Renewco's wider project context shared via maps.

M74 Strategy Overview

MF: [slide: Project Updates: The M74 Strategy Context]

MF provided an update on the overall M74 strategy.

- RK: Noted that the Moffat Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) proposals being brought forward by Conrad Energy have not yet been consented [Note: application has not yet been submitted to ECU].
- DL: Queried whether the Red Moss Battery project belonged to Renewco.
 - MF: Confirmed it is a Green Switch Capital (Qair UK) project and there is a second BESS project being brought forward by BayWa nearby north of the Redshaw substation. Both of these projects are consented.
- JC: Questioned that the Elvanfoot Battery hasn't been mentioned.
 - MF / RK: Confirmed that the Elvanfoot Battery can be seen on the map.
 - RK: Confirmed that Muirhall Energy have three separate BESS proposals adjacent to each other close to the Elvanfoot substation..
- JC: Mentioned the Windtranz Ltd proposals for a storage and distribution depot (specifically to support renewable energy projects) at Elvanfoot and asked if Renewco were aware of the proposals.
 - MF: Confirmed that Renewco were aware.

- JC: Noted that the application went to committee on Tuesday 25th November and experienced IT issues and is to resume at the next Planning Committee meeting in January 2026.

M74 West

MF: [slide M74 West Energy Park Update]

- Renewco continues working with NATS to agree mitigation and awaits guidance on a new position for Eskdalemuir.
- Renewco continuing to engage with Historic Environment Scotland (HES) who have objected to the scheme on cultural heritage grounds, and SLC who have also objected.
- RK: Offered to provide further background information or a session on Eskdalemuir at a future CLG meeting if helpful for members.

Watchman

MF: [slide Watchman Energy Park Update]

- Anticipated submission for Watchman Energy Park is December 2025.
- Public consultation by the Energy Consents Unit (ECU) is expected in January 2026 (noting ECU does not process applications over the Christmas period).
- EIA documentation remains in preparation

Ravengill

MF: [slide Ravengill Energy Park Update]

- Met Mast has been installed.
- Turbine count reduced from 32 to 21 following design refinement. Initial infrastructure layout and substation/BESS location shared.
- Second public consultation event to be in January 2026.
- Submission expected late March 2026.

Clyde South

MF: [slide Clyde South Energy Park Update]

- A Met Mast application is being submitted w/c 24th November 2025 [update: application delayed to wc 8 December].
- Current design proposes up to 9 turbines.
- MB: Queried how the Clyde South design has been specifically adapted on the basis of the Clyde Wind Farm's decommission.
 - MF: Responded that Renewco's design is based on the assumption that the Clyde Wind Farm will no longer be operational by the time Clyde South Energy Park becomes operational. As a result, potential proximity issues have not been assessed, as the working assumption is that Clyde Wind Farm will not have consent to operate those turbines at the relevant time, based on the time-limited nature of the consent held by Clyde.
 - MB: Noted that the Clyde South development was unexpected and asked whether Renewco intends to proactively consider speculative developments in areas where existing wind farms are expected to reach end of life.
 - RK: Replied that each project is considered independently. When assessing new opportunities, Renewco focuses on areas that are practically suitable, some of which may be adjacent to operational wind farms. The long lead-in times to develop projects and get a grid connection mean developers need to think quite far ahead.
- MB: Asked whether the model used at Clyde South could be repeated elsewhere.
 - RK: Stated that it technically could, though all projects remain speculative to some extent.
 - MB: Expressed concern about speculative development, future consents, and cumulative impacts.
 - MF: Noted that individual projects must be assessed on their own merits, and planning processes already account for cumulative effects.
- JC: Queried whether proposals for Clyde South replicated earlier projects (Crookedstane and Lionhill).
 - MF confirmed it did not. Those schemes involved 4 smaller turbines each and were more compact in their layouts. Clyde South is not expected to be visible from key viewpoints.
- JC: Asked for details of landownership.

- - MF and RK confirmed the scheme involves three private landowners. GG: Noted that unlike planning applications, Section 36 applications do not legally require landownership disclosure.
 - NL: Confirmed the above.
- JC: Noted that CEDAR's Facebook stated that Clyde South events were taking place on Thursday 27th November and Monday 1st December.
- GM: Confirmed that the only event for Clyde South is taking place on Monday 1st December at the Crawford Hall between 3-7pm.
- ES: Highlighted the need for a coordinated masterplan for renewable developments across the area.
 - RK: Expressed support in principle, acknowledging wider government and grid-related reforms that are underway.
 - MF: Emphasised that information on grid capacity planning and regional generation is changing as part of grid reform and this should assist in making the governments priorities for renewable energy generation clearer.
- MB: Raised concerns about cumulative impacts and a perceived lack of strategic context.
 - RK: Asked whether CLG members would find it useful to invite other developers to future meetings; however, attendance could not be guaranteed.

4. Community Benefits and Shared Ownership

NL: [slide Wind Farm Economics]

- NL: Confirmed that community benefit contributions average around 2% of project costs/income, while overall project profit averages approximately 6%. He added that community benefits need to be considered within the context of wider project costs, with substantial increases having the potential to affect overall project viability .
 - RK: Clarified that the 6% profit figure includes operating costs such as salaries, emphasising that this is not pure profit.

- MB: Commented that, while Biggar has strong expertise in economics and wind energy, his experience of their involvement in public inquiries has raised concerns, as he finds the figures presented in Biggar Economic Report to be highly questionable.
- MB: Challenged the income model presented, expressing doubts about the veracity of the investor returns quoted.
 - RK: Acknowledged MB's concerns but noted these are figures from a third party and line with his experience from Scottish Power Renewables.
 - MB: Stated that the current model appeared unsustainable and that communities required clearer, upfront commitments.
- BM: Raised a question regarding landowner payments.
- RK: Noted that payments are typically made per MW, not per acre as is the case for Solar developments and vary significantly between sites.

4.2 Overview of Community Benefits

NL: [slide Overview of Community Benefits]

- NL: Provided a general overview of community benefit structures.
- RK: Criticised industry practices where some developers overpromise benefits. He argued that developers should commit to community benefit levels pre-application, ideally binding through legal instruments.
 - MB: Supported the idea of creating a clearly structured, community-led benefit scheme with developer commitments as early as possible.

4.3 Community Benefit – Benefits and Challenges

NL: [slide Community Benefit: Benefits and Challenges]

- BM: Queried whether eligibility would be determined by proximity (e.g., kilometre-based).
 - RK: Confirmed the host Community Council would receive a degree of prioritisation, but we are open to options regarding governance and allocation.
- RM: Asked whether all 21 Community Councils or only the 12 represented in the CLG would be eligible.

- RK: Explained eligibility to receive community benefits would vary by project and would take into account proximity to infrastructure, and we are conscious that bodies for some of the host communities are not in attendance (CEDAR and Duneaton CC). Nevertheless we are open to input on eligibility from the group.
- MB: Emphasised that governance structures must be agreed first.
 - SJ: Reiterated that Leadhills CC should be considered as equivalent to a host community given its proximity to Ravensgill.
- RK: Highlighted potential SLC involvement which could provide oversight and the ability to disburse funds over a wider area where local community bodies are restricted. RK further explained councils can act as a "counterparty of last resort" if community groups dissolve.
 - MB: Stated decision-making must sit with communities, with councils only in a non-executive or oversight role.

4.4 Community Benefit

NL: [slide Community Benefit - Discussion Points]

- MB: Reported speaking to another development trust that had been banking a lot of the community benefit monies and expressed concern that communities must see tangible benefits from the outset.
 - NL: Emphasised Renewco's desire for communities to benefit from the funds and put in place mechanisms in Community Benefit Agreements to ensure this is the case
- SJ: Queried the role of BESS in community benefit. RK stated that all of the BESSs within the M74 Corridor wind-led projects will sit behind the meter, will not generate energy and will not have a separate income stream. Therefore, they have not been considered within the community benefit offers. However, we are open to discussing standalone batteries like Milton Farm.
- DM: Acknowledged that construction can be straightforward however maintenance is harder. He stated that if developers could take ownership over 30 to 40 years this would ensure sustainability.
- DM: Suggested that longer-term ownership involvement could deliver significant value to communities.
- RK: Expressed enthusiasm for exploring new and innovative models.

- MB: Proposed establishing a working group to progress the establishment of a community body across the M74 corridor that could use the community benefit. Renewco indicated willingness to engage.
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5. Community Updates

- None provided.
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6. Matters for Next Meeting

- NL invited feedback on the community benefit discussion points at the next meeting and is supportive of members coming together to shaping a collective position on community benefits..
- Next meeting to be centred around shared ownership and community benefit discussion points.
- Date TBC – February 2026.



Renewco Power – M74 Community Liaison Group Meeting 5

Date: 24 February 2026

Location: The Old School House, Abington

1. Attendees

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| • Franca Bruno (FB) - Kirkpatrick Juxta Community Council | • David Booth (DB) - Moffat & District Community Council |
| • Kenneth Wills (KW) - Kirkpatrick Juxta Community Council | • Mike Steele (MS) - Closeburn Community Council |
| • Robert McCafferty (RM) - Wanlockhead Community Council | • David Dick (DD) - Closeburn Community Council |
| • Karen Morrison (KM) - Wanlockhead Community Council | • Richard Koiak (RK) - Renewco Power |
| • Ray Peace (RP) - Carmichael Community Council | • Maeve Fryday (MF) - Renewco Power |
| • Steve Johnson (SJ) - Leadhills Community Council | • Nick Lopez (NL) - Renewco Power |
| • Elizabeth Shelby (ES) - Thornhill Community Council | • Dario Ewing (DE) - Cavendish Consulting |
| | • Salma Mahmud (SM) - Cavendish Consulting |
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2. Actions Agreed

- Review of the Terms of Reference (ToR) discussion (Agenda Item 3) was postponed and will be undertaken at the next meeting.
 - Cavendish to circulate ToR to members ahead of next CLG meeting. Members encouraged to submit feedback via email ahead of next meeting to inform structure of next meeting.
 - Renewco to confirm proposed dates for the next meeting (likely end of April).
 - Cavendish to circulate polygon maps depicting nearby residential properties, incorporating address point household estimates for relevant Community Council area and corresponding Community Benefit radii.
 - Cavendish to circulate meeting minutes, presentation and updates by email.
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3. Apologies

- Attendance as noted above.
 - Apologies:
 - Gerard Godfrey (Leadhills Community Council)
 - Duneaton Community Council
 - Biggar Community Council
 - Muirkirk Community Council
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4. Approval of Previous Minutes

- Members confirmed and approved the minutes of the previous meeting as presented.

5. Project Updates

- An overview of Renewco's wider project context was shared via presentation slides and mapping.

M74 West Energy Park

- MF: [slide: M74 West Energy Park]
- MF provided an update on M74 West, noting that the planning application remains under consideration by the ECU. Renewco is continuing discussions with Historic Environment Scotland (HES) regarding their objection and is also engaging with the Scottish Government to clarify the next steps.
- MF stated Renewco are updating documentation for the Outline Biodiversity Enhancement and Management Plan in response to comments from NatureScot and RSPB reflecting what has been agreed.
- MS: Sought clarification on the outstanding objection on M74 West.
- MF: Responded that an objection has been raised by HES citing significant effects on the setting and integrity of nearby monuments. Ongoing dialogue continues regarding the specifics of these potential impacts.
- FB: Queried the location of the access track and turbine hardstanding.
 - MF confirmed both are shown in figures presented on slides.
- Solar capacity confirmed at circa 80MW.
- BESS capacity across M74 projects confirmed at approximately 50MW.

Watchman Energy Park

- MF: [slide: Watchman Energy Park]
- MF provided an update on Watchman Energy Park confirming that Renewco are in the process of submitting the s.36 application with validation process currently underway.
- Completion expected within 1-2 weeks.
- Public advertising anticipated w/c 9th March.
- Hard copy of application documents will be made available for public viewing at Crawford Hall (times will be advertised).

- All documentation will be available online, including an AI search engine tool, which allows users to use AI to extract information from the submitted documents.
 - RK: Welcomed community feedback on accessibility and usability of the tool.
- FB: Questioned the Southern Upland Way diversion and whether it is necessary.
 - MF: Responded that two footpath diversions are proposed to avoid interaction between the public and construction traffic. One is a temporary diversion using the route the forestry operator uses during forestry operations. The second is a permanent diversion within the site boundary to allow better screening of the substation and BESS in close up views from the SUW during operation.

Ravengill Energy Park

- MF: [slide: Ravengill Energy Park]
- MF provided an update on Ravengill Energy Park.
- Application submission targeted for Spring 2026.
- Feedback for the second round of public consultation Ravengill closes this week (25th Feb).
- NL: Noted the use of Starlink to get good internet connection at both consultation events, which improved use of visualisation software.
- RM: Asked if there was a confirmed location for the substation and BESS.
 - MF confirmed both locations.
 - RM: Probed whether the substation and BESS would be located next to each other.
 - MF: Confirmed they will be co-located, which is standard practice.
- FB: Asked for turbine height and BESS size details.
 - MF: Provided turbine heights and BESS capacity across the M74 corridor projects.
- RP: Inquired whether planning applications are going directly to the Scottish Government rather than South Lanarkshire Council referencing the ongoing Government consultation in raising the 50MW threshold which decided whether onshore electricity generating stations are decided by Scottish Ministers or by the relevant planning authority.
 - MF answered all applications are Section 36 applications based on the current 50MW threshold, which will apply unless Government seeks to change the legislation to change this.

- DB: Referenced Scoop Hill's refusal primarily due to MOD concerns and sought clarification on relevant factors, including distance from other operating infrastructure.
 - MF: Acknowledged all of the M74 projects fall within the 50km consultation zone around the Eskdalemuir array. MF further stated seismic capacity is calculated using a fixed methodology; currently, no further capacity is available. However, there has been considerable discussion and research over the past few years, involving the Scottish and Westminster government on the methodology can be changed in light of research that provides an evidence base for recalculating the impact of wind turbines on the array. The current methodology is widely acknowledged as being overly conservative. Primary legislation required to allow MoD to make such a change has been introduced in the Planning and Infrastructure Act 2025 and while the exact details of a revised calculation methodology remain unknown, consultation on a revised methodology is expected to happen in 2026.
 - RK: Noted there is currently no technological mitigation that we are aware of that would have allowed Scoop Hill to operate even under a revised methodology for calculating seismic impact because is so close to Eskdalemuir which is why they suggested burying the station. With Scoop Hill leaving the queue, seismic budget may become available for other projects.
- MF: Further noted that Renewco projects and other projects located further from Eskdalemuir are expected to have less impact.
- DB: Suggested newer technology potentially AI-based solutions could resolve these issues if the MOD wished to amend the methodology.
- MF: Stated that while seismic constraints were a key determining factor for Scoop Hill, landscape and visual impacts were also a reason for refusal.

Clyde South Energy Park

- MF: [slide: Clyde South Energy Park]
- MF provided an update on Clyde South Energy Park, noting that it remains the least progressed of the four sites. She confirmed that Renewco is continuing to review the solar component and is refining the turbine layout based on additional survey data and further site analysis. An access review is also underway, which will help inform the optimal location for the BESS and substation.
- The met mast location is expected to be confirmed next week.
- Planning application for the met mast is scheduled for submission in early March.
- Clyde South is proposed to include nine turbines and a 50MW BESS at this stage.
- FB: Queried whether solar is attached to this project.

- MF: Confirmed it is turbine-led; solar and BESS components remain under consideration and details of these will be refined as more detailed design of the proposal and site layout is undertaken.
- FB: Questioned the feasibility of solar panels in a poor weather climate and asked how much charge was generated in the last month.
 - RK: Clarified that power output is influenced by design and not solely sunlight levels. Use of the grid connection is maximised by ensuring consistent export of energy with solar generally providing higher outputs when the wind turbines are less productive. It is also important to note that it is light that is required, not direct sunshine.
 - MF/RK: Maintained that solar generation generally remains viable in Scotland's climate.
- FB: Asked why Clyde South includes solar whereas other M74 projects do not.
 - MF: Clarified that M74 West includes a substantial solar element. Solar was also considered for Ravenshill and Watchman but was deemed unsuitable for that site based on the topography and limited extent of suitable available areas.

6. Community Benefit and Shared Ownership

- MF: [slide: Community Benefit and Shared Ownership]
- DE: Referenced a previous discussion of community benefit at the last CLG meeting. Members agreed that they would like to discuss the approach to managing and distributing funds across the M74 Corridor separately between the various community councils involved. Renewco is seeking feedback on progress of those discussions.
- RK: Stated Renewco is willing to facilitate discussions if communities would find that helpful.
- MS: Confirmed conversations are ongoing with one meeting held thus far.
- RP: Stated Carmichael residents are keen to see annual direct community benefit through implementation of a Local Energy Discount Scheme (LEDs) similar to Broken Cross Wind Farm.
- RK: Confirmed Renewco is supportive of approaches which would ensure funds benefit individual households.
- NL: Asked how much Broken Cross contributes per household.
 - RP estimated £550 per household in the last 12 months, noting the scheme is capped and closed to new entrants.

- RP: Further emphasised administrative burdens and volunteer capacity risks in managing complex funding structures. He noted the Broken Cross Wind Farm model effectively empowers families and addresses local poverty.
 - ES: Asked whether community councils should independently progress discussions, noting a meeting scheduled in coming weeks to discuss process.
 - RK: Welcomed this approach, emphasising positive change and exploring more direct benefit models.
 - FB: Queried a holding/management company would administer funds rather than direct-to-consumer payments.
 - RP: Confirmed preference for a management company model.
- RK: Stressed the importance of transparency in fund distribution from operator to community group. The BizGive platform which Renewco have been using for their Small Grants Funds could deliver that. The required governance is often most easily delivered through a management company of some kind.
- FB: Noted that current panels do not ensure universal benefit and agreed with RP that fairness is paramount.
- DB: Expressed distrust of South Lanarkshire Council and concern about Council involvement absorbing funds.
- RK: Explained the structure for the M74 West Community Benefit Agreement advising the need to ensure money is spent in order to meet longer-term priorities and retaining flexibility.
 - FB: Advised against strict time limits which just force funds to be spent but accepted need to have strategic plan for the funds.
 - RP: Suggested establishing a simple scheme with majority funds distributed equally within boundary areas, avoiding council involvement to reduce costs.
- MF: Noted the feedback as useful.

7. Community Benefit Allocation Scenarios

- MF: [slide: Community Benefit Allocation Scenarios]
- NL provided an overview on Community Benefit Allocation Scenarios.
- DM: Sought clarification on whether 14 community councils would be bound by one legal agreement.
 - RK confirmed the distribution example were illustrative only.

- NL: Noted that, based on the previous meeting, community councils seem to have a desire to discuss distribution amongst themselves. However, Renewco can provide guidance if required.
- RP: Requested confirmation of residential property numbers in each area.
 - MF: Confirmed approximate numbers can be provided based on postcode data and proposed including them in a future iteration of the table.
 - RP: Agreed this would be helpful.
 - DB: Noted that some smaller community councils, such as Moffat, have the most houses.
- RP: Emphasised the emotive nature of allocation and the importance of equal treatment per household.
- FB: Queried the illustrative figures shown for potential allocations presented in the slides.
 - NL: Explained that the figures were used to illustrate potential allocation scenarios as discussion points. NL later confirmed that the figures had been calculated by applying the three scenarios presented to each individual project. The figures assumed all projects were operating concurrently.
 - RK: Referred to the Scottish Government's good practice consultation guidance. He reiterated that the proposals are based on the extant Scottish Government guidance. The higher figures in the consultation paper produced by the Scottish Government had not been used as they have not been adopted as guidance yet. It should be noted that these higher figures would have a direct impact on electricity prices and, without adherence to them across the UK, Scottish projects could be disadvantaged. This should be recognised by the Scottish Government and UK Governments when deciding if a change to the existing guidance should be made.
 - MF: Suggested queries on policy intent should be directed to the Scottish Government.
 - ES: Stated community benefit should be compulsory rather than voluntary.
 - RK: Noted that there are examples where developers have paid under £5k per MW and expressed his frustration at this. RK further stressed the importance of proper implementation of any changes to the guidance and that if these were to apply, they should be made compulsory to ensure an even playing ground.
- ES: Asked about timescales for entering Ravengill and other community benefit agreements.
 - RK: Confirmed there is no legal timeframe but expressed a preference for progress pre-determination of the S36 Application. The project may be sold or

further funding brought in to construct the project after this at which point he may lose the ability to influence decisions or bind the SPV.

- RP: Agreed action is required referencing Broken Cross Wind Farm.
- KW: Raised BESS profitability and curtailment costs, asking whether Renewco resources are pooled or project specific.
 - RK confirmed each project would have its own generating licence.
 - MF confirmed each project would have its own grid connection and separate management structure.
- KW: Probed about why the community doesn't receive a portion of profits if a developer such as Renewco were to sell.
 - RK expressed that Renewco would not be progressing this model. He highlighted that developers, carry significant risk in developing projects and that profits from one project can offset losses on other. Furthermore, the communities directly benefit from projects via voluntary community benefit funds. Such funds are not provided by other forms of development (e.g. Housing, Commercial property).
 - KW: Stated it is not as most developments wouldn't have such a visual impact.
 - RK highlighted that many other forms of development are often resisted by local communities. RK explained that Renewco do not intend to adopt a model that would deliver the kind of profit share that KW indicates.
 - MF: Highlighted the opportunity of agreeing terms now ensuring bounded terms and futureproofing of community benefit funds. DE stated the importance of moving on, and that further queries to be directed to DE or SM.

8. Shared Ownership

- MF: [slide: Shared Ownership – Reducing Exposure of Community Groups]
- NL provided an overview of shared ownership including mechanisms that could reduce the exposure of community groups, albeit substantive financial risks and complexities remain in all scenarios.
- DM: Questioned whether this could be done per project but as a group.
 - RK: Confirmed yes.
 - DM expressed his concern stating that he personally remains opposed as the risk is enormous. He acknowledged that all members are volunteers and the potential risk is daunting as notes that if a turbine fails the community has liability.

- FB: Asked if the community groups could employ someone to manage the groups reducing stress by using development trusts.
- RK: Responded that Renewco have made a provision within the Heads of Terms for the M74 West Community Benefit Agreement for professional support in managing the community benefit funds. However, this would not eliminate the risks inherent in any shared ownership arrangement.
- DB: Indicated that a shared ownership model could lead to significant complications, particularly in relation to how ownership shares are determined and the knock-on impact on how community benefits are allocated if the funds are capitalised towards an ownership share.
- RK: Recognised the challenges in assigning percentage allocations, especially where certain community councils may wish to buy-in to projects while others may not.
- ES: Asked whether community councils can move forward with discussions about the type of community benefit they would like to see, then revert to the development trusts to confirm if shared ownership remains an option with Renewco and gauge their interest in further discussions.
 - RK: Confirmed yes, however, any shared ownership arrangement is complex and, if agreed, would need to be on a commercial basis as per the guidance
- ES noted that community councils shouldn't be directly involved in detailed shared ownership discussions, unless these are being progressed through the development trust.
- ES: Highlighted that a long-term shared ownership strategy could deliver 30-40 years of returns over the project's lifespan, representing a significant benefit for communities.
- Renewco advised that shared ownership is not their preferred approach and is not something they would promote given the additional complexities and risks it could introduce for communities.

9. Community Updates

- None provided.
 - DE directed further questions to DE and SM.
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10. Matters for Next Meeting

- Community councils to update Renewco on progress regarding community benefit discussions.
- Reviewing ToR.
- Date TBC - targeting end of April date.