

A photograph of an offshore wind farm with numerous wind turbines stretching across the horizon over a choppy sea. A large, bold, red stamp with the words "REVISED DATES" is superimposed diagonally across the upper portion of the image.

REVISED DATES

INVITATION TO ATTEND

**PRE-APPLICATION
CONSULTATION EVENTS
(REVISED DATES ENCLOSED)**



West of Orkney Windfarm

Offshore Wind Power Limited plans to submit consent applications to construct offshore wind turbines and associated transmission infrastructure for the West of Orkney Windfarm. The proposed windfarm will have the potential to generate around 2GW of renewable energy and is located around 30km west of Orkney and 25km from the north coast of Scotland.

The key components of the Project are:

OFFSHORE

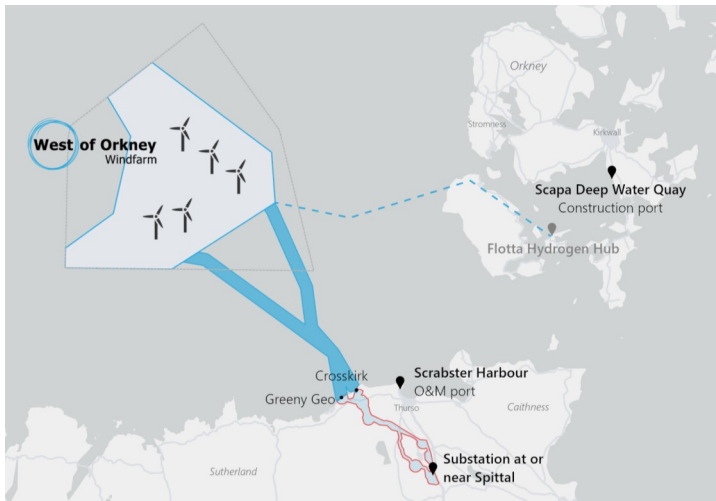
- Up to 125 wind turbine generators with fixed turbine foundations
- Up to five offshore substations linked to the wind turbines via inter-array cables
- Up to five export cables to Caithness

ONSHORE

- New substation at or near the existing Spittal substation
- Up to five underground cables from the landfall point to the substation

Consent applications associated with connecting to the proposed Flotta Hydrogen Hub will be submitted later and will be subject to further consultation.

The plan below identifies the location of the proposed West of Orkney Windfarm and associated offshore and onshore transmission infrastructure:



Community consultation

As part of our mission to deliver a world-leading offshore windfarm, we are keen to communicate openly with communities across the north of Scotland and offer multiple opportunities for us to meet and hear your views. We've already attended a number of local events including the Durness Gathering, the Halkirk Games, the Dounby Show and the Orkney County Show. In November, we organised a Project specific consultation event in seven venues across Caithness, Sutherland and Orkney which were well attended.

We have now analysed the feedback we have received to date and would like to share with you an overview of that analysis. We would also like to provide you with a Project update and some more detailed insights into a number of the environmental assessments we have been undertaking.

We'd like to encourage as many people as possible to attend one of our local pre-application consultation events, where you will get a chance to meet the development team, ask questions and offer feedback.

You may have received a leaflet advising of future consultation events commencing in March 2023. We have decided to delay these events for a few weeks and extend the date by which comments should be submitted. The planned pre-application consultation events will now take place in May 2023 on the dates and in the venues detailed below:

Thurso

The Pentland Hotel

Tue 16th May

3.30pm - 7.30pm

Strathy

Strathy Village Hall

Wed 17th May

3.30pm - 7.30pm

Halkirk

Ross Institute

Thu 18th May

3.30pm - 7.30pm

Kirkwall

Orkney Harbour Authority, Kiln Corner

Tue 23rd May

10am - 2pm

Sandwick

Sandwick Community Hall

Tue 23rd May

4pm - 8pm

Kirkwall

LPVG Room, Pickaquooy Centre

Wed 24th May

3.30pm - 7.30pm

Stromness

Robert Rendall Building, ICIT

Thu 25th May

3.30pm - 7.30pm



What happens next?

We are continuing to prepare our Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) to be submitted with our applications. We plan to submit the applications for the wind turbines and offshore infrastructure in the summer of 2023. Applications for the onshore infrastructure on Caithness will be submitted later in 2023. Consent applications associated with connecting to the proposed Flotta Hydrogen Hub will be submitted at a later date and will be subject to further consultation.

We are continuing to receive your feedback, which we are using to inform the development of the West of Orkney Windfarm. If you are unable to attend our events or would rather not attend, there are several ways you can find out more or provide your feedback. You can get in touch by phoning, emailing or writing to us using the contact details below. We have also developed a short community questionnaire as another way for you to express your opinion about the project. This can be accessed by scanning the QR code or visiting the website.

We have also developed a virtual public exhibition which remains open and can be visited via our website. This replicates the information displayed at the most recent events.

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Please note

As marine licence/ planning consent applications have not yet been submitted, written comments on the proposals should be made to Offshore Wind Power Ltd (OWPL) by **30th June 2023**.

Please note that comments made to OWPL are not representations to Marine Scotland or The Highland Council. Representations to Marine Scotland and/ or The Highland Council can be made when formal marine licence/ planning applications are submitted.



Please scan the QR code to access the community questionnaire

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