



## About Drumduff Wind Farm Extension in West Lothian

Drumduff Wind Farm Open Day 2018

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The proposed Drumduff Wind Farm Extension project will sit next to GreenPower's existing three-turbine Drumduff Wind Farm on the Heights Road, near Blackridge, in West Lothian. The Drumduff Wind Farm is an award-winning project, built on an abandoned open cast mine site, demonstrating the shift from fossil fuels to clean energy sources.

At a time when the climate emergency demands new sources of green energy, this project is proposed in a good location, extending an existing wind farm with three new turbines, located in a well-established area of wind developments, and for a small number of turbines with high energy yield.



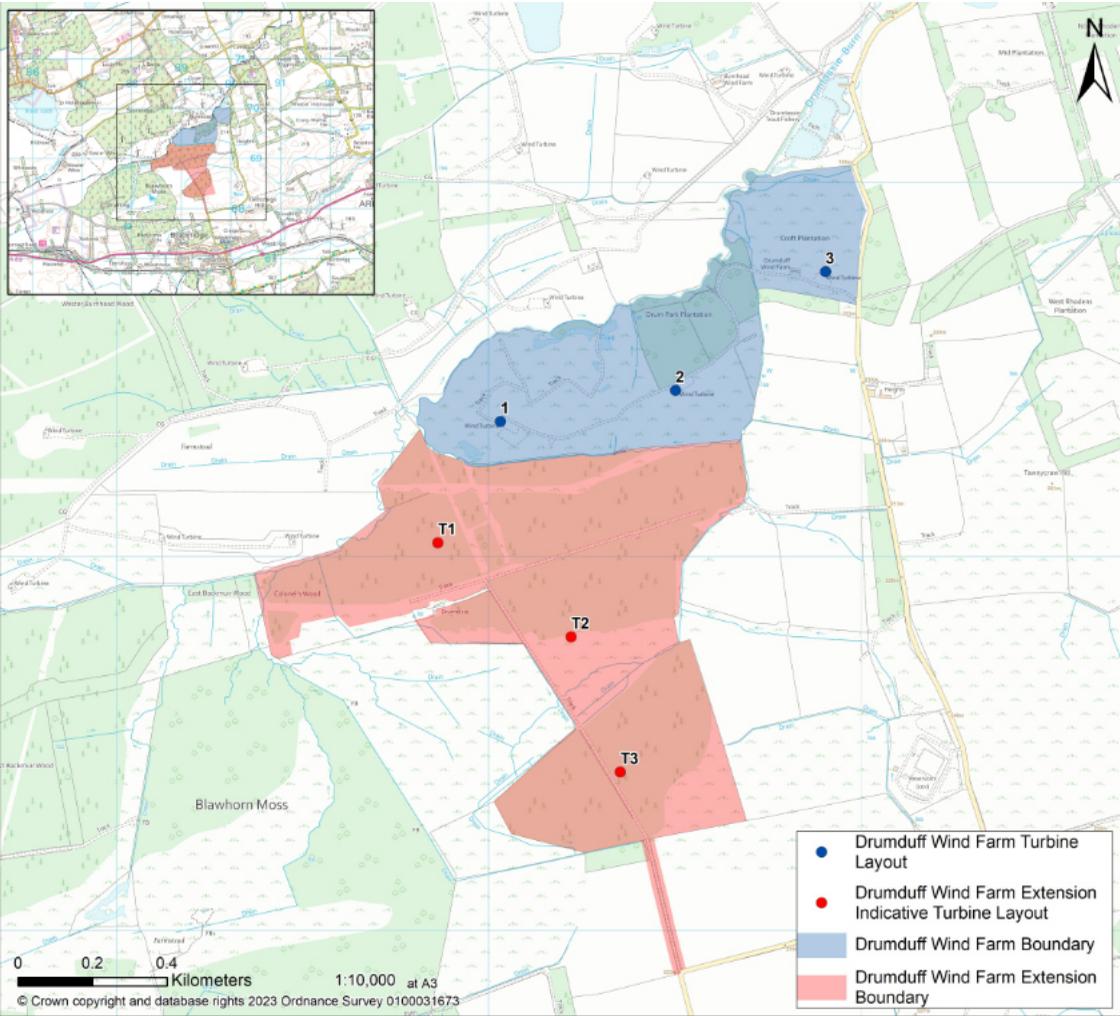
### **About GreenPower**

Formed over 20 years ago, GreenPower is one of Scotland's leading independent renewable energy developers and is well known in the West Lothian region for developing and operating Drumduff Wind Farm.

## About the project and location

The three turbines will be in a commercially-forested area adjacent to an established cluster of wind developments. The wind farm and proposed peat restoration programme will help tackle climate change and support the Scottish Government's obligation to deliver its climate change and renewable energy targets.

The proposed wind turbines will be 149.9 metres tall from ground level to the top of the blade tip. These are at the smaller end of the scale of modern standard highly efficient turbines, and we believe this size fits well in the landscape with the other turbines locally from key viewpoints. Generating around 15 MW of renewable electricity, Drumduff Extension Wind Farm will provide renewable electricity to up to approximately 9,500 homes. It will make a positive contribution to the UK's energy demand for green electricity.



## What stage is the project at?

Most surveys are nearing completion, and preparation of the Environmental Impact Assessment is underway. Before the planning application is submitted in 2023, GreenPower will be seeking the view of stakeholders and the local community on the currently proposed layout. We would also be pleased to hear about local priorities to guide our approach to community benefits where the project could make a positive contribution.

## Local Benefits

As part of the delivery of the project, GreenPower is committed to a community benefit fund of £5,000 per MW of installed capacity, meaning up to £75,000 per year could be available for the local community to put towards projects they deem to be priorities. We will also arrange local business events where we will encourage local contractors to get involved in delivering the project, including for example civil engineering contracts, groundworks and support services.

Local people will be familiar with the benefits of the existing Drumduff windfarm, including the delivery of the Blawhorn Moss boardwalks, and the provision of food vouchers and activity packs to the families of pupils at Blackridge Primary and Nursery school during the pandemic. Other GreenPower projects have delivered wide ranging local benefits, from purchase of new art and sports equipment for local clubs, to supporting costs for community events and installations.



**In 2022 pupils from the local primary school joined representatives from NatureScot, GreenPower and Thrive Renewables to officially open the new boardwalk at Blawhorn Moss**

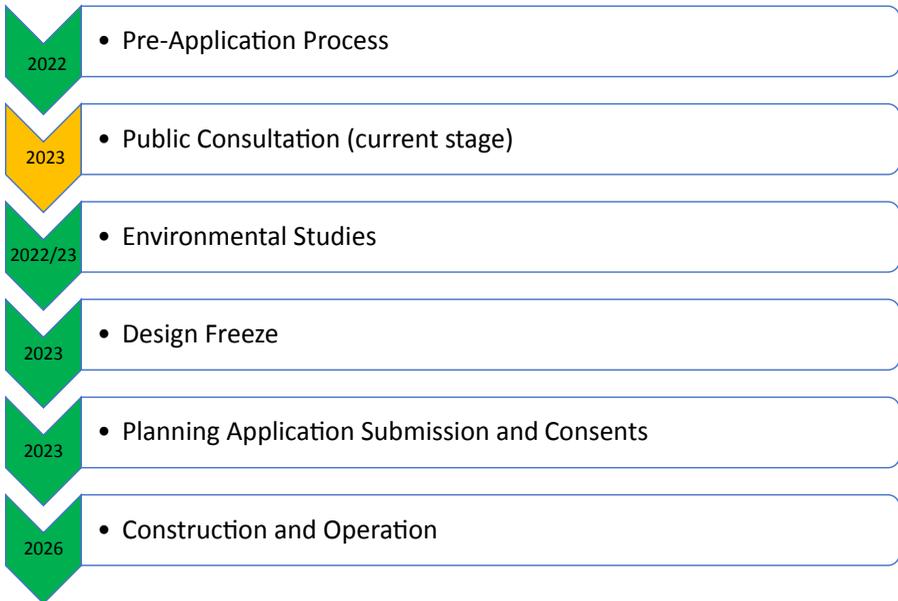
## What happens next?

GreenPower is finalising a wide range of environmental surveys, traffic and transport assessments, noise, and landscape and visual studies as well as investigating the socio-economic effects of the development.

We will arrange public exhibitions and open day events during the planning and pre-planning phases which will be advertised locally and on the GreenPower website. Further project information will be available on our website at the project pages:

[www.greenpowerinternational.com/current-projects/](http://www.greenpowerinternational.com/current-projects/)

## Timeline



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