

About Barachander Wind Farm in Argyll

Carraig Gheal Wind Farm

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The proposed Barachander Wind Farm is the sister project to GreenPower's existing wind farm at Carraig Gheal, near Kilchrenan, in Argyll. The Barachander Wind Farm is located right next to the Loch Nant Hydroelectric scheme, close to Carraig Gheal Wind Farm, and together with proposed green hydrogen facilities we are creating a concentrated zone of clean renewable energy production in the north of Argyll.

At a time when the climate emergency demands new green power solutions, this project would be in an ideal location to harness the wind and generate lots of clean renewable energy.



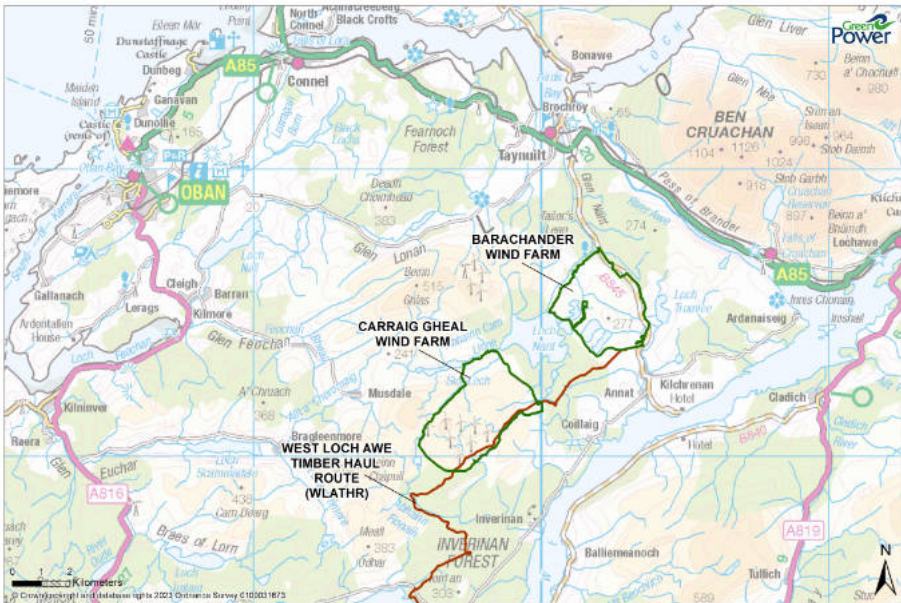
About GreenPower

GreenPower is well known in the Argyll region for developing and operating the Carraig Gheal Wind Farm and is one of Scotland's leading independent renewable energy developers. GreenPower worked with the Forestry Commission and Argyll and Bute Council to finance and construct a 34km access track which was used to bring turbine parts to the site and will be used to deliver turbine components to Barachander Wind Farm. The access route now acts as a major strategic timber haulage route, reducing the number of timber lorries on public roads.

About the project and location

The proposed eleven turbines will be carefully constructed in an upland area which includes a major forestry plantation. Wind energy and trees will together help tackle climate change and support Argyll and Bute Council and Scottish Government Net Zero targets.

The proposed wind turbines will be up to 180 metres tall from ground level to the top of the blade tip. Generating up to 66MW of renewable electricity, Barachander Wind Farm will provide enough renewable electricity for approximately 64,000 homes. It will make a major contribution to Scottish and UK demand for green electricity.



What stage is the project at?

Environmental monitoring and site investigations are underway. Before the planning application is submitted in early 2024, GreenPower will be seeking the view of stakeholders and the local community to provide input to inform the final project design.

GreenPower wants to ensure the project maximises local benefits and so we would be pleased to hear from the local community and businesses about their priorities. Further consultations and events will explore these opportunities during the pre-application period between now and the end of 2023, and beyond.

Local benefits

GreenPower is committed to a community benefit fund equivalent to £5,000 per MW of installed generating capacity, to support community priorities and initiatives. 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 Carraig Gheal Wind Farm, including upgrades to Taynuilt and Kilchrenan village halls, and purchase of equipment for local groups from defibrillators, to polytunnels, to rowing oars. Other GreenPower projects have delivered wide ranging local benefits, from provision of food vouchers to families of local schools, support for community Warm Hubs, to the construction of boarded walkways through nature reserves to improve access to green spaces.

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KIDS Coastal Rowing Club - beneficiary of Carraig

Gheal Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund grant

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North Argyll Volunteer Car Scheme -

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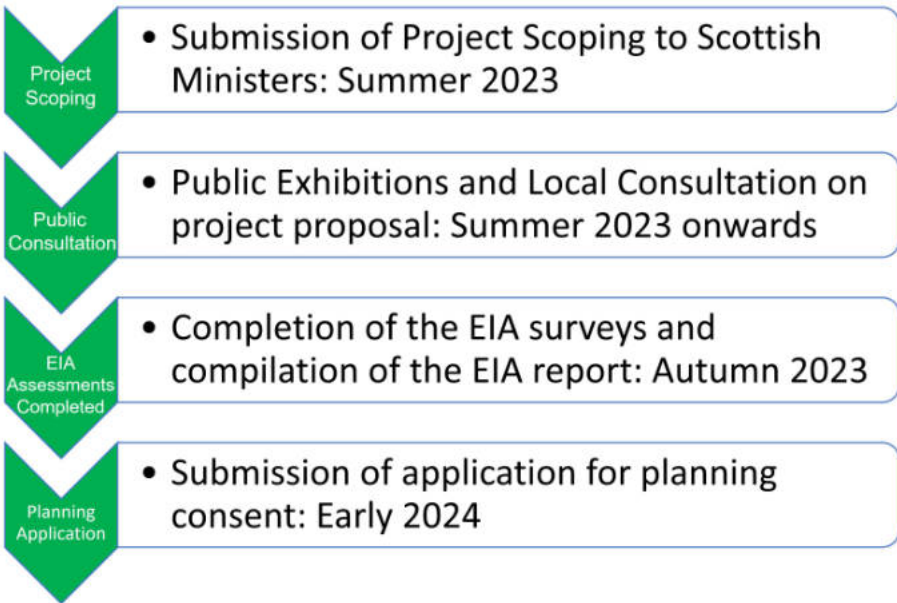
What happens next?

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

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

www.greenpowerinternational.com/current-projects/barachander-wind-farm/

Timeline



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