

# Working with the local supply chain and wider community

Some of the most direct and meaningful benefits that can be delivered from a project like this are jobs and employment for local businesses and contractors, in addition to the use of local services and amenities, all of which can generate a significant amount of inward investment within the area.

RES has a strong track record for working with the local supply chain around its projects and, in order to maximise the opportunities from the Kinnelhead Wind Farm proposal, we are looking to build our knowledge of the local skills and capabilities within the area. If you're a local business (or know a local business) interested in getting involved in onshore wind, please speak to our project team.

## Inward investment

Whilst expenditure in the local economy can vary from project to project - due to various factors, including project size and duration, location and the availability of local suppliers - RES has seen a typical spend of around £279,000 per turbine with local stakeholders, suppliers and service providers during the development, construction and first year of project operation. In some cases, it has been possible to significantly exceed this local investment.

The Kinnelhead Wind Farm proposal is predicted to deliver approximately £7.2 million of inward investment to the area in the form of direct jobs, wider employment opportunities and use of local services during the development, construction and first year of operation. In addition, approximately £1.8million in business rates<sup>1</sup> will be payable each year during operation (based on the 171MW scoping layout). This equates to up to £91.1 million over the 50 year life span.

## Case study

### Solwaybank Wind Farm

Companies in Dumfries and Galloway and Cumbria won contracts totalling more than £1.5million during the construction of Solwaybank Wind Farm, near Langholm, through the provision of aggregate, security, concrete and plant hire services.

RES is committed to working with as many local businesses as possible to support and maximise the benefit of the wind farm to the local economy, with contractors bringing significant value to construction because of their knowledge of the site and technical expertise.



<sup>1</sup>The business rates figure of £1.8m has been calculated from the most recent non-domestic rates revaluation in Scotland (2023 valuation) and predicted performance of the wind farm

## Kinnelhead Wind Farm Proposal

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