



Kinnelhead Wind Farm

March 2026

Project update

Since our public exhibitions in June 2025, we have taken the time to carefully consider the feedback received from the local community, statutory stakeholders, as well as findings from site surveys which are ongoing. We were pleased to speak to around 60 attendees in Moffat and Beattock and would like to thank everyone for attending, showing an interest, and sharing their feedback on the project.

In response to survey results and feedback, we have made a number of design changes and will present these at our second exhibition – planned for early summer 2026 – ahead of aiming to submit a planning application later in the year. We will write to everyone again to advertise the dates and locations of the second public exhibition.



Need for the development

We need to enhance the security of our energy supply whilst also tackling the climate emergency. Onshore wind can address both of these and, alongside other renewable energy technologies, is the cheapest form of new electricity generation. Electricity demand is rising fast as electrification of homes, cars, and industry accelerate.

To keep up with this growing demand, we need to continue developing new, well-located, and appropriately designed onshore wind projects, alongside other means of renewable electricity generation. This not only increases supply, but diversifies the National Grid with a balanced energy mix.

Tourism

We recognise that many rural communities, such as those in Dumfries and Galloway, rely on tourism and we are committed to ensuring that Kinnelhead Wind Farm proposal complements this.

Our aim is to support existing tourism activities and explore opportunities for the project to add value, whether through new recreational routes on the hill, improved visitor facilities, cultural and historical boards, or other ideas raised by the community.

We welcome suggestions and look forward to working together to ensure the proposal can become a positive feature for residents and visitors alike.

A power for good

Onshore wind farms can make a meaningful contribution to the local area and its surrounding communities, as well as supporting Scotland's energy security and climate change goals.

Some of the most meaningful benefits that can be delivered from a wind farm proposal like Kinnelhead 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.

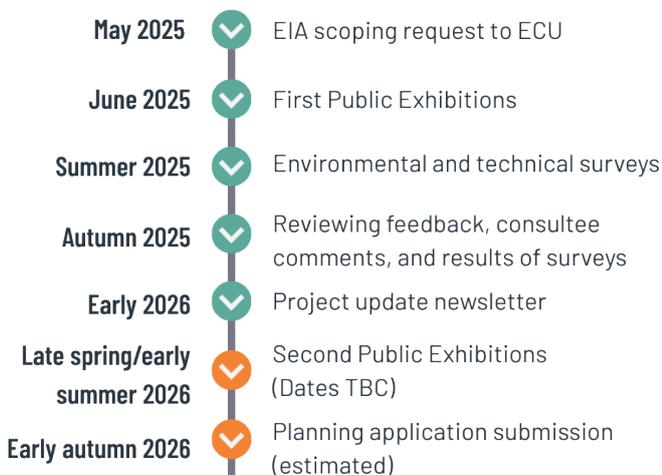
We also believe that onshore wind should provide direct, lasting benefits to local communities. RES takes a tailored approach and collaborates directly with the community to understand how the wind farm could support the local area and help to secure long-term economic, social and environmental benefits. This approach will help to deliver a tailored community benefits package, should the project receive consent, which is aligned with the local communities' priorities.

Between now and the next exhibition, **we would love to hear your feedback on what you think a community benefit fund** could look like for Kinnelhead, should the project receive consent.

Please scan the QR code or go to www.kinnelhead-windfarm.co.uk/benefits/ to have your say.



Estimated timeline



Sponsorship

RES works with communities local to our projects during the development phase offering sponsorship towards community initiatives and events. We are delighted to have recently supported the **Upper Annandale Football Club Juniors** with the purchase of new goals.

With these goals, they are able to continue to host competitive Scottish Youth Football Association (SYFA) games and have the correct size equipment for training and developing their footballing ability as a team.



In addition, RES were proud supporters of the **Scottish Cross-Country (SXC) Championships** in 2025 which brings together riders of all ages, genders, and abilities. The series provided riders the chance to take to the trails across Scotland, from Cathkin Braes near RES's Glasgow office and trails in the Forest of Ae near Kinnelhead. Run almost entirely by dedicated volunteers, the SXC embodies the passion of the cycling community, fostering future Scottish and UK champions who go on to compete on the world stage.

Further information

For more information on the proposal please visit our project website www.kinnelhead-windfarm.co.uk.

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