

## Stromar Floating Offshore Wind Farm

### STATUTORY PUBLIC CONSULTATION EVENTS



Welcome to our latest newsletter about Stromar Floating Offshore Wind Farm which is a proposed development off Caithness, around 80km north of Fraserburgh. We would like to provide an update on our project and invite you to the first of our statutory consultation events.

#### Project Director, Nicholas Ritchie

Since holding our public information days in March 2024 with North East communities, considerable progress has been made. We look forward to sharing further details of this when our statutory pre-application consultation (PAC) starts in November.

Among key developments is that the amount of clean, green energy Stromar could generate has increased by up to 50% from 1GW to up to 1.5GW (Gigawatt). That's enough to power the equivalent electricity needs of close to 1.5million homes<sup>1</sup> each year and would reinforce Stromar's position as one of the world's largest commercial floating offshore wind farms.

This has originated from technical studies which have shown the potential to increase the number of offshore turbines from 71 to up to 100 within the same array area. As a result, Stromar would further champion Scotland's ability to become a global leader in the rapidly emerging floating wind industry.

We have also been refining our plans for the onshore underground cable route, which is planned to export the clean energy into the National Grid at Greens, near New Deer. This refinement process is ongoing and more details, along with considerations for the onshore infrastructure, will be provided at the consultation events.

Following our information days in March, which were held when the project was at the early stages of development, we are extremely encouraged by the interest and feedback. More than 250 people attended the events in Fraserburgh, Strichen and New Deer, while we received 128 visits to our virtual exhibition.

Your valuable feedback has, and will continue to be, considered in the design and development of the project. More details of how your feedback has been factored into our plans will also be available at the consultation events.

**We look forward to welcoming you to our events in November and hearing your views. Should you be unable to attend, there are other official ways to provide feedback as detailed overleaf.**

<sup>1</sup>Calculations are based on the average load factor for offshore wind data published within the Digest of United Kingdom Energy Statistics, BEIS. Further information can be found on our website [www.stromarwind.co.uk](http://www.stromarwind.co.uk)

## Statutory public consultation events

Public consultation is a fundamental part of the statutory planning process and gives you an opportunity to contribute your views to the project. Details of the first phase of our statutory consultation events are provided below. We will also be holding the second phase of our statutory PAC events in Spring next year and will provide advance notice of this.

DATE	VENUE	TIME
Tuesday 12 November	Cuminestown Community Hall, Main Street, Cuminestown, AB53 5YJ	2pm - 6pm
Wednesday 13 November	New Deer Public Hall, Church Crescent, New Deer AB53 6WE	3pm - 8pm
Thursday 14 November	Ritchie Hall, 30 Sleigh Crescent, Strichen AB43 6TY	3pm - 8pm
Monday 18 November	Rosehearty Hall, 25 Fordyce Street, Rosehearty, Fraserburgh AB43 7NS	3pm - 8pm
Tuesday 19 November	North East Scotland College, Fraserburgh Campus (front entrance), off Henderson Road, Fraserburgh AB43 9GA	3pm - 8pm
Thursday 21 November	Mackays Hotel, Union St, Wick KW1 5ED	3pm - 8pm

# About Stromar



An unparalleled track record in offshore wind, with more offshore wind projects built than any other company in the world.



Brings its team's knowledge and experience in developing, financing and executing floating wind projects.



Known for its pioneering approach and experience with community ownership and engagement, particularly in Scotland.

Stromar is led by a consortium combining three companies at the global forefront of floating offshore wind – Ørsted, BlueFloat Energy, and Nadara (formerly Renantis / Falck Renewables).

In April 2022, the project partners signed an Option Agreement with Crown Estate Scotland after being awarded the right to develop Stromar as part of the ScotWind offshore wind leasing round.

In August 2024, Stromar submitted its Pre-Application Notice (PAN) to Aberdeenshire Council for the onshore works. This was followed by our PAN submission to Marine Scotland for the offshore works in September 2024. The PAN is an official requirement which outlines the proposed approach to developing the project, including public consultation, prior to submitting a planning application. Both PAN submissions for Stromar were subsequently approved. More information about Stromar is available on the project website [www.stromarwind.co.uk](http://www.stromarwind.co.uk)

## Community news

The Stromar team is committed to genuine community involvement, working in partnership with community ownership experts, Energy4All, to identify the options for Scottish communities to benefit from the project.

Stromar recently partnered with Macduff Marine Aquarium to support its vision to promote awareness, enjoyment and stewardship of the Moray Firth's marine environment. As well as funding new equipment for its outreach to schools and the public, we worked with its team to develop a new learning programme on climate change and the oceans.

We're also proud to continue our support for Aberdeen-based charity TechFest in its mission to provide science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) learning opportunities for young people.

As an ongoing sponsor of its annual festival, this year saw us work with TechFest to develop a new hands-on workshop for primary and secondary pupils to introduce them to wind energy and how STEM subjects are applied to careers. Around 4,000 students have taken part in this workshop to date.



## Project timeline

An indicative timeline for the Stromar project is outlined below.

### 2022

Awarded seabed rights to develop Stromar project.

### 2023

Initial surveys and measurements carried out with completion of Scoping Report, which sets out in more detail how Stromar plans to assess and manage environmental impacts.

### 2024

A series of non-statutory and statutory public consultation events to be held. Onshore and offshore surveys undertaken.

### 2025

Further public consultation events to be held. Project partners submit planning application.

### 2026

Planning consent expected.

### Late 2020s

Construction of Stromar could commence.

### Early-mid 2030s

Stromar generates first power.

## Contact

There are many ways you can keep in touch with the team at Stromar Offshore Wind Farm including signing up to the digital mailing list on the project website [www.stromarwind.co.uk/contact/](http://www.stromarwind.co.uk/contact/)

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Email: [info@stromarwind.co.uk](mailto:info@stromarwind.co.uk)

Post: **FREEPOST Stromar (no stamp required)**

Free phone: **0333 888 0611**

\*Project milestone dates are subject to the output from National Grid Holistic Network Design Follow-up Exercise (HNDfUE), and other key stakeholder timelines outwith the span of the Stromar project.