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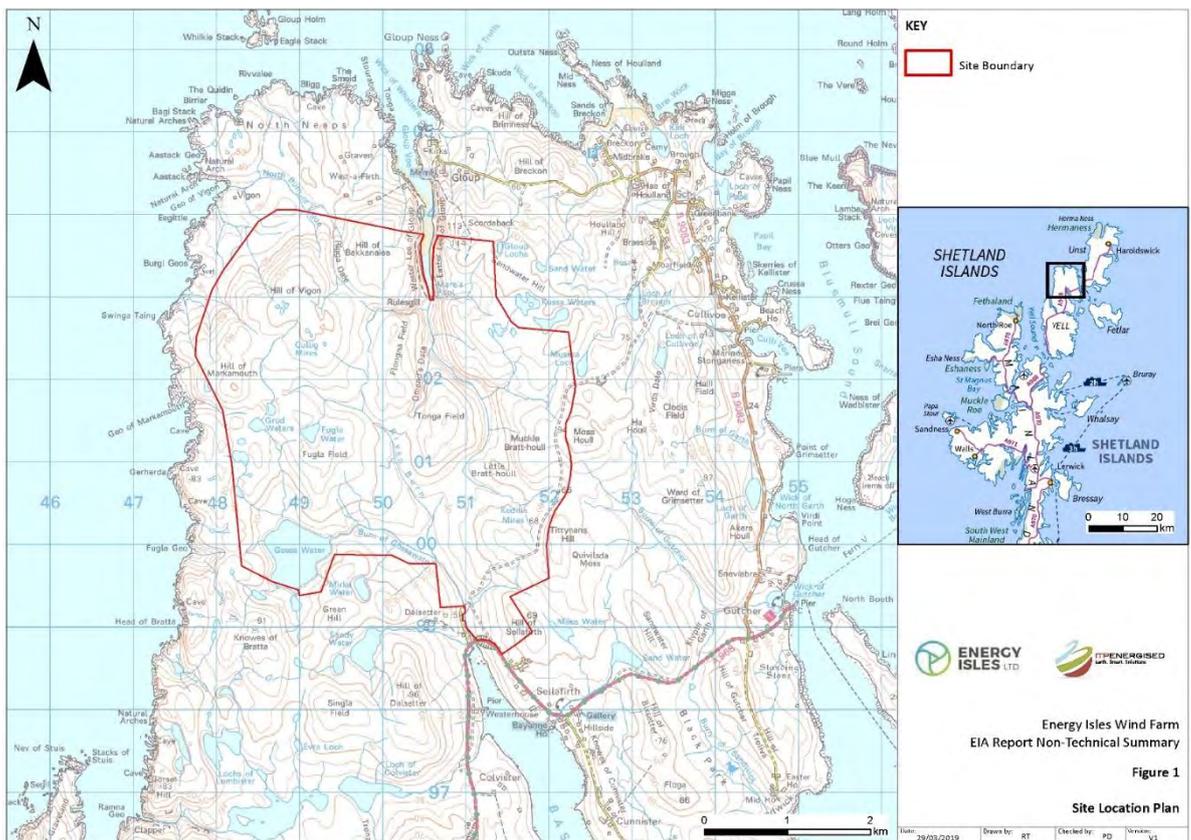
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1 Introduction

1.1 Background

Energy Isles Limited (hereafter referred to as the ‘Applicant’) was formed in February 2014 by 18 local businesses looking to develop a plan for a large-scale wind farm in the north of Yell (hereafter referred to as the “Proposed Development”). The consortium, which now comprises of over 50 mainly-Shetland based businesses, was brought together via the shared desire to ensure that the considerable benefits of Shetland’s emerging renewable energy sector are retained as far as possible within the isles, and Shetland’s North Isles in particular.

Since the scope of the Proposed Development in 2014, detailed design work, survey work, and consultation has been ongoing which has resulted in a significant reduction in the proposed number of turbines from 63 to 29.



1.2 The Applicant

The companies in the Energy Isles Limited consortium hail from a wide variety of existing sectors, including crofting, farming, fishing, aquaculture, transport, renewables and support services. Several are based in the North Isles of Shetland.

Everyone involved in Energy Isles shares the belief that Shetland must maximise the benefits it derives from renewables for the greater good of the local economy and community, and that responsible development involves consulting widely with our local communities.

For this reason, the Applicant appointed Smithy House Associates Ltd (SHA) to act as a third-party specialist community engagement consultant to undertake a range of public consultation for the Proposed Development. SHA has been responsible for coordination of community engagement and presentation to and liaison with the community and local decision-makers throughout the design process and preparation of the Application for the Proposed Development.

1.3 Legislative and Best Practice Guidance Framework

As an electricity generation project of more than 50MW, the Proposed Development is determined under Section 36 of the Electricity Act. The Act and the associated EIA Regulations do not specifically require pre-application consultation. Planning applications of more than 20MW installed capacity are classified as a major development in terms of the Town & Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 as amended by the Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006 and the Town and Country Planning (Hierarchy of Developments) (Scotland) Regulations 2009. The pre-application requirements for a Major Development under the Planning Acts are underpinned by Circular 3/2013 Development Management Procedures and the associated Development Management Procedures Regulations 2013 and PAN 3/2010. The Scottish Government expects applicants for Section 36 consent to apply by analogy the requirements for pre-application consultation which exist for applications made under the Town & Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, as amended. The Proposed Development has therefore followed good practice in undertaking pre-application consultation with the community. As such, a pre-application consultation report is submitted which describes the various actions undertaken by the Applicant to consult with the community.

As the Proposed Development has a potential electrical generating capacity of more 50MW, an application is being made under section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 (Electricity Act) seeking consent from the Scottish Ministers to authorise the construction and operation of the Proposed Development. The Applicant is also seeking a direction that a planning permission is deemed to be granted under section 57(2) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997.

In addition, the Applicant also completed pre-application consultation with key statutory consultees, specifically on the scope of the Environmental Impact Assessment.

Best practice guidance on community engagement is also provided in Planning Advice Note (PAN) 81: Community Engagement Planning with People which provides ten National Standards for Community Engagement which can be used to plan, monitor and evaluate the consultation process as follows:

- Standard 1 - Involvement: identify and involve the people and organisations who have an interest in the focus of the engagement.
- Standard 2 - Support: identify and overcome any barriers to involvement .
- Standard 3 - Planning: gather evidence of need and resources to agree purpose, scope and actions.
- Standard 4 - Methods: agree and use methods of engagement that are fit for purpose.
- Standard 5 - Working together: agree and use clear procedures that enable participants to work together effectively and efficiently.
- Standard 6 - Sharing information: ensure necessary information is communicated between the participants.
- Standard 7 - Working with others: work effectively with others with an interest.
- Standard 8 - Improvement: develop the skills, knowledge and confidence of the participants.
- Standard 9 - Feedback: feed results back to the wider community and agencies affected.
- Standard 10 - Monitoring and evaluation: monitor and evaluate whether engagement achieves its purpose and meets the national standards for community engagement.

1.4 The Purpose of Pre-Application Consultation

To set the pre-application consultation process in context, reference is made to Paragraph 2.6 (Page 8) of Planning Circular 3/2013 Development Management Procedures which states that: “the objective of PAC is for communities to be better informed about major and national development proposals and to have an opportunity to contribute their views before a formal (planning) application is submitted to the (planning) authority. This helps to improve the quality of (planning) applications, mitigate negative impacts where possible, address misunderstandings, and to air and to address where practicable, any community issues. Any adjustments made as a result of PAC should improve the proposals and assist the efficient consideration of applications once submitted”.

Paragraph 2.7 (Page 9) of Circular 3/2013 goes onto state that: “while engagement should be meaningful, the prospective applicant is not obliged to take on board community views or directly reflect them in any subsequent application”.

Effective community engagement is described in Paragraph 8 (Page 3) of PAN 3/2010 as “giving people a genuine opportunity to have a say on a proposal which affects them, listening to what they say and, reaching a decision in an open and transparent way taking account of all views expressed”.

This approach was at the heart of the public consultation exercise(s) conducted by The Applicant and its professional advisors in arriving at the Proposed Development now presented for formal consideration.

1.5 The Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) Report

In accordance with the direction contained in Paragraph 2.36 (Page 14) of Planning Circular 3/2013, this PAC Report provides a detailed account of the public consultation exercise undertaken in relation to the proposals for the Site in advance of the formal submission of a Section 36 application to Scottish Ministers. It also highlights those persons and organisations consulted; the main issues and concerns raised during the process; the applicant’s response; and, the changes and commitments made to the proposals as a consequence.

Details of the methods of engagement used by the Applicant to consult with the community during the preparation of the application are set out below. It does not provide details of pre-application engagement carried out with statutory consultees consenting such as Scottish Natural Heritage and the Ministry of Defence. These are set out in the relevant chapters of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIA Report).

In developing the engagement strategy for this Proposed Development, the Applicant considered that a programme of consultation involving a series of public exhibitions and targeted engagement with community stakeholders presented good opportunities for community participation, helping to generate useful feedback which informed the design evolution of the project. The Applicant and SHA worked closely with The Shetland Islands Council (SIC) to identify stakeholders and include all sectors of the community in the engagement process.

This PAC Report demonstrates the scope of consultation undertaken with the community and non-statutory stakeholders and the Applicant’s pro-active approach to development consultation.

2 Scope of Consultation

2.1 The Community Engagement Framework

Although this is not required for a Section 36 Application, the Applicant decided to act in accordance with the best practice guidelines and principles outlined within

PAN3/2010 Community Engagement and The National Standards for Community Engagement including the requirements articulated by The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2013. A programme of pre-application community consultation was formulated in order to help maximise effective public participation and generate feedback and comment on the detailed proposals for the Site.

The community engagement framework was designed to: present an accurate overview of the site's planning policy context; articulate the reasons behind the Proposed Development including a timeframe for implementation; try and ensure widespread awareness of the proposals; and, create a mechanism through which both individuals and local organisations could positively contribute to the process.

2.2 Pre-Application Consultation (PAC)

The scope of the consultation programme was agreed with SIC, the Applicant and SHA at an early stage in the process.

The scope of consultation encouraged open discussion between the Applicant and the local communities; allowed the opportunity to contribute views prior to the "design freeze" and the formal submission of the Application; and, if necessary, allowed the Applicant to amend the Proposed Development accordingly.

The Applicant and SHA ensured that public consultation was an integral part of the design process for the Proposed Development.

It was emphasised at exhibitions and meetings that views expressed in the pre-application consultation would not prejudice rights to comment to Scottish Ministers as part of the formal determination process of the Section 36 Application.

The Applicant and SHA in agreement with SIC created and provided the following;

- the formation of a Community Liaison Group (CLG) comprising of representatives from Yell, Unst and Fetlar Community Councils;
- two rounds of public exhibitions resulting in seven events;
- newsletter invitations for exhibitions distributed to over 900 households for both rounds of exhibitions identified in the Shetland Island Councils Property List;
- provided updates on the Energy Isles website;
- provided updates to the local press;
- sent posters to Community Councils and displayed them in local shops, halls, community centres, ferries and community notice boards;
- made email contact with Ward Councillors;
- held a meeting with Ward Councillors;

- Advertised the public exhibitions at least seven days prior to the events, with adverts placed in The Shetland Times on 15th June 2018 and 25th January 2019;
- participated in the formation of the Shetland Renewable Energy Development Network (SRDN);
- took part in the SRDN Networking Event where over 100 representatives of local businesses attended to meet with developers; and
- held a Suppliers Day in North Yell attended by representatives of 16 local businesses.

Community Benefit Fund Structure and Governance

The Applicant facilitated a workshop led by Foundation Scotland held on 3 February 2019 with key community members to discuss the Community Benefit Fund Structure and Governance. Invites went to all Unst, Yell and Fetlar Community Council members and members of the community who expressed an interest via these representative vehicles. A copy of the minutes of this meeting is provided in Appendix 1.

Community and Renewable Energy Scheme

The Community Councils also held two meetings with the Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES), in November 2018 and February 2019, to explore how the community may engage with the Applicant to agree a structure which involved the community as a financial partner in the project.

Community Liaison Group

As a part of the community consultation process, the Applicant invited local representatives to establish a Community Liaison Group (CLG) to provide a channel of communication between representatives of the Applicant and the local communities.

The CLG met on a regularly basis throughout the pre-application phase of the project with meetings being held in April 2018, June 2018, September 2018, October 2018 and February 2019.

The CLG has community members from across the North Isles with all three Community Councils represented on the group as follows;

- Yell Community Council Area – 3 representatives appointed by the Community Council
- Unst Community Council Area – 2 representatives appointed by the Community Council

- Fetlar Community Council Area – 1 representative appointed by the Community Council

The aim of the CLG is to provide an open forum for discussion and the exchange of information, as such the CLG is a space to:

- Receive progress updates about proposals for the site;
- Seek clarification from the developer on issues arising from the surrounding communities; and,
- Establish workshop discussions on key specific elements of the proposals, development and operation of the site.

Detailed minutes of the CLG meetings were kept as a record and these were agreed and distributed to the group by email and published on the project website and issued through the Community Councils. Copies of all CLG meeting notices and minutes were also sent to the local Member of Parliament, MSPs, and Shetland Islands Councillors for information purposes.

A copy of the minutes of these meetings is provided in Appendix 2.

A copy of the CLG Terms of Reference is provided in Appendix 3.

Public Exhibitions – June 2018

Public exhibitions formed an integral part of the consultation activity and provided an opportunity for community members to meet with the Applicant to discuss the Proposed Development, get up to date information and provide feedback.

As agreed at the April 2018 meeting of the CLG, the Applicant held the following exhibitions,

- 26th June 2018, 10am-2pm Sellafirth Hall, Yell
- 26th June 2018, 4pm-8pm Uyeasound Hall, Unst
- 27th June 2018, 10.30am-1.30pm Fetlar Hall, Fetlar
- 27th June 2018, 4pm-8pm Cullivoe Hall, Yell

The exhibitions were advertised via a newsletter, sent on 14th June, to all households on the SIC property list in Yell, Unst and Fetlar (over 900 properties). An advert was also placed in The Shetland Times on 15 June 2018, and posters advertising the event were shared with CLG members for display in the North Isles on 14 June 2018. Posters were sent to the Chair of Yell CC, Clerk of Unst CC, Clerk of Fetlar CC for distribution and display at local shops, local halls, local ferries and community noticeboards.

A copy of the adverts placed are shown in Appendix 4 and a copy of the newsletter is provided in Appendix 5. A copy of the poster is provided in Appendix 6.

Notification was sent via email to all SIC Councillors and Ward Councillors for Ward 1 – North Isles:

- Councillor Alec Priest
- Councillor Duncan Simpson
- Councillor Ryan Thomson

The public exhibitions were open to all and attendees had the opportunity to meet the project team, find out information about the Proposed Development and ask questions. The team on hand included the:

- Project manager;
- Community liaison lead;
- Project support;
- Planning consultant; and
- A non-executive board member of the Applicant.

Attendees were provided with a comments card to express their views on wind farms generally and to provide their comments on the layout and principle of the Proposed Development. These responses were considered as part of the design evolution. A copy of the comments card is included in Appendix 7.

Information panels (refer to Appendix 8) were available for viewing at the public exhibitions and included the following content:

- Welcome
- About the proposal
- Environmental impact assessment
- Landscape and visual impact assessment
- Climate change and energy security
- The local economy, employment and business opportunities
- Community benefit
- Your views are important to us

Second Public Exhibitions – February 2019

After consultation with the CLG, it was agreed to hold a second round of public consultations to provide an update on the plans and provide a further opportunity for community members to meet with the Applicant to discuss the Proposed Development and provide feedback.

These exhibitions were advertised via a newsletter, sent on 18 January 2019, to all households on the SIC property list in Yell, Unst and Fetlar. An advert was placed in The Shetland Times on 25 January 2019, and posters advertising the event were also shared with CLG members for display in the North Isles on 18 January 2019.

Copies of the adverts are shown in Appendix 10, a copy of the poster is shown in Appendix 11 and a copy of the newsletter is provided in Appendix 12.

As agreed at the October 2018 meeting of the CLG, the Applicant held the following exhibitions:

- 5th February 2019, 10am-2pm - Sellafirth Hall, Yell
- 5th February 2019, 4pm-7.30pm - Baltasound Hall, Unst
- 6th February 2019, 4pm-7.30pm - Cullivoe Hall, Yell

Notification was also sent via email to all SIC Councillors and Ward Councillors for Ward 1 – North Isles,

- Councillor Alec Priest
- Councillor Duncan Simpson
- Councillor Ryan Thomson

The public exhibitions were open to all and attendees had the opportunity to meet the project team, secure information about the Proposed Development and, ask questions. The team on hand included the:

- Project manager;
- Community liaison lead;
- Project support;
- Environmental consultant;
- 3D model consultant;
- Construction Manager
- Executive assistant: and,
- A non-executive board member of the Applicant.

Attendees were provided with a comments card to allow interested parties to register their views on wind farms generally and to provide specific comments on the layout of the Proposed Development. A copy of the comments card is included in Appendix 13.

Information panels (refer to Appendix 14) were available for viewing at the public exhibitions and included the following content:

- Welcome
- About the proposal
- Environmental impact assessment
- Landscape and visual impact assessment
- Climate change and energy security
- The local economy, employment and business opportunities
- Local development fund

- Photomontages, viewpoints in various lights
- Your views are important to us

In addition to the panels, there was an interactive 3D model, including the previous layout and the most recent layout on a large screen.

Photographs of the public exhibitions are shown in Appendix 15.

Suppliers Day

A Local Procurement Policy was developed in consultation with the CLG which has already resulted in working with a variety of local businesses. These Shetland-based businesses include consultants, administrative support, printers, graphic designer, hotel, catering firms and car hire.

Two Suppliers Day events were held, the first on 1 November 2018 and the second on 6 February 2019. The first event held in Lerwick was facilitated by Highland and Islands Enterprise and attended by renewable energy developers and more than 100 representatives of the local supply chain. After the success of this event, the Shetland Renewable Development Network (SRDN) was established to provide a platform for the Shetland supply chain and developers to interact. The aim of the SRDN is to maximise opportunities, accelerate competitiveness, improve skills and create employment.

The SRDN aims to develop partnerships with SIC, Business Gateway Shetland, and Highlands and Islands Enterprise to provide information to other local businesses. The Applicant is also exploring the idea of partnerships, alongside other developers, with local education providers, such as Shetland College, to ensure that appropriate training can be provided to upskill businesses that currently do not have the capacity to bid for contracts.

The second event was held in Yell to ensure local North Isles businesses had the opportunity to attend. The Applicant's construction manager attended both events and held meetings with a number of Shetland based companies. The event resulted in 16 companies registering with the Applicant.

On the Energy Isles website there is a dedicated supplier page with details of the local procurement policy and registration details to allow businesses to register as a local supplier.

A copy of the registration form is provided in Appendix 16, a copy of the Suppliers Day invitation is provided in Appendix 17 and a copy of the Local Procurement Policy is provided in Appendix 18.

3 Output from Public Consultation June 2018

3.1 Attendance

A total of 82 members of the public attended across the four public exhibitions (not including the project team). The exhibitions were attended by members of the CLG and Community Councils.

- Sellafirth Hall, Yell - 24
- Uyeasound Hall, Unst – 23
- Feltar Hall, Feltar – 1
- Cullivoe Hall, Yell – 34

3.2 Feedback

Questions and comments made by members of the public were recorded at the June 2018 public exhibitions.

A total of 65 comment cards were submitted. The consultation questions focused on general topics and open questions with the aim of understanding thoughts and feelings in the communities and thus informing general design parameters, rather than making statements of objection or support at this early stage.

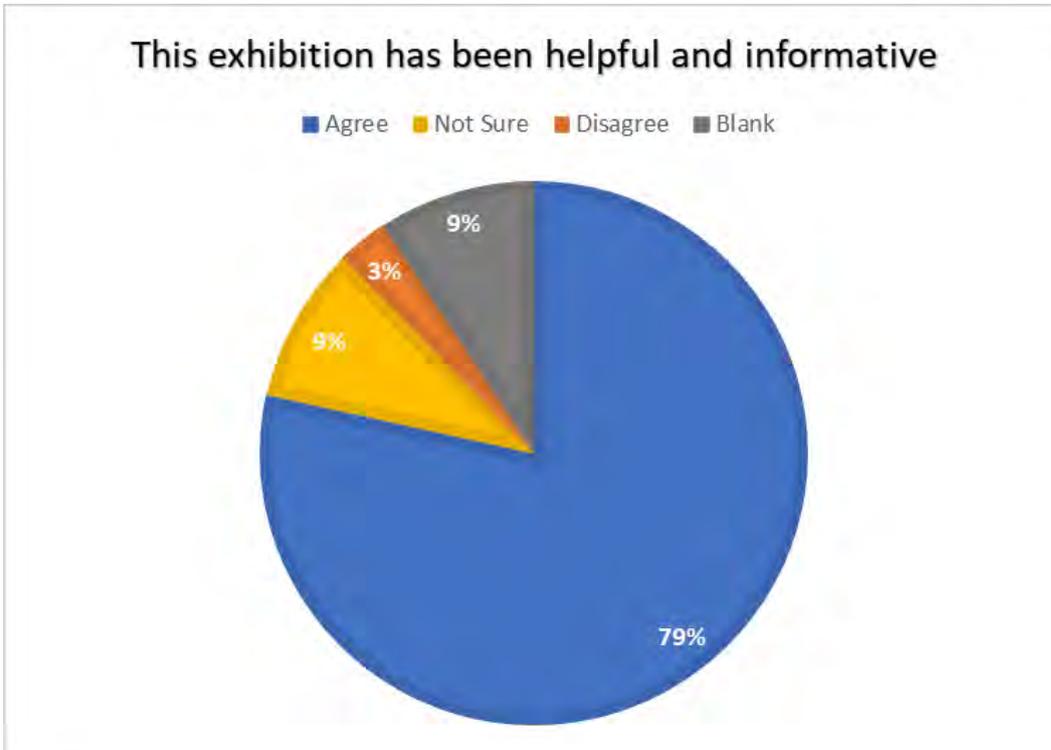
A summary of the feedback received and processed for sharing with the CLG and with the Applicant can be found in Appendix 9.

The first question on the comment cards asked attendees whether they found the exhibition useful and informative, to which 79% of attendees agreed as shown in Table 1 and Graph 1.

Table 1 – Public Consultation Response on Whether the Exhibition was Helpful and Informative

Response	Number of Response
Agree	51
Disagree	2
Not sure	6
Blank	6

Graph 1 -- Public Consultation Response on Whether the Exhibition was Helpful and Informative



Further questions focussed on gathering opinions on more general topics such as climate change, energy prices and Shetland's future energy supply.

Three qualitative questions were also asked, one open question seeking feedback on the scoping design presented at the exhibitions, one open question on perceived benefits to the community, and one open question seeking feedback on how those who attended felt community benefit payments should be used to benefit their local community.

The answers to the first and third of these qualitative questions, in particular, were collated to help understand the broad themes that were raised in these comments and to present these to the CLG and The Applicant in order to help to inform discussion and work with the communities going forward.

3.3 Summary of Consultation Outcome and Further Consultation

After this initial public consultation period, and extensive technical consultation, the feedback was collated and shared with the CLG and project team to inform discussions and work going forward. Community benefit fund initiatives were also progressed based on recurrent suggestions raised in ongoing community liaison as

well as the consultation feedback. Principal elements of ongoing consultation included:

- Further engagement with the Community Councils in Yell, Unst and Fetlar;
- A third, fourth and fifth CLG meeting;
- Meetings with Foundation Scotland and potential community benefit fund recipients;
- A second round of public exhibitions; and,
- A Suppliers Day event.

4 Output from Second Public Consultation February 2019

4.1 Attendance

A total of 57 members of the public attended across the three public February 2019 exhibitions (not including the project team). The exhibitions were also attended by members of the CLG and Community Councils.

- Sellafirth Hall, Yell – 8
- Baltasound Hall, Unst – 14
- Cullivoe Hall, Yell - 35

4.2 Feedback

Questions and comments made by members of the public were recorded at the public exhibition and a total of 46 comment cards were submitted.

A copy of the comment card is shown in Appendix 13.

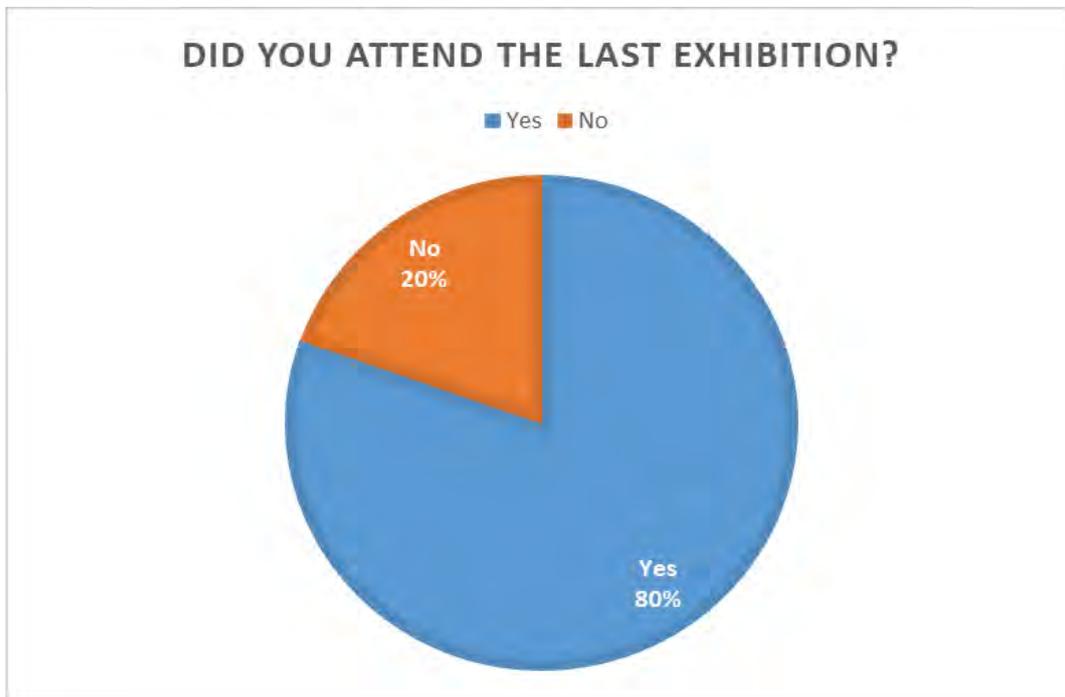
A summary of the feedback received and processed for sharing with the CLG and with the Applicant can be found in Appendix 19. Questions were designed to help the CLG and Applicant understand how successful the consultation process had been thus far and any improvements that might be required, the level of support and opposition for the more finalised design in the community and reasons for this, and to provide guidance on direction of ongoing discussions and work with the community.

The first question on the comment cards asked whether attendees had attended the previous exhibition. 80% had attended the previous exhibition and 20% hadn't (refer to Table 2 and Graph 2).

Table 2 - Public Consultation Response on Whether they Attended the Previous Exhibition

Response	Number of Responses
Yes	37
No	9

Graph 2 - - Public Consultation Response on Whether they Attended the Previous Exhibition

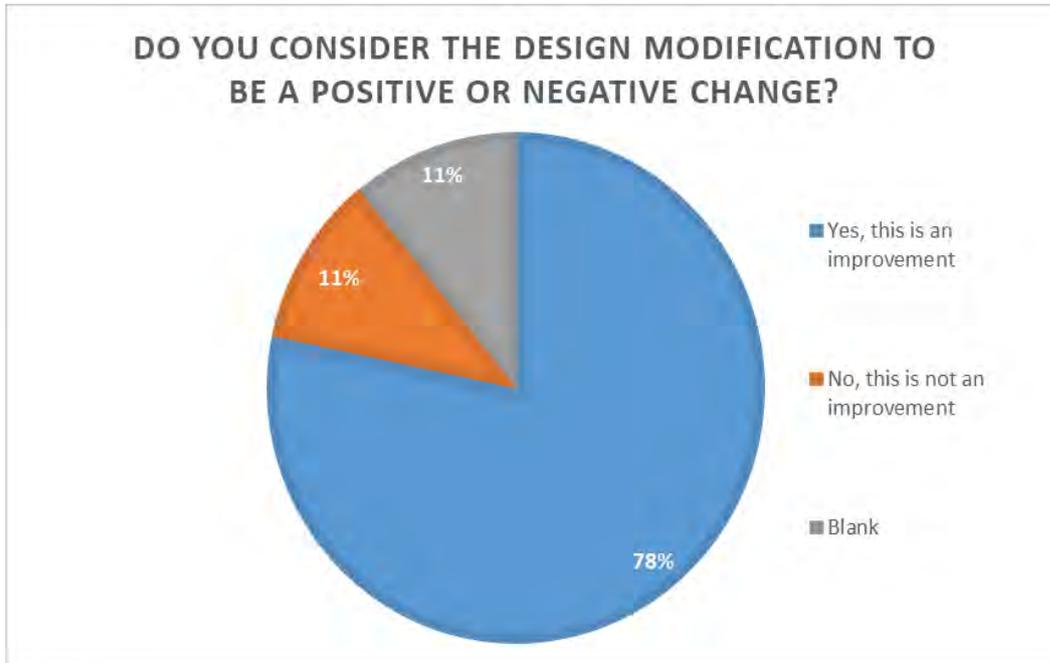


The second question asked whether attendees considered the design modification to be a positive or negative change. 78% considered it to be an improvement, 11% considered it not to be an improvement, and 11% left this question blank (refer to Table 3 and Graph 3).

Table 3 – Public Consultation Response on whether they Considered the Design Modification to be a Positive or Negative Change

Response	Number of Responses
Yes, this is an improvement	36
No, this is not an improvement	5
Blank	5

Graph 3 – Public Consultation Response on whether they Considered the Design Modification to be a Positive or Negative Change



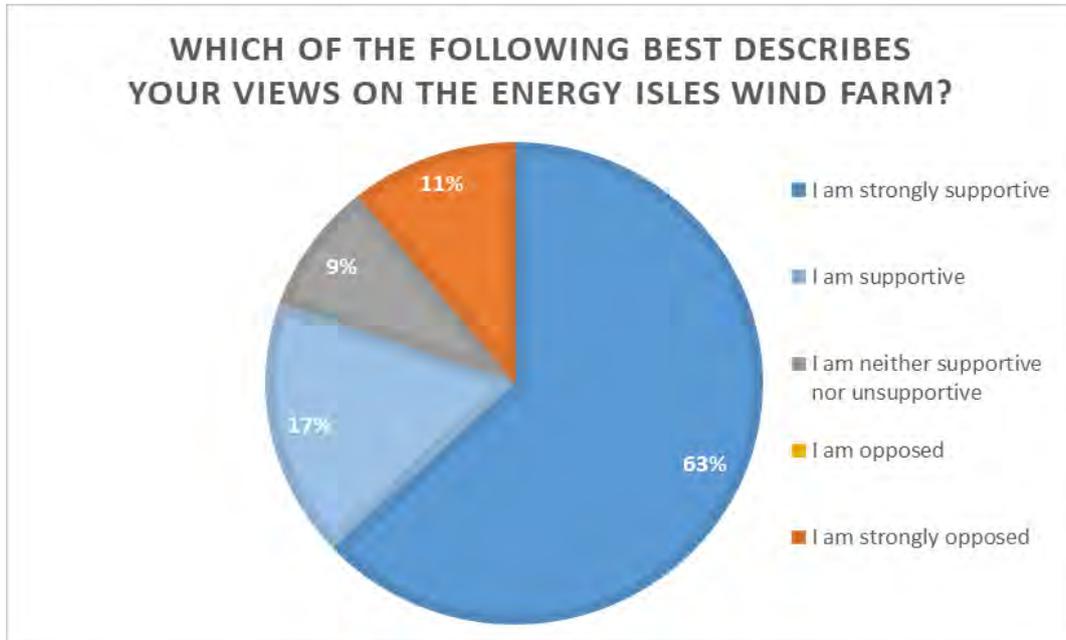
A further open question was included asking attendees to elaborate on why they had answered as they did to this question. The comments to this question underwent the same collation process as the responses to the first round of exhibitions, for presenting to the CLG and The Applicant.

A further question seeking views on support and opposition to the project was also asked.

Table 4 - Public Consultation Response on Which of the Following Best Describes their Views on the Energy Isles Wind Farm

Response	Number of Responses
I am strongly supportive	29
I am supportive	8
I am neither supportive nor unsupportive	4
I am opposed	0
I am strongly opposed	5

Graph 4 - Public Consultation Response on Which of the Following Best Describes their Views on the Energy Isles Wind Farm



5 Consultation Evaluation

Table 5 evaluates the consultation process for the Proposed Development using the 10 National Standards for Community Engagement as provided in PAN 81.

Table 5 - Evaluation of Consultation Process

National Standard	Example of Achievement
1. Involvement: Identify and involve the people and organisations who have an interest in the focus of the engagement.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The Applicant identified key stakeholders and agreed through working with the Council, which Community Councils the consultation should involve. – The Applicant advised the public that a local suppliers day would be held. – The established CLG was used as a forum for information exchange. – Public exhibitions were held in line with best practice guidance and agreement with the Council and the CLG.
2. Support: Identify and overcome any barriers to involvement.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The Applicant identified a number of methods of involving the community, including public exhibitions and community council meetings.

National Standard	Example of Achievement
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The Applicant proactively disseminated posters and flyers through the CLG in addition to the advertisements. This included advertising in local papers at least seven days prior to the events. – The CLG was consulted about the exhibition location and dates.
3. Planning: Gather evidence of need and resources to agree purpose, scope and actions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The scope of consultation was developed following a set programme and evolved to take into account community preferences. – A dedicated resource of SHA community engagement specialists were employed by the Applicant to undertake the consultation activity.
4. Methods: Agree and use methods of engagement that are fit for purpose.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – A variety of methods were used to engage with the local community including meetings with local stakeholders, CLG's, public exhibitions, supply chain meetings, flyers, posters and questionnaires. – Information on how to contact the project team was available throughout the process via the EI website.
5. Working together: Agree and use clear procedures that enable participants to work together effectively and efficiently.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The Applicant worked closely with SHA to deliver a comprehensive community consultation package drawing on specialist technical knowledge where appropriate. – Three representatives (Project Managers) from the Applicant and one representative from SHA attended the public exhibition to ensure representatives had adequate knowledge of the Proposed Development. Technical colleagues (including engineers and construction managers) were involved in the production of the public exhibition materials. – The Applicant liaised closely with the immediate community (through CLG) to encourage local people to get involved in the consultation process.
6. Sharing information: Ensure necessary information is communicated between participants.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Posters and advertisements were used to communicate information about the Proposed Development and the consultation process. – Face-to-face meetings were also held with SIC.,

National Standard	Example of Achievement
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Information on how to contact the project team was available throughout the process via the Applicant’s website.
<p>7. Working with others: Agree and use clear procedures that enable participants to work together effectively and efficiently.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The Applicant engaged with the community councils early in the process to explain the project timeline and the opportunity for community involvement (i.e. through CLG). – The Applicant project managed the Application and liaised on a weekly basis with SHA, specialist contractors in community engagement. This ensured the community were informed of any updates on the Proposed Development.
<p>8. Improvement: Develop the skills, knowledge and confidence of the participants.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – SHA, a specialist community engagement company, were contracted by the Applicant to facilitate community liaison for the Proposed Development. – The project team are experienced in public and stakeholder engagement and thus, encouraged responses, feedback and questions from attendees. – Established regular CLG meetings through the pre-application phase of the development. – Issued regular project updates through the CLG and newsletters. – By continuing the CLG set up for the Proposed Development, the local community received information first-hand and built a working relationship with the Applicant.
<p>9. Feedback: Feed results back to the wider community and agencies affected.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – This PAC Report provides a comprehensive account of the processes and methods employed by the Applicant and details of the comments and feedback received throughout the pre-application consultation process. – The CLG has been kept up to date with the most recent information. To date, SHA has held 5 CLG meetings and the CLG was invited to both public consultations. – The information provided at public exhibitions and meetings was presented with transparency and integrity.

National Standard	Example of Achievement
10. Monitoring and evaluation: Monitor and evaluate whether engagement achieves its purpose and meets the national standards for community engagement.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The Applicant monitored the consultation process throughout the course of the design phase of the Proposed Development. – Regular telephone conference calls were held within the project team to review community feedback to ensure that as the design of the development progressed, they were addressing questions raised by community consultees for incorporation into the Proposed Development. – The pre-application consultation process undertaken for the Proposed Development has been evaluated and meets the national standards for community engagement.

6 Summary Conclusions

The pre-application public consultation/community engagement process in relation to the Proposed Development was open, transparent, comprehensive, well attended and very well received. It involved significant consultation with a large number of local groups and organisations, SIC political representatives, Community Councils and the wider general public, who were all invited to engage in contributing to the evolution of the Proposed Development for the Site through attendance at two public consultation events held locally in June 2018 and February 2019.

The overall response to the emerging Proposed Development for the Site, although not always specifically supportive, was generally very positive in tone. In this regard, the Proposed Development was generally welcomed and, a number of very helpful, site specific issues and wider infrastructural and environmental concerns were raised as part of the consultation process. These have helped shape and influence the Proposed Development.

The consultation exercise has allowed the Applicant to provide specific assurances, where appropriate, in respect of certain elements of the Proposed Development. In addition, all relevant matters raised in feedback from the general public and the Community Councils have been fully considered and, where possible, addressed and included the Proposed Development for the Site as evidenced in the EIAR that accompanies the Section 36 application now submitted to Scottish Ministers for consideration.

Appendix 1 - Foundation Scotland Meeting Minutes

**3 February 2019, Busta House Hotel
Foundation Scotland**

Attendees

Jeanette Thomson	Energy Isles
Lisa Ward	Energy Isles
Sharon Powell	Energy Isles
Angus Ward	Energy Isles
Derek Jamieson	Energy Isles
Cheryl Jamieson	Shareholder
Lyla Smith	Shareholder
Gordon Thomson	Unst Community Council
Annette Blance	Yell Community Council
Laurence Odie	Yell Community Council
Robert Thomson	Observer
RSM Searle-Mbullu	Foundation Scotland

JT opened the workshop and introduced RSM Searle-Mbullu from Foundation Scotland.

Foundation Scotland has been working to support communities with community benefit arrangements for over 10 years across Scotland. When doing this work, Foundation Scotland promotes and harnesses community strengths and supports decision making processes that are inclusive, accountable and community led. RSM emphasises that community benefit arrangements can vary between communities and are informed by the approach and policies of the developer and the capacity and context of the community. Foundation Scotland is an independent charity that distributes other people’s money so has experience in grant-making and over the last ten years has developed extensive experience in supporting communities with the opportunity of community benefit funds. They work with a range of governance and administration options.

It was felt that this workshop was a good place to start the conversation about community benefit linked to the Energy Isles project in order to make the best use of possible benefit for the community.

RSM asked the group to think of **about issues linked to the potential Energy Isles Community Benefit opportunity** which could provide up to £1 million to the local communities:

anxieties/challenges (frowns)	positive/excitement (smiles)
How to share it	Provide infrastructure
jealousy	Provide business developments
Inter-island disagreement	Keep young folk in the community
Bias in distribution	Fill the gap in small business funding
Enough locals to take part	Financial benefits
Set up the group to be fully transparent	Opportunity to develop new ideas
Who will administer the funding	Opportunity for developments
How will we decide on priorities for the end	New exciting chance to think new ideas
Engage with community at grass roots level	Chance to do bottom up community work
Conflict of interest	Addressing inequalities
Perceived fairness of distribution	Invest in future, jobs, kids, etc
Size of potential fund	Invest in the past - improve housing, social care

anxieties/challenges (frowns)	positive/excitement (smiles)
Addressing inequalities	Consider investment fund
Community ownership of task/leadership – who will have it	Offers massive opportunities to sustain and develop community
Could cause ill feeling	Long term sustainable fund
Removes the need of community fundraising events and the positive effects of these	Opportunity for jobs
Would change the community	Retain people in the islands
Change the way of life	Potential to improve community
	Better home insulation, broadband and business support

The group discussed the responses and how some were substantial and there were a lot of opinions and ideas that had not been previously thought about. RSM highlighted that conversations that started today were only the beginning as each **communities need time to really consider the opportunity and work out solutions** that best fit its unique context. She indicated that many communities undertake **community action planning processes** and which the Scottish Government CARES programme can actually providing funding for.

LW highlighted that these views reflected responses received at the June 2018 exhibition.

JT explained that it was important to start conversations early so as ideas and views can be discussed, and the community has the opportunity to learn from other communities experiences.

RSM told how the prospect of community benefit can be an opportunity to take stock and look at what is working in the community and what the gaps are.

Some key points emphasised:

- There are **no legal principals around community benefit**. There are good practice principals issued originally by the Scottish Government in 2014 and currently being updated but there is no one way to organise community benefit in a community.
- **Arrangements and structures are varied** and, in Foundation Scotland’s view, need to be driven by the context and capacity of a community.
- Related, **arrangements can change over time**. It is helpful if stakeholders can approach a community benefit opportunity flexibly and not seek to tie the arrangement into an inflexible structure for 25 years.

When Foundation Scotland helps with community benefit administration this may include ‘holding’ the annual payments on behalf of the community. In this arrangement, the community benefit funding will become charitable because of Foundation Scotland’s own status as a charity. This means that any client funds we distribute can only support activity that is charitable. This means the activity must fulfil a charitable purpose and must provide public benefit. The same would apply however if a local charitable Trust held the fund for Energy Isles or if a charitable Trust was established for the specific purpose of holding Energy Isles community benefit payments. However, there is no legal requirement that the entity ‘holding’ the funds is a charity but this is sometimes the preference of the developer and/or the community.

As well as **different governance arrangements** there is also **varied practice** around what then gets funded. One example is around interpretations of what is or isn’t a statutory duty. Much of what is

commonly understood to be statutory is actually a discretionary service or arrangement that the local authority is not always legally obliged to provide. For example, when a Parent Council applies to upgrade playground equipment Foundation Scotland will usually recommend that the public benefit can be optimised if the equipment is made available to the wider community outwith school hours.

The role of OSCR and Community Benefit was discussed, and it was noted that there are no legal principles around Community Benefit therefore none around the charitable status of the money (see earlier point). As a charity involved in administering community benefit funds, Foundation Scotland will hold any client fund as a ring-fenced fund and report annually to OSCR, the charity regulator, on behalf of both the client and the community.

The group felt that **having money to work with was a good problem to have** but they are keen to encourage people to come forward and play an active part. The group said that there can be a reluctance to come forward and some caution about whether funding will ever materialise.

LO explained that they had been in touch with the Shetland Islands Council Committee Services and there were some issues around **conflict of interests** for Community Councillors regarding the Energy Isles project. It was acknowledged that any shareholders who were also Community Councillors did have a conflict to declare but the remaining Councillors could then proceed with discussions and decisions if the meeting was quorate at the outset. There seemed to be some different views and experiences around the table regarding this situation.

Distributing Differently - Money received can be distributed in several different ways which go beyond the traditional, competitive open grant making approach. This is common and often designed to give groups an equal 'chance' of being awarded funding, but it can be more effective if the grant criteria are linked to a community plan and/or where there are clear priority themes or projects that a community has already considered.

RSM went on to discuss the slides (attached) and gave examples of how communities had approached setting up their respective Funds and different ways they have made funds available in their communities.

- One example was the establishment of distinct educational and training funds which have been set up to help improve skills and education. The example of the EDF-R Burnhead **Education & Training Fund** was presented, and which has been very well received in the communities it benefits. Foundation Scotland worked with a working group of residents, including community councillors, to design a scheme that would be appropriate for the cluster of communities within the area of benefit that were significantly disadvantaged in terms of education and employment levels and where aspiration and confidence were low. The team also designed an outreach service, comprising a dedicated paid part-time role to promote the Fund and support people to identify courses and apply both for the course and to the Fund. The success of the Fund has really helped encourage a sense of buy-in to the Fund from the communities.
- Another example was a community south of Inverness that had established a range of grants dedicated to addressing **Fuel Poverty** much of which was hidden. This fund also gives opportunities for every household in the community to benefit from an annual grant to assist them with energy costs although this specific grant is not means tested or targeted at the most vulnerable residents and is arguably not therefore charitable. However, by providing this range of grant opportunities the community does now make a link between

the Fund as a means towards reducing the village’s carbon footprint and alleviating fuel poverty.

Other ways to distribute RSM described included:

- **Targeted grants** to specific organisations such as paying salary costs of a development officer for a Development Trust for example and who is then able to pursue the development of larger, strategic projects to perhaps develop assets to earn income for the community;
- **Micro grants** for individuals (up to £250) and non-constituted groups (up to £500) that could support activity that was often less formalised but nevertheless contributing to resident’s wellbeing;
- **Commissioning** specific services or studies.

Establishing and Implementing Community Benefit Funds

RSM talked about the importance of exploring **different structures and governance arrangements** for a Fund: in some instances, **communities may establish a Trust** (community organisation) to hold the annual community benefit payments and organise their own Secretariat or administrator. This Trust may or may not seek charitable status, but it will need to become incorporated, usually as a company limited by guarantee.

Foundation Scotland operates as a Secretariat for a number of community Trusts that work in this way, especially when the Board of the company begin to discover the amount of back office activity required to distribute funding diligently and efficiently. Shetland Charitable Trust is an example of a ‘local’ Trust but which, given its scale, made the decision to employ their own staff.

Another arrangement is where **a third party like Foundation Scotland** holds the annual payments on behalf of the community and works with a local team (Foundation Scotland usually refers to these teams as **‘Panels’**) to distribute the funding. In fact, Foundation Scotland’s basic approach is to ensure that decisions on fund strategy and spend are driven locally, ideally informed by a comprehensive community action planning process which will be long term (up to 40 years) but with regular reviews and revisits.

RSM highlighted the importance of flexibility in terms of setting up arrangements and to allow for the need for change. The structure of a Fund now may not be fit for purpose in a few years time. Alongside flexibility another key concept is **reviewing** what is working or not working and to make adjustments when necessary.

From the outset it is important that people think about **what difference the money is making**. It is good to be prepared for potential challenging effects and pros and cons of these (the cry of missing the Saturday home-baking sales, for example, as the Fund offers a welcome break to the committed local fundraising that a community may be familiar with operating almost 24/7) – as well as the more positive impacts of finally being able to progress with some specific projects.

RSM asked the group to think about **opportunities in their community** over the next 40 years:

Space satellite	Social housing
Aquaculture expansion	Transport
Internet 4G Broadband	Renewable Energy/Economy
Fully energy independent and non-polluting	Addressing fuel poverty
Tourism	New technologies

Low carbon energy	Fixed link between islands
Population retention	Develop to do new things

The group discussed, and everyone agreed that **the Fund was a chance to make the best opportunities for the area**. One concept offered was to consider a Fund that attended to the past (elderly) present (now) and the future (children). It was acknowledged that there will be many different views but capturing and discussing these was critical, so a Fund is designed that is sufficiently flexible and which can cater for many different opportunities and eventualities.

RSM asked for **threats facing the community** over the next 40 years.

Loss of aquaculture and fishing	Loss of broadband
Schools closure and educated on mainland	Global warming/climate change
De-population	Lack of links to the mainland
Loss of ferries/funding	Sea level rise
Brexit	Public services cuts

The loss of ferries and the need for fixed links is a huge issue in the Isles although the fear of job losses is less now than it was 15 years ago. However, it was also pointed out that with, for example, fixed links, the loss of schools and some other services may be even more likely as it would be easier to travel to Mainland schools and 'central' services could generally be considered to be more accessible.

Where do we go from here?

The group were asked what the next steps around community benefit should be. Everyone agreed that the session had been very useful, and a lot of points had been raised that had not been thought about before. It is vital now for the community to get involved and meetings need to be set up by the Community Council.

Foundation Scotland was asked to continue the dialogue with the Community Councils to keep things moving.

The group noted that Fetlar Community Council (who were unable to attend) should be kept in touch with progress and continue to be invited to take part.

The workshop closed at 7.30pm

Appendix 2 - CLG Meeting Minutes



**Energy Isles Wind Farm
Community Liaison Group (CLG) Meeting 23rd April 2018
Cullivoe Hall, Yell**

Minutes

Present:

Jeanette Thomson (JT) – Element Power
Angus Ward (AW) – Energy Isles
Derek Jamieson (DJ) – Energy Isles

Lawrence Odie (LO) – Yell Community Council
Lynsay Cunningham (LC) - Yell Community Council
Robert Jamieson (RJ) - Yell Community Council
Graham Hughson (GH) - Yell Community Council
James Nicholson (JN) - Yell Community Council
Gordon Thomson (GT) – Unst Community Council
Cllr Alec Priest (AP) – Northern Isles

Apologies:

Fetlar Community Council

Welcome & Introduction

JT opened the meeting at 7pm and welcomed all those in attendance, noting apologies.

Role of the Liaison Group & Terms of Reference:

As a part of the community consultation process Energy Isles invited local representatives to this meeting to establish a Community Liaison Group (CLG) to provide a channel of communication between representatives of the company, Energy Isles and the local communities.

The meeting agreed to meet on a regularly basis throughout the pre-application phase of the project.

Membership of the Liaison Group

LO had consulted SIC regarding membership of the group and it was agreed that individual members should not have a pecuniary interest in the project.

The draft Terms of Reference distributed with the agenda were agreed with one amendment and are attached to these minutes.

It was agreed to hold meetings on a Tuesday evening to avoid clashing with community council meetings.

Exhibition Update

To advertise the upcoming exhibitions Energy Isles will be posting newsletters to the 945 households on Yell, Unst and Fetlar. The group felt that this would adequately notify interested parties in the absence of a business address database.

An advertisement will also be placed in the Shetland Times.

Exhibition Dates

26 th June	Sellafirth Exhibition, Yell
26 th June	Uyeasound Exhibition, Unst
27 th June	Fetlar Exhibition, Fetlar
27 th June	Cullivoe Exhibition, Yell

Planning Timetable showing milestones and possible dates for completion

Key Milestones	Dates
Scoping Received	20 April 2018
Exhibitions	June 2018
Surveys and Studies	May- October 2018
2 nd CLG Suppliers Day	July 2018
Exhibitions 2 nd round	October 2018
Submission of EIA	January 2019
Consultation period	March 2019
Shetland Council Decision	October 2019
Energy Consents	September 2020
CFD Allocation	March 2021
Viking link completion	2024
COD	2024/2025

Project Update

Scoping Responses: Energy Isles received the official scoping response from the Energy Consents Unit on 20th April and are currently reviewing this.

Birds and Ecology:

Surveys To date:

- A full breeding season of bird surveys was undertaken in 2016, including vantage point and walkover surveys, following agreement of survey methodology with SNH;

- A phase 1 habitat survey and A National Vegetation Classification (NVC) survey undertaken by Botanaeco in June/July 2016.

Upcoming Surveys

A full wintering season of bird surveys has been ongoing from September 2017 until March 2018. A second full breeding season is now being undertaken between April and August 2018, including vantage point and walkover surveys and focussed vantage point lochan surveys for breeding red-throated diver, following agreement of survey methodology with SNH.

Landscape and Visual

The wind farm design that was originally submitted for scoping was a 63-turbine layout which has subsequently been reduced to 50 turbines. The design will continue to evolve as the results of further survey work is received and community consultation takes place.

Energy Isles has hired a landscape consultant and we are currently agreeing viewpoints (VPs) for assessment with SNH. Any layout will be guided by the assessment of these effects. Studies are to start this month once VPs agreed. A full assessment will be included in the EIA along with photomontages.

The CLG was asked if there were VPs they would like to see included. LO said views from dwelling areas on Yell would be important, in particular Gloup. GT stated that the distance between the site and Unst was such that Unst would be happy with agreed VPs.

LC, and AP asked it would be possible to design the wind farm tracks and hard standing in a way that would make the site more accessible to local people.

LO commented that a 3D model at the exhibitions would be most informative. JT explained that at this time it was proposed to bring the 3D model to the second round of exhibitions when the design was more advanced.

Aviation

Energy Isles is in consultation with Scatsa and Saxa Vord about undertaking further work if required to understand any effects of the wind farm on the airports.

Peat and Hydrology

The initial peat grid survey is starting in May/June with the scope of works to be agreed in consultation with Shetland Council and SEPA. We are commissioning a peat expert to make sure we undertake the most comprehensive surveys and methods of managing and conserving peat on site, in consultation with the Shetland amenity trust. We are also in consultation with SEPA and the council over drainage and water supply. An engineering/drainage specialist will be commissioned to make sure all amenities are protected.

Archaeology

A geophysical survey to be undertaken and consideration on the impact on setting of scheduled monuments such as Burgi Geos. A method statement will be required, including permanent fencing, watching brief and interpretive strategy.

Community and Economic Benefits

JT confirmed that Energy Isles will follow national guidance for the community benefits package which is the equivalent of £5,000 per installed MW per year, indexed linked for the operational lifetime of the development. It is anticipated that the installed capacity of the Energy Isles wind farm will be more than 100MW.

Energy Isles is committed to ensuring that local businesses benefit as much as possible from the Energy Isles development and will adopt Element Power's Local Procurement Policy (attached to these minutes) to support a strong local supply chain, and maximise the positive local impact of this development.

JT confirmed that Energy Isles would hold a suppliers' day later in the year to introduce local businesses to the project. The meeting suggested holding 2 events; one in Lerwick and one on Yell.

LC asked if it would be possible for the wind farm to sponsor an apprenticeship scheme.

Work Programme

JT explained that over the coming months particular issues may be raised within the group and it may be appropriate to invite a specialist to come and meet with the CLG i.e. peat specialist.

Future Meeting Dates

The Group requested a CLG before the first round of exhibitions, therefore the provisional date of next meeting:

13th June 2018

AOB

It was agreed that, in the autumn, there would be merit in inviting all three community council's members to a joint presentation of the project.

Meeting closed at 7.55pm



**Energy Isles Wind Farm
Community Liaison Group (CLG) Meeting 13th June 2018
Cullivoe Hall, Yell**

Minutes

1. Present & Apologies

Present:

Jeanette Thomson (JT) – Element Power
Angus Ward (AW) – Energy Isles
Derek Jamieson (DJ) – Energy Isles
Charlotte Healey (CH) – Element Power
Lisa Ward (LW) – Energy Isles

Lawrence Odie (LO) – Yell Community Council
Lynsay Cunningham (LC) - Yell Community Council
Steven Henderson (SH) – Yell Community Council
Hazel Spence (HS) - Unst Community Council

Apologies:

Fetlar Community Council
Gordon Thomson (GT) – Unst Community Council

2. Welcome

JT opened the meeting at 6.30pm and welcomed all those in attendance, noting apologies.

JT introduced CH, Project Manager for the proposed EI Wind Farm.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved by the group with no comments and it was agreed that these would be circulated to key stakeholders and uploaded to the Energy Isles website.

Action: LW to circulate approved April CLG Minutes to key stakeholders and upload to Energy Isles website.

3. Terms of Reference

The attached Terms of Reference were approved by the group with no comments.

4. Project Update

CH introduced herself and her background working in wind farm project management.

Exhibition Update

As agreed at the April CLG, Energy Isles planned to send newsletters on 14th June to all households on the Shetland Islands Council (SIC) property list in Yell, Unst and Fetlar informing them of the upcoming public exhibitions.

An advert was also booked to appear in The Shetland Times on 15th June.

Posters advertising the event were shared with the CLG members and were also due to be posted on 14th June to key contacts for display in Unst, Yell and Fetlar.

Exhibition Dates

26 th June 10am-2pm	Sellafirth Exhibition, Yell
26 th June 4pm-8pm	Uyeasound Exhibition, Unst
27 th June 10.30am-1.30pm	Fetlar Exhibition, Fetlar
27 th June 4pm-8pm	Cullivoe Exhibition, Yell

Birds and Ecology Update

Surveys to date

- A full breeding season of bird surveys was undertaken in 2016, including vantage point and walkover surveys, following agreement of survey methodology with SNH.
- A phase 1 habitat survey and A National Vegetation Classification (NVC) survey undertaken by Botanaeco in June/July 2016.
- A full wintering season of bird surveys undertaken in September 2017 until March 2018, following agreement of survey methodology with SNH.

Upcoming Surveys

A second full breeding season is now being undertaken between April and August 2018, including vantage point and walkover surveys and focussed vantage point lochan surveys for breeding red-throated diver, following agreement of survey methodology with SNH.

Landscape and Visual

The wind farm design that was originally submitted for scoping was a 63-turbine layout which has subsequently been reduced to 50 turbines. The design will continue to evolve as the results of further survey work is received and community consultation takes place.

Eighteen viewpoints (VPs) have now been agreed with Shetland Islands Council and any layout will be guided by the assessment of these effects. This number may still be revised.

The Energy Isles team shared the Zone of Theoretical Visibility map for the current proposed wind farm layout with the CLG.

The maximum potential visibility of the wind farm in the surrounding landscape is illustrated by the Zone of Theoretical Visibility (ZTV). The ZTV does not allow for the consideration of buildings and other vertical structures which can obscure actual visibility on the ground. So whilst a wind farm might be 'theoretically visible' out to 35 km and beyond, in practice, the impact is minimal at this distance and, in fact, may be considerably less.

The team explained that a version of this map would be displayed at the public exhibitions.

The members commented that the map was difficult to interpret and the colours used might cause confusion. The team committed to updating the map to make it easier to interpret.

Action: JT and CH to request production of updated ZTV map for public exhibitions.

Aviation

Energy Isles continues to work with Scatsa and the Ministry of Defence (MoD) about undertaking any further work required to understand any effects of the wind farm on aviation activity in the area.

Peat and Hydrology

A peat expert was commissioned and has now undertaken the initial peat grid survey work agreed with SIC and SEPA. Further survey work will be undertaken in August, in agreement with the statutory consultees.

LO pointed out that there had been an unusual spell of very dry weather in Shetland recently and that this could affect the peat surveys, meaning that they wouldn't be representative of normal conditions. The EI team noted this and agreed to pass this on to the peat consultant for consideration.

A further peat expert has been commissioned to visit Shetland in July to agree a comprehensive peat management plan in consultation with SIC, SEPA, and Shetland Amenity Trust.

Energy Isles is also in consultation with SEPA and the council over drainage and water supply. An engineering/drainage specialist will be commissioned to make sure all amenities are protected.

Action: CH to pass on concerns to peat expert re: unusual dry weather conditions.

Archaeology

A survey will be undertaken and consideration given, in consultation with Historic Scotland, to the impact of the proposed on scheduled monuments such as Burgi Geos.

SH pointed out that access to certain areas of the site, such as Hederdale, might encourage resettlement in future.

Community and Economic Benefits

JT confirmed that EI plans to commission a consultant to undertake study work on the potential socio-economic impacts of the proposed wind farm.

JT asked the CLG if EI should include suggestions on how the community benefit money might be spent in the public exhibition materials, e.g. addressing fuel poverty and/or improving broadband access.

The group discussed this and decided that open questions, rather than leading questions, on community benefit spending, would be preferable in order to get a better idea of what the community wants.

LC raised a concern that the community benefit money may not benefit *everyone* in the community. She said that, whether you are in favour of the development or against it, the community must make sure that everyone benefits from it.

LO agreed and said that's why it's important that any group brought together to manage community benefit money must be robust, accountable and representative of the community as a whole.

JT noted that it is the role of Energy Isles to facilitate this process, not to prescribe it, and offered to bring some examples of successful community benefit management from other wind farms.

LO noted that representatives from the Scottish Government's Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES) were due to visit Yell on the week of the 25th of June and this would be a good opportunity for both the community and Energy Isles to take advice on any potential community share ownership options. LO and AW agreed to take this discussion outwith the CLG meeting and progress.

As discussed at the April CLG meeting, Energy Isles is committed to ensuring that local businesses benefit as much as possible from the proposed wind farm and has developed a Local Procurement Policy (attached to these minutes) to support a strong local supply chain, and maximise the positive local impact of this development.

EI has created a Suppliers Page on its website to allow local businesses to register their interest in working on the proposed wind farm. LW agreed to circulate this link to the CLG for sharing with all potential suppliers: <http://www.energyisles.co.uk/suppliers>

SH commented that previous large-scale construction projects in Shetland had used non-Shetland based companies for plant work, which had resulted in poorer quality work and a loss of potential income on Isle. He noted that he would not like to see this happen with the proposed Energy Isles development.

LC asked if it would be possible to have apprenticeships during the construction phase. CH said that this is something that could be explored further. LC asked EI to look into this. CH said she would find some examples from other projects to bring to the CLG. LW said she would add Shetland College UHI and Train Shetland to the list of key stakeholders for the project.



Action: JT to bring some examples of successful community benefit management schemes in other areas to next CLG meeting.

Action: CH to bring some examples of community apprenticeships in wind farm development to next CLG meeting.

Action: LW to add Shetland College UHI and Train Shetland to list of EI key stakeholders.

Future Meeting Dates

The next meeting was provisionally agreed for September 2018, in advance of the second round of public exhibitions in October.

AOB

No other business was raised.

Meeting closed at 7.50pm

**Energy Isles Wind Farm
Community Liaison Group (CLG) Meeting 13th September 2018
Cullivoe Hall, Yell**

Minutes

1. Present & Apologies

JT opened the meeting at 6.30pm and welcomed all those in attendance, noting apologies.

Present:

Jeanette Thomson (JT) – Element Power
Derek Jamieson (DJ) – Energy Isles
Charlotte Healey (CH) – Element Power
Sharon Powell (SP) – Energy Isles

Lawrence Odie (LO) – Yell Community Council
Lynsay Cunningham (LC) - Yell Community Council
Annette Jamieson (AJ) – Yell Community Council
Gordon Thomson (GT) – Unst Community Council

Apologies:

Fetlar Community Council
Lisa Ward (LW) – Energy Isles
Graham Hughson (GH) – Yell Community Council

2. Action Points from the last minutes

The minutes of the last meeting had previously been approved by the group with no comments and had been circulated to key stakeholders and uploaded to the Energy Isles website.

Action Points

JT and CH to request production of updated ZTV map for public exhibitions. **Completed**

CH to pass on concerns to peat expert re: unusual dry weather conditions **Completed**

JT to bring example of successful community benefit management scheme to next CLG meeting.

JT produced a legal agreement from the Twenty Shilling Wind Farm for discussion to give an example and provide some assurance to the Community on how things are undertaken.

Action: CH to bring some examples of community apprenticeships in wind farm development to next CLG meeting. JT has met with Foundation Scotland, an independent charity which is involved in administering approx £3M each year in community benefit funds from wind farms across Scotland. Foundation Scotland

helps local people to identify ways they can use funds to make a positive change in their communities, including apprenticeship schemes.

It was agreed that the CLG would like to meet with Foundation Scotland and JT said that she would action.

Action: LW to add Shetland College UHI and Train Shetland to list of EI key stakeholders.

It was noted that these are not key stakeholders and further discussion would be held after the Foundation Scotland meeting as to what roles they would play.

Exhibition dates and feedback.

JT distributed a document breaking down the feedback received from the June exhibitions and stated how pleased the Energy Isles team had been with the turnout and how the information had been collated, recorded and broken down.

AJ commented that not many of the combined population of 1500 had attended. JT highlighted that the leaflets had been sent to every household and everyone had the opportunity to attend if they wished.

LC asked about the feedback concerns and an in-depth discussion was held - it was noted that location, size, noise and access were concerns for some attendees. 32 out of 65 attendees were pleased with the tangible benefits the wind farm could provide to Yell.

LC raised that the cards were quite small for attendees to record contents and this was noted as a good point.

AJ felt that the question on environment, economic and community benefit may be weighted to the answer being yes. All agreed that this was a bigger question, but it demonstrated that renewables were important, and the answer was useful in the wider context. This was then discussed with LC raising a concern about issues with "wider context". CH explained, and a discussion was held around the carbon footprint and the power station and forms of fuel.

JT reminded everyone that this was a general induction on scoping and this was only the first opportunity for feedback.

AJ agreed but felt that the questions were leading and next time they should be more specific with more space for feedback.

JT thanked everyone for their helpful and detailed input and explained that the next round of exhibitions would feature more specific questioning.

A discussion was held around the number and placement of turbines and JT and CH reassured the group that another meeting would be held before Christmas which would focus on the design point with exhibitions being held in the New Year.

JT asked the group for comment on whether a second exhibition should be held on Fetlar. There is a desire to go but the group agreed the response was disappointing (1 person attended) and therefore there was no requirement to return. JT agreed that the timings of the Yell and Unst exhibitions would allow for Fetlar residents to attend if they wish.

The group discussed the timing of the next exhibitions – specifically around weather and Up Helly A' dates. Early February was felt to be appropriate. It was also agreed that the Baltasound Hall in Unst be used this time instead of Uyeasound.

AJ suggested a public meeting instead of a drop-in event but it was agreed that it was more productive for all to have one to one sessions at an exhibition.

JT updated the group that a Shetland Renewable Suppliers Day Exhibition was being planned in Lerwick in November and that Energy Isles would take part. However, Energy Isles still planned to hold a supplier's day on Yell in February.

A school's visit was also discussed and agreed that this would be set up in conjunction with the schools and work in with days that the schools travel and combine the event. Thursday it was thought Cullivoe and Burravoe attended Mid Yell school and Fetlar travelled to Baltasound.

AJ asked for the feedback to be detailed by community council area and requested a copy of the feedback card for reference.

ACTION SP

Birds and Ecology Update

CH had met with the RSPB/SEPA and Shetland Amenity Trust this visit, and all are continuing to work together throughout the design process.

The group discussed the concerns that RSPB have in particular the birds and the flight lines. There was talk over where the peat will be stored and how it will be used to maintain the natural habitat.

The second full breeding season survey is now completed.

Landscape and Visual

WTG are being sited to take into account landscape and on-site constraints such as peat and hydrology.

AJ asked about numbers and output an CH explained that the design was continuing to evolve as the results of surveys are received together with the feedback from the community engagement work.

GT asked if a reduction in numbers of turbines would mean a reduction in community benefit. CH and JT explained that numbers were dependant on turbine technology and this was ever changing.



Future Meeting Dates

The next meeting was provisionally agreed for October 2018, in advance of the second round of public exhibitions proposed for February 2019.

AOB

CARES

This was discussed and agreed that answers were required on specific community benefit questions previously asked before they came to Shetland.

ACTION DJ

No other business was raised.

Meeting closed at 7.40pm

**Energy Isles Wind Farm
Community Liaison Group (CLG) Meeting 30th October 2018
Cullivoe Hall, Yell**

Minutes

1. Present & Apologies

JT opened the meeting at 6.30pm and welcomed all those in attendance, noting apologies.

Present:

Jeanette Thomson (JT) – Element Power
Derek Jamieson (DJ) – Energy Isles
Charlotte Healey (CH) – Element Power
Sharon Powell (SP) – Energy Isles
Lisa Ward (LW) – Energy Isles
Lawrence Odie (LO) – Yell Community Council

Apologies:

Fetlar Community Council
Lynsay Cunningham (LC) - Yell Community Council
Graham Hughson (GH) – Yell Community Council
Gordon Thomson (GT) – Unst Community Council
Annette Jamieson (AJ) – Yell Community Council

2. Action Points from the last minutes

The minutes of the last meeting was approved by the group with the change to Baltasound Hall in Unst from Haroldswick.

These would now be circulated to key stakeholders and uploaded to the Energy Isles website.

Foundation Scotland

It was agreed that it would be helpful to the community council representatives if Energy Isles could facilitate a Community Benefit Workshop led by Foundation Scotland, an independent charity that provides support and advice to local communities on strategic grant making, facilitating philanthropy and contributing to achieving lasting positive impact in communities across Scotland.

CARES

LO confirmed that contact has been made with CARES and a possible meeting date of 19 November set. LO will be the point of contact for the community.

3. Exhibition dates

Tuesday 5 February

Sellafirth 10am – 2pm

Baltasound Hall 3pm – 7.30pm

Wednesday 6 February

Cullivoe Hall – 4pm – 7.30pm exhibition

A 3D model has been commissioned and will be available at all exhibitions.

4. Project Update

CH provided the group with an update on the layout and explained the revisions to the scoping report.

The original design was for a 63-turbine wind farm however following the results of environmental survey work, analysis of technical constraints and feedback from the ongoing consultation with the community and other stakeholders the current layout is for 29 turbines.

It was noted that advances in technology means the reduction in turbine numbers would not necessarily mean a reduction in output of the site.

JT reported to the group the results of the initial economic impact findings of the socio-economic report.

5. Community and Economic Benefits

LW had attempted to contact the schools to set up the visits but had not received a response.

It was agreed to try a different route as this was felt to be a very important visit which has been requested by the pupils.

ACTION LW

6. AOB

There was no other business raised

7. Future Meeting Dates

The next meeting was provisionally agreed for Monday 4 February 2019.

Meeting closed at 7.10pm



**Energy Isles Wind Farm
Community Liaison Group (CLG) Meeting 4th February 2019
Cullivoe Hall, Yell**

Minutes

1. Present & Apologies

JT opened the meeting at 6.30pm and welcomed all those in attendance, noting apologies.

Present:

Jeanette Thomson (JT) – Smithy House Associates Ltd
Derek Jamieson (DJ) – Energy Isles
Charlotte Healey (CH) – Statkraft
Sharon Powell (SP) – Energy Isles
Lisa Ward (LW) – Energy Isles
Lawrence Odie (LO) – Yell Community Council
Gordon Thomson (GT) – Unst Community Council
Annette Jamieson (AJ) – Yell Community Council

Apologies:

Fetlar Community Council

2. Action Points from the last minutes

The minutes of the last meeting was approved by the group.

These would now be circulated to key stakeholders and uploaded to the Energy Isles website.

LW had made contact with the schools around the proposed visit which had been requested by the pupils at the last exhibition.

Progress will be followed up and updated at the next meeting.

3. Exhibition update

Tuesday 5 February
Sellafirth 10am – 2pm
Baltasound Hall 3pm – 7.30pm

Wednesday 6 February
Cullivoe Hall – 4pm – 7.30pm exhibition

A 3D model has been commissioned and will be available at all exhibitions. The comments from the CLG around the last exhibition feedback forms have been taken and this time the forms have more specific questions and points.

It was noted that Fetlar Community Council had sent their apologies for the CLG and they would not be attending the exhibitions. It was noted that Fetlar would receive email copies of the exhibition data

The CLG received a preview of the banner presentation and discussed the decrease in turbine numbers and the more condensed, centred layout.

It was explained that the old road would not be used due to the high level of upgrading this would require and that the proposed route is less disturbing.

4. Project Update

The lifespan of the wind farm has changed from 25 to 30 years and it was explained that this is due to changing technology and the ability to maximise opportunity. The changes will be shown in detail in the planning application and the Environmental Impact Assessment Report.

It was also noted that the viewpoints for the photomontages which had been agreed with the Shetland Islands Council and Scottish Natural Heritage would be included in the EIAR.

Work is ongoing with Scatsta airport around the aviation lighting.

The reduction in turbine numbers may not affect the generating capacity due to advances in technology. It will though utilise the site and work is ongoing to ensure the right turbine is picked for manufacture.

The group also discussed the importance of the proposed HVDC Link to the mainland was to the future economy of the island and to renewable projects on the island

5. Community and Economic Benefits

Foundation Scotland

Energy Isles had facilitated the Community Benefit Workshop led by Foundation Scotland, an independent charity that provides support and advice to local communities on strategic grant making, facilitating philanthropy and contributing to achieving lasting positive impact in communities across Scotland on Sunday evening.

The event had been very informative and notes would be sent out in due course to those who attended.

Community AND Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES)



CARES had been invited to meet with Community Councils this evening and an update would be given at the next CLG.

6. AOB

There was no other business

7. Future Meeting Dates

The next meeting date would be confirmed as soon as possible.

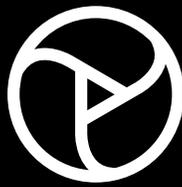
Meeting closed at 7.00pm

Appendix 3 - CLG Terms of Reference

**Energy Isles Community Liaison Group
Terms of Reference – agreed 23.04.2018**

1. The group will be known as the Energy Isles Wind Farm Community Liaison Group (CLG)
2. The CLG will have the following appointed community members:
 - *Yell Community Council Area – 3 representatives appointed by the Community Council*
 - *Unst Community Council Area – 2 representatives appointed by the Community Council*
 - *Fetlar Community Council Area – 1 representative appointed by the Community Council*
3. The aim of the CLG is to provide a forum for discussion and the exchange of information and to improve and maintain channels of communication between representatives of Energy Isles, and the local community.
4. The CLG will:
 - Receive progress updates about proposals for the site;
 - Seek clarification from the developer on issues arising from the surrounding communities;
 - Establish workshop discussions on key specific elements of the potential proposals, development and operation of the site.
5. Energy Isles is responsible for the administration costs of the meetings.
6. Detailed minutes shall be kept as a record of the meeting and these will be agreed and distributed by email, subject to any agreed amendment proposed by any member of the group.
7. Copies of all CLG meeting notices and minutes will be sent to the local Member of Parliament, MSPs, Shetland Island Councillors and the SIC Planning Department for information purposes.
8. The agreed minutes will be published on the Project Website and issued through the Community Councils.
9. Where possible any questions from members of the public or interest groups should be sent in advance to the Chairman or should be directed through an existing CLG member.
10. Attendance at these meetings does not imply support or otherwise for the Energy Isles Wind Farm proposal.

Appendix 4 - Shetland Times Advert – June 2018



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Public Exhibitions

Energy Isles invites local residents to view proposals for a wind farm on a site located approximately 1.5km west of Cullivoe and 1.1km south of Gloup, Yell.

Details of each of the events to be held are as follows:

TUESDAY 26TH JUNE | YELL
10.00am - 2.00pm | Sellafirth Hall

TUESDAY 26TH JUNE | UNST
4.00pm - 8.00pm | Uyeasound Hall

WEDNESDAY 27TH JUNE | FETLAR
10.30am - 1.30pm | Fetlar Hall

WEDNESDAY 27TH JUNE | YELL
4.00pm - 8.00pm | Cullivoe Hall

The exhibitions provide an opportunity to meet members of the project team who will be available to answer questions and provide any additional information or clarification as required.

Any persons requiring further information or wishing to make comments on the draft proposals prior to the formal submission of the Section 36 application to Scottish Ministers may do so by writing directly to **Energy Isles Ltd, 10 Charlotte Street, Lerwick, ZE1 0JL** or by email to info@energyisles.co.uk.

Please note, comments made at this time do not constitute representations to Scottish Ministers. A further opportunity to make representations to Scottish Ministers will be available following formal submission of the Section 36 application.

This consultation is undertaken in accordance with Section 36 of the Electricity Act (Scotland) 1989.

For more information visit
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Appendix 5 - Newsletter – June 2018



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NEWSLETTER June 2018

HELPING TO BUILD A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE FOR SHETLAND

You are invited to attend our PUBLIC EXHIBITIONS:

TUESDAY 26TH JUNE
10.00am - 2.00pm | Sellafirth Hall | Yell

TUESDAY 26TH JUNE
4.00pm - 8.00pm | Uyeasound Hall | Unst

WEDNESDAY 27TH JUNE
10.30am - 1.30pm | Fetlar Hall | Fetlar

WEDNESDAY 27TH JUNE
4.00pm - 8.00pm | Cullivoe Hall | Yell

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CURRENT FACTS AND STATS

Number of Turbines	Up to 53
Turbine Tip Height	Up to 200 mtrs
Lifespan of Wind Farm	25 years
Location	North Yell
Energy Generation	Based on 200 MW installed capacity

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Energy Isles was conceived in February 2014 by a consortium of 18 local companies operating in fisheries, aquaculture, farming, crafting, marine engineering and support services; at this time, it comprises 37 companies.

Energy Isles was created to develop a plan for a large-scale wind farm in the north of Yell. We have a strong desire to ensure that the considerable benefits of additional renewables developments in Shetland are enjoyed locally and we believe that responsible development involves consulting widely with our local communities.

Although our proposal is still at an early stage, your views are very important to us and will be a key consideration when finalising the design and layout of the wind farm.

The original scope of the proposed development is for a 53-turbine wind farm that has the potential to generate approximately 200 MW of clean electricity, sited in the north of Yell. We have now embarked on a series of environmental surveys to help inform the final design and layout of the site.

We would like to invite you to attend our public exhibitions where you will be able to understand how the project is evolving and will have the opportunity to meet with the Energy Isles Project Team and ask them any questions you might have.

ABOUT THE PROPOSAL

The Energy Isles Wind Farm project is designated a Major Planning Application and will be decided by Scottish Ministers who will consider the interests of energy and planning policy, community interests, socio-economic benefits and environmental considerations.

DO WE NEED ANOTHER WIND FARM?

Renewable energy offers Shetland a rare opportunity to diversify and develop our economy and, importantly because it is 'renewable', it offers our community a sustainable economic opportunity.

Climate experts agree on the urgency of ending our reliance on unsustainable and climate change causing fossil fuels like coal and oil. To guarantee future supplies of heat and electricity, we must turn instead to harnessing power from nature's own unlimited resources of sun, wind and water.

Shetland is known for having one of the best wind profiles for turbines in the world. We believe that wind energy from Shetland holds the potential to make a big contribution on both a local and global scale.

ENERGY ISLES COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP

We want this unique development to have a positive and lasting impact on all those who live and work in the Northern Isles and Shetland. Therefore, we have established the Energy Isles Wind Farm Community Liaison Group with members of the Yell, Unst and Fetlar Community Councils.

The Liaison Group provides a forum where local community representatives can feedback your valued opinions on all aspects of the project and receive updates on the proposed development.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

The potential community benefit fund for an operational Energy Isles Wind Farm of more than 100MW installed capacity will be at least £500,000 per annum and could be considerably more depending on its final design. This equates to more than £12.5 million over the lifetime of the wind farm.

Energy Isles would like to explore, with local communities, the establishment of a fund to promote projects to enhance the quality of life for residents and visitors through investment in the natural, built and cultural heritage.

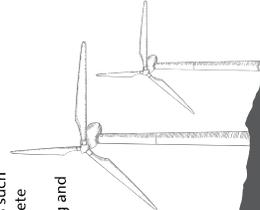
We believe that such a fund could be used to create a legacy that will outlast the turbines.

CREATING JOBS BOOSTING ECONOMIES

The renewable energy sector in Scotland is now a significant contributor to the local, regional and national economy. If the Energy Isles Wind Farm is consented, we will invite local companies to tender for contracts during the construction phase.

We would hope to procure from a range of local services such as construction companies, drainage contractors, concrete suppliers, metal fabricators, plant hire, cleaning, waste management, security, fencing contractors and catering and accommodation suppliers.

By using the local workforce where possible, the development can have a direct and positive effect on our local economy.



To register your interest go to:

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Appendix 6 - Exhibition Poster – June 2018



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**HELPING TO BUILD A
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You are invited to attend our
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4.00pm - 8.00pm | Cullivoe Hall | **Yell**

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Appendix 7 - Comment Card – June 2018



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Public Exhibition registration card

Your views are very important to us

Please take this card with you as you walk around the exhibition and write down any comments or suggestions you may have.



Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Contact Telephone Number: _____

Please provide your e-mail address if you would like to be kept up to date with this development. Your details will be held in compliance with the privacy notice displayed at the event and on the Energy Isles website.

Email: _____

Are you concerned about climate change and its impact on the environment?

<input type="checkbox"/>				
Strongly Agree	Agree	Don't Know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

With uncertainty over energy prices do you consider the generation of energy from renewables on the island important in helping to build a sustainable future for Shetland?

<input type="checkbox"/>				
Strongly Agree	Agree	Don't Know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

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Do you have any feedback on the initial design of the Energy Isles Wind Farm?

What environmental, economic and community benefits do you think will come from building this wind farm?

Do you have any suggestions as to how the proposed community fund should be used to benefit local communities?

This exhibition has been helpful and informative.

Agree	Disagree	Not Sure
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Please hand your completed cards to a team member or place into the box by the exit.



Thank you for visiting this exhibition

Appendix 8 - Exhibition Panels – June 2018



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HELPING TO BUILD A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

A warm welcome from Energy Isles to this exhibition which is designed to update you on the progress of the proposed Energy Isles Wind Farm.

Members of the Energy Isles Team are on hand to answer any questions you may have, so please do feel free to ask. Thank you for taking the time to attend.

A LOCAL ENTERPRISE

Energy Isles was conceived in February 2014 by a consortium of 18 local companies operating in fisheries, aquaculture, farming, crafting, marine engineering and support services; at this time, the enterprise comprises 37 companies.

Energy Isles was created to develop a plan for a wind farm in the north of Yell. We have a strong desire to ensure that the considerable benefits of additional renewables developments in Shetland are enjoyed locally and we believe that responsible development involves consulting widely with our local communities.



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ABOUT THE PROPOSAL



CURRENT FACTS AND STATS

Number of Turbines	Up to 50
Turbine Tip Height	Up to 200 mtrs
Lifespan of Wind Farm	25 years
Location	North Yell
Energy Generation	Based on 200 MW installed capacity

The location for the Energy Isles wind farm has been selected for the following key reasons:

- ▶ **Great wind speeds;**
- ▶ **A rare opportunity to diversify and develop our local economy;**
- ▶ **To contribute to Shetland's energy mix.**

In 2017 we asked the Energy Consents Unit for their formal opinion on the information we would need to supply in our Environmental Statement and we are currently in the early stages of our Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) based on their response.

The design of the Energy Isles Wind Farm will continue to evolve as the survey work progresses. Following completion of the site surveys, all survey results, technical constraints and feedback from the local community consultation will feed into a design process to ensure the final design of the wind farm is appropriate for the site.

Our initial scoping layout at the site included 63 turbines; however, results of surveys to date have already reduced the number of proposed turbines from 63 to 50.

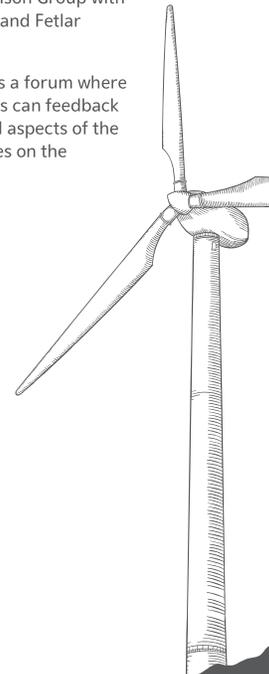
The final layout will be assessed within an Environmental Statement, which will be submitted with the planning application in 2019.

IN TOUCH WITH COMMUNITIES

Energy Isles wants this unique development to have a positive and lasting impact on those who live and work in the North Isles and across Shetland.

Therefore, we have established the Energy Isles Wind Farm Community Liaison Group with members of the Yell, Unst and Fetlar Community Councils.

The Liaison Group provides a forum where community representatives can feedback your valued opinions on all aspects of the project and receive updates on the proposed development.



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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is a process undertaken by specialist environmental and technical consultants. In consultation with regulatory and voluntary bodies, the EIA seeks to identify and evaluate the likely effects of the proposed Energy Isles Wind Farm on the environment. It also identifies measures to mitigate or manage any adverse effects. The results and findings of the EIA are detailed in an Environmental Statement (ES) which will be submitted with the planning application.

The plan shows the study area where we are undertaking further survey work and site analysis. The ongoing surveys will continue to shape the design of the proposed wind farm.

As a result of the scoping responses and other consultations undertaken so far as part of the EIA process, the following issues are being technically assessed in the ES:

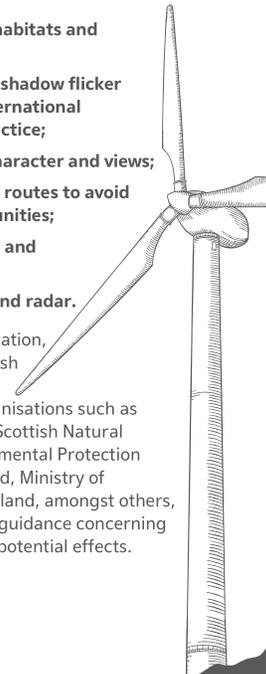
- ▶ **Landscape and Visual Effects;**
- ▶ **Ecology;**
- ▶ **Ornithology;**
- ▶ **Noise;**
- ▶ **Hydrology, Hydrogeology and Soils;**
- ▶ **Cultural Heritage;**
- ▶ **Transport and Access;**
- ▶ **Socio-economics and Recreation; and**
- ▶ **Infrastructure, Aviation and Safety.**



Part of the EIA assessment includes site surveys which are currently ongoing. Once these surveys are complete, the results will feed into the final design of the Energy Isles Wind Farm to ensure that the layout and infrastructure are sited sensitively to:

- ▶ **Minimise effects of the proposed Energy Isles Wind Farm;**
- ▶ **Not disturb sensitive habitats and species;**
- ▶ **Ensure that noise and shadow flicker levels comply with international guidance and best practice;**
- ▶ **Maintain landscape character and views;**
- ▶ **Design transportation routes to avoid disturbance to communities;**
- ▶ **Ensure aircraft safety; and**
- ▶ **Avoid interference to telecommunications and radar.**

As part of ongoing consultation, Energy Isles and the Scottish Government have called upon the expertise of organisations such as Shetland Islands Council, Scottish Natural Heritage, Scottish Environmental Protection Agency, Transport Scotland, Ministry of Defence, and Historic Scotland, amongst others, to provide comments and guidance concerning the design of the site and potential effects.



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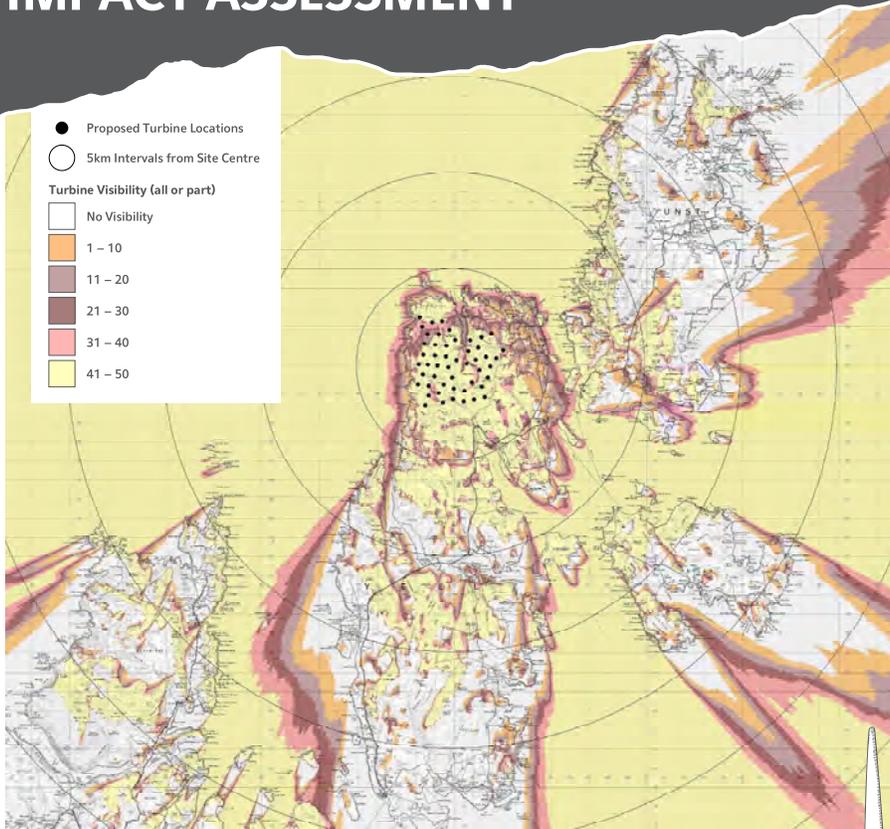
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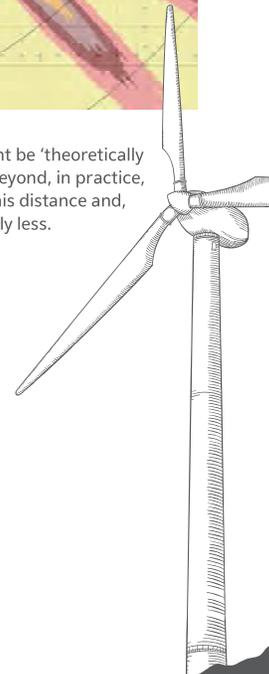
LANDSCAPE AND VISUAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT



A full landscape and visual impact assessment based upon a selection of key viewpoints has been agreed with Shetland Islands Council and Scottish Natural Heritage, and is being completed to support the planning application.

The maximum potential visibility of the wind farm in the surrounding landscape is illustrated by the Zone of Theoretical Visibility (ZTV). The ZTV does not allow for the consideration of buildings and other vertical structures which can obscure actual visibility on the ground.

So whilst a wind farm might be 'theoretically visible' out to 35 km and beyond, in practice, the impact is minimal at this distance and, in fact, may be considerably less.



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CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENERGY SECURITY

OUR FUTURES ARE AT STAKE

Since the dawn of industry, we have been using oil, coal and gas to provide us with the power we need to thrive and prosper. As a result, we are now facing the biggest environmental challenge of all time - global warming.

Around the world sea levels are rising, landscapes are changing, and whole species are disappearing. The seas around Scotland have warmed by up to 1°C over the last 20 years. Warmer seas have prompted changes in the composition, abundance and distribution of a number of marine species, including plankton, fish, sea birds, whales, mammals, dolphins and porpoise.

Here in Shetland, we see the effects of climate change on our native species and more frequent severe weather incidents causing disruption to normal services.

We cannot continue releasing carbon into the atmosphere. Not just because it contributes to the rise in temperature, but because our ever-increasing demand for energy is rapidly diminishing finite stocks.

Fortunately, we have the technologies to replace fossil fuels with sustainable energy systems based on the efficient use of renewable energy. Renewable energy is harnessed from limitless natural sources - our sun, our wind and our water provide clean, natural alternatives.

ONSHORE WIND

As the most well-established and cost-effective source of renewable energy, onshore wind is expected to continue making an affordable, clean and significant contribution to the UK's energy mix.

Shetland has a world-class wind resource, and is well placed to help the UK and Scotland deliver on its targets.

SECURITY OF SUPPLY

As the world's indigenous sources of fossil fuels are depleted, energy security becomes an increasingly important consideration due to the vagaries of global politics and the rise of energy prices on the world market.

By investing in renewable energy solutions Shetland has the opportunity to continue to export energy using our natural resources.



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THE LOCAL ECONOMY, EMPLOYMENT AND BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

CREATING JOBS, BOOSTING ECONOMIES

The renewable energy sector in Scotland is now a significant contributor to the local, regional and national economy. If the Energy Isles Wind Farm is consented, there are very clear economic and industrial benefits to be delivered during the construction and operational phases of the project and we will invite local companies to tender for contracts.

We would hope to procure from a range of local services including construction companies, drainage contractors, concrete suppliers, metal fabricators, plant hire, cleaning, waste management, security, fencing contractors and catering and accommodation suppliers.

There will also be operational and maintenance jobs during the lifetime of the wind farm that could draw on the renewable expertise that is building in Shetland and throughout Scotland.

By using the local workforce where possible, the development can have a direct and positive effect on the local economy.

Companies can register their interest by emailing us now at: www.energyisles.co.uk/suppliers

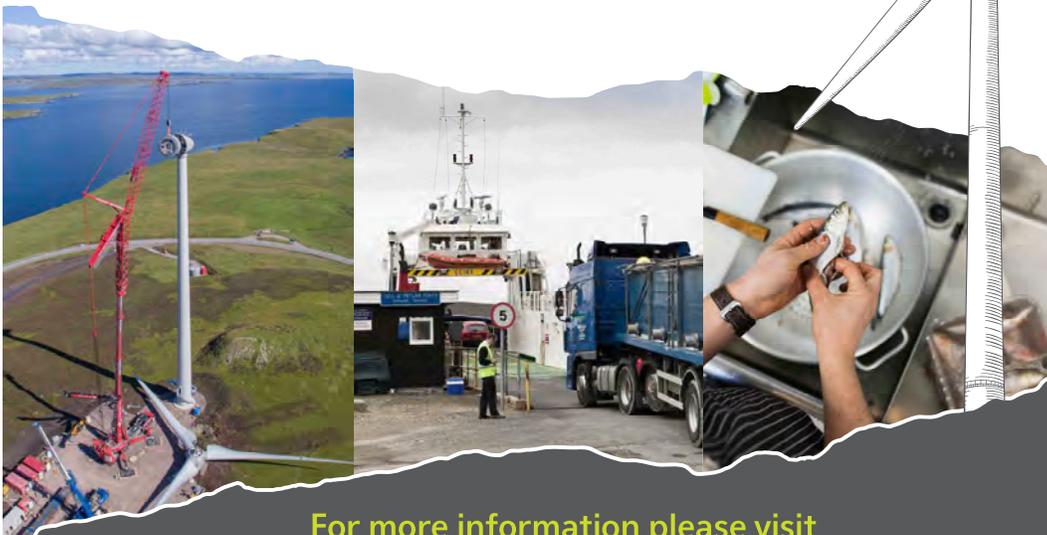
MEET THE BUYER DAY

There are over 58,000 jobs in the low carbon and renewable energy economy in Scotland across 9 renewable energy sectors*. We will be holding a 'Meet the Buyer Day' later this year to introduce local businesses to the opportunities the Energy Isles Wind Farm offers.

*<http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Business-Industry/Energy/Facts>

OPPORTUNITIES

By creating new employment opportunities, commercial openings for local businesses and providing substantial funding for projects that could help transform the facilities that local people are able to enjoy for decades to come; the Energy Isles Wind Farm has great potential to make a really positive impact in the local area.



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COMMUNITY BENEFIT

VOLUNTARY COMMUNITY FUND

In consultation with the local Community Liaison Group, Energy Isles will establish a dedicated Fund for the Energy Isles Wind Farm.

The potential community benefit fund for an operational Energy Isles Wind Farm of more than 100MW installed capacity will be at least £500,000 per annum and could be considerably more depending on its final design. This equates to more than £12.5 million over the lifetime of the wind farm.

NEXT STEPS

We are actively encouraging people to let us know their views on this proposal and how the local community could benefit.

Energy Isles would like to explore, with local communities, the establishment of such a fund to promote projects to enhance the quality of life for local communities and visitors through investment in the natural, built and cultural heritage.

We believe that such a fund would be a rare opportunity to invest in our community and create a legacy that will outlast the turbines and provide the catalyst to allow the advancement of further job creation and business opportunities in the area.



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YOUR VIEWS ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO US

Please register your comments and suggestions by handing your completed registration card to one of the Energy Isles team.

Thank you for attending today's public exhibition.

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Appendix 9 - Exhibition Feedback – June 2018



June 2018 EI Public Exhibitions Feedback for CLG

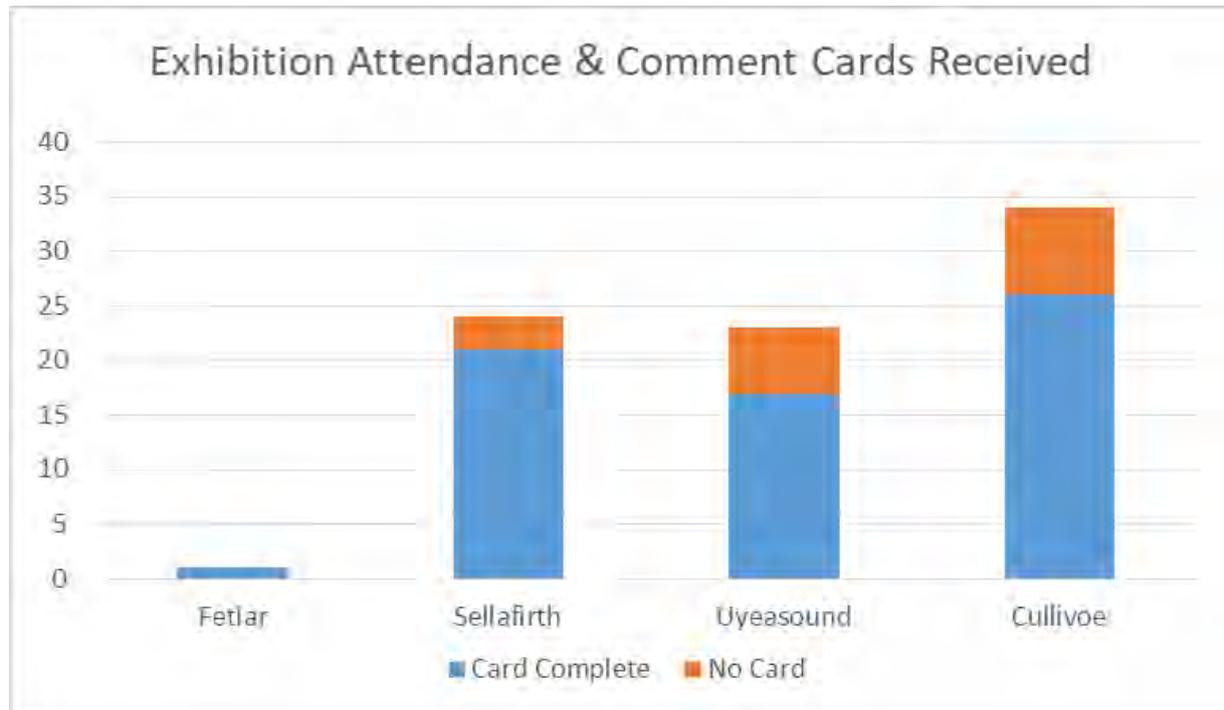
As agreed at the April 2018 meeting of the CLG, Energy Isles held a first round of public exhibitions on the following dates at the following locations:

26 th June, 10am-2pm	Sellafirth Hall, Yell
26 th June, 4pm-8pm	Uyeasound Hall, Unst
27 th June, 10.30am-1.30pm	Fetlar Hall, Fetlar
27 th June, 4pm-8pm	Cullivoe Hall, Yell

These exhibitions were advertised via a newsletter, sent on 14th June, to all households on the Shetland Islands Council (SIC) property list in Yell, Unst and Fetlar. An advert was also placed in The Shetland Times on 15th June, and posters advertising the event which were shared with CLG members and key contacts for display in the North Isles on 14th June.

A **total of 82 people attended** across the four public exhibitions (not including the EI Team), **65 of whom filled out comment cards**. The table and graph below break this down by location.

Exhibition	Attendance	Comment cards received
Cullivoe	34	26
Sellafirth	24	21
Uyeasound	23	17
Fetlar	1	1

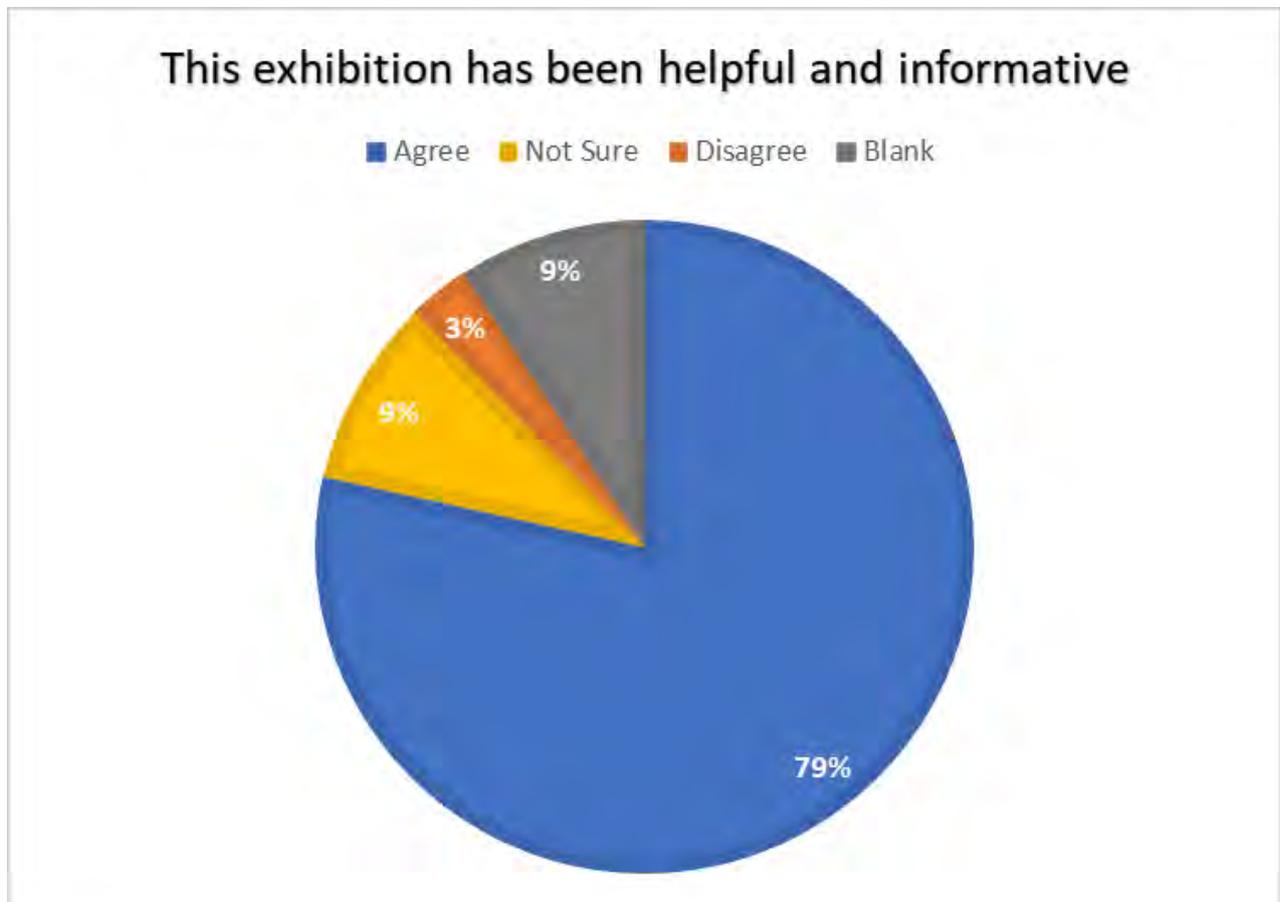




Three quantitative questions were asked on the comment cards, the results of which are detailed in the tables and graphs below.

1. This exhibition has been helpful and informative:

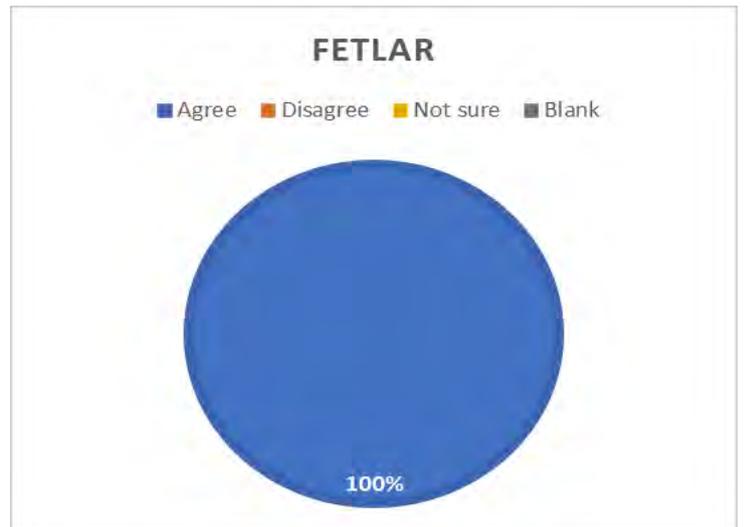
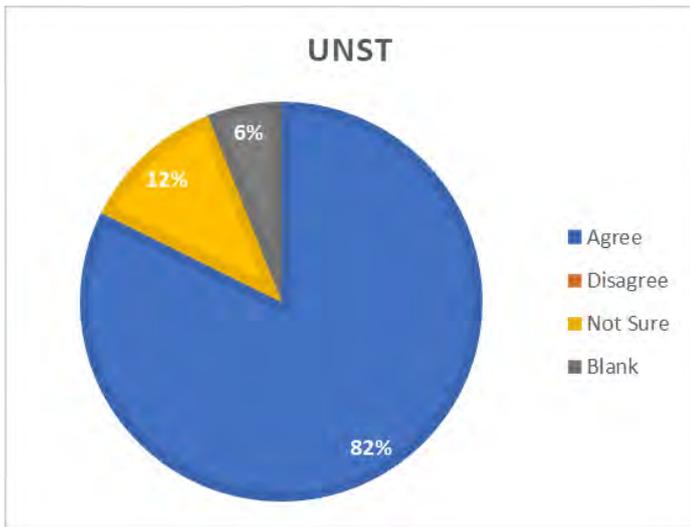
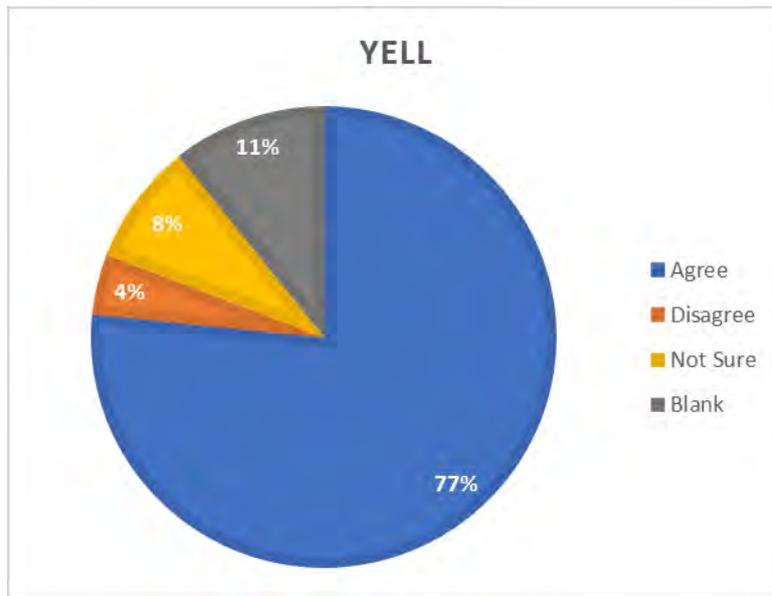
Agree	51
Disagree	2
Not sure	6
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Answers to quantitative Q1 by island:

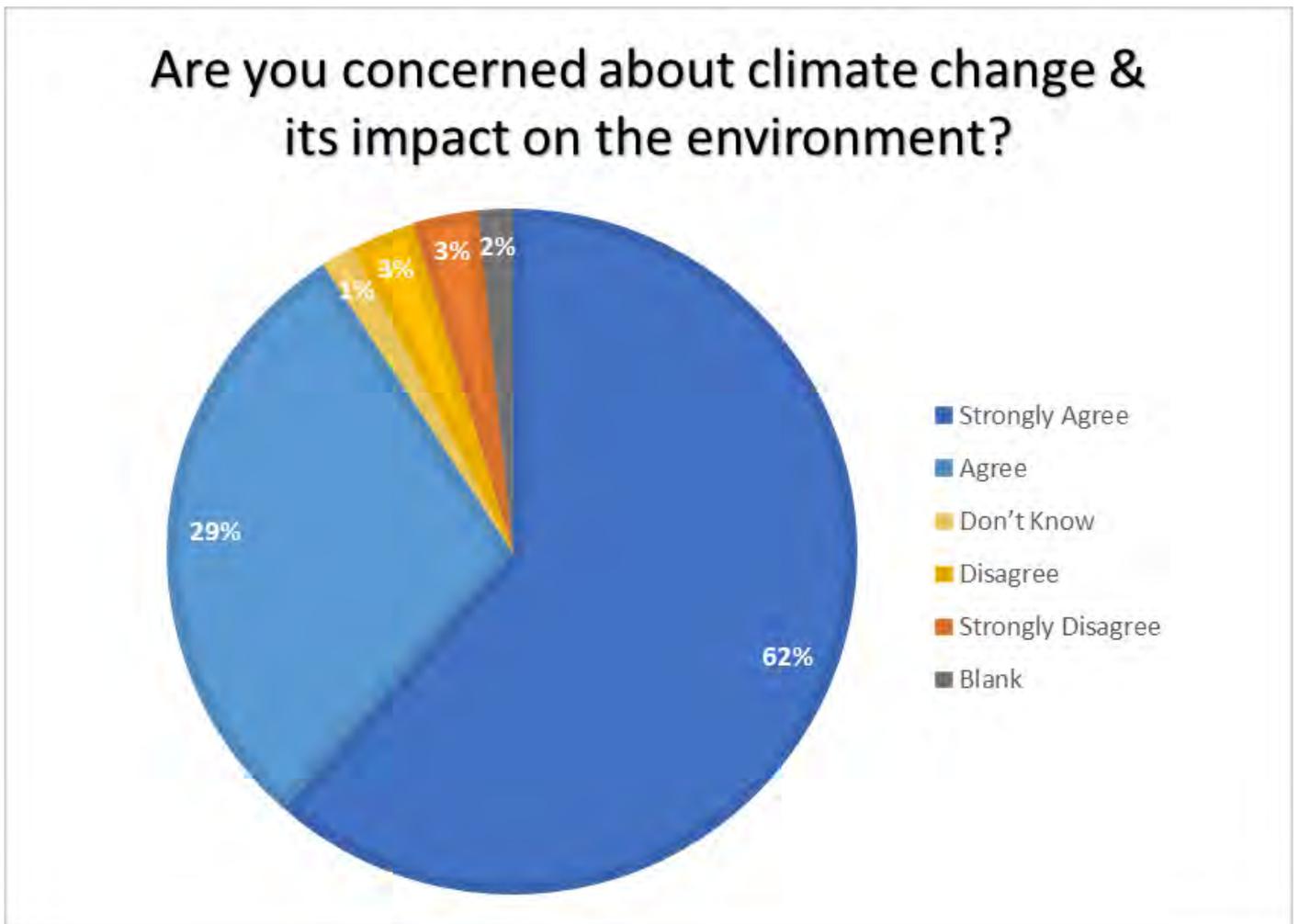
	YELL	UNST	FETLAR
Agree	36	14	1
Disagree	2	0	0
Not sure	4	2	0
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2. Are you concerned about climate change and its impact on the environment?

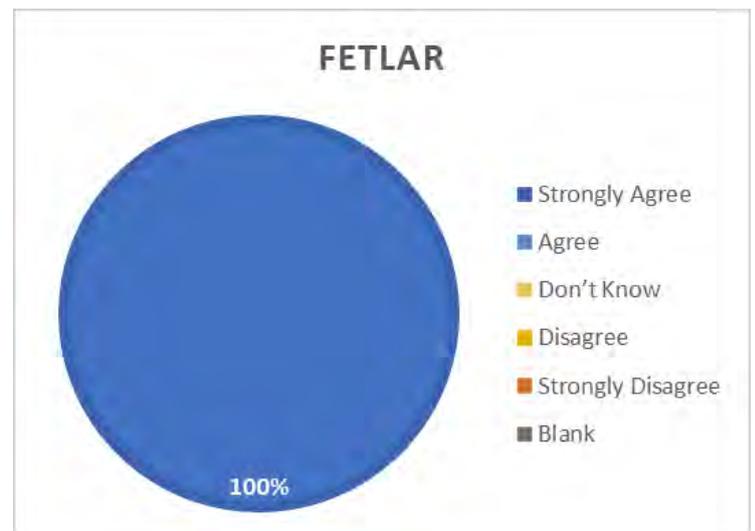
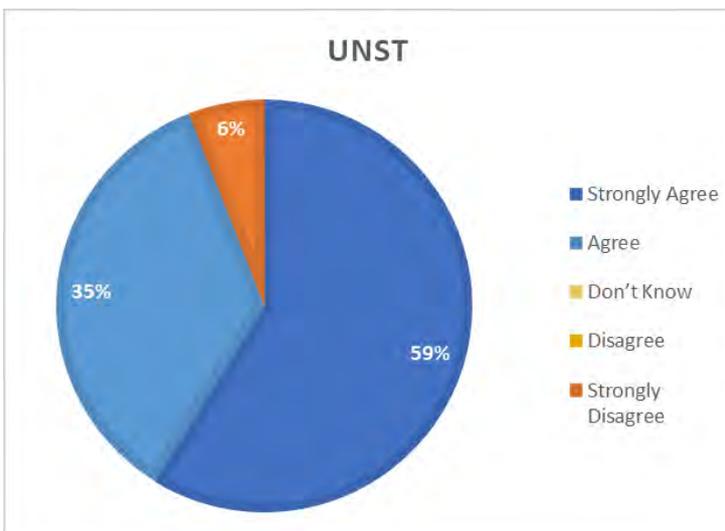
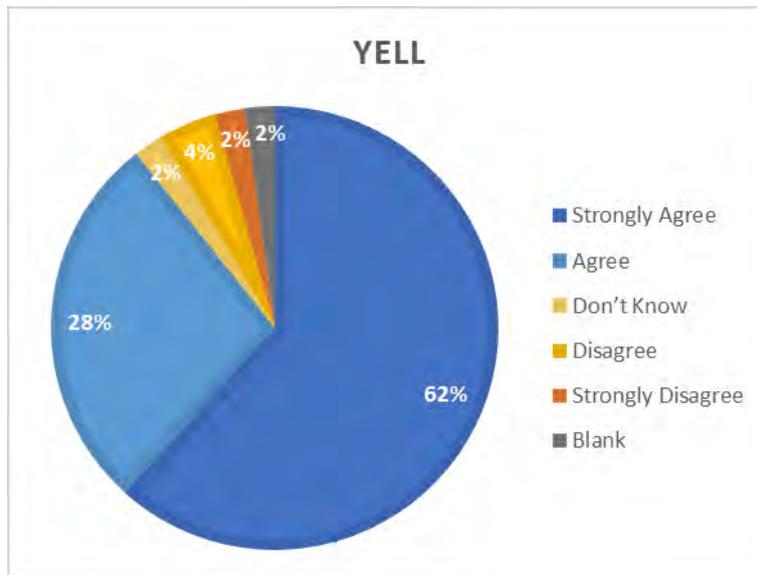
Strongly Agree	40
Agree	19
Don't Know	1
Disagree	2
Strongly Disagree	2
Blank	1





Answers to quantitative Q2 by island:

	YELL	UNST	FETLAR
Strongly Agree	29	10	1
Agree	13	6	0
Don't Know	1	0	0
Disagree	2	0	0
Strongly Disagree	1	1	0
Blank	1	0	0

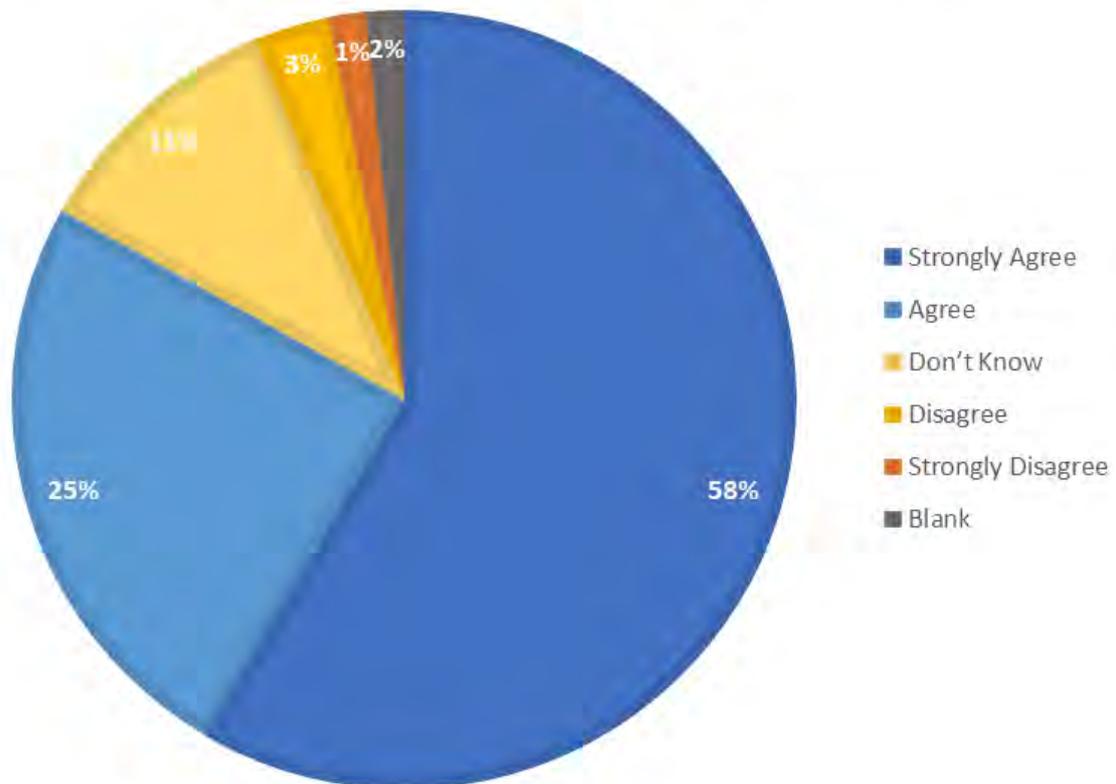




3. With uncertainty over energy prices do you consider the generation of energy from renewables on the island important in helping to build a sustainable future for Shetland?

Strongly Agree	38
Agree	16
Don't Know	7
Disagree	2
Strongly Disagree	1
Blank	1

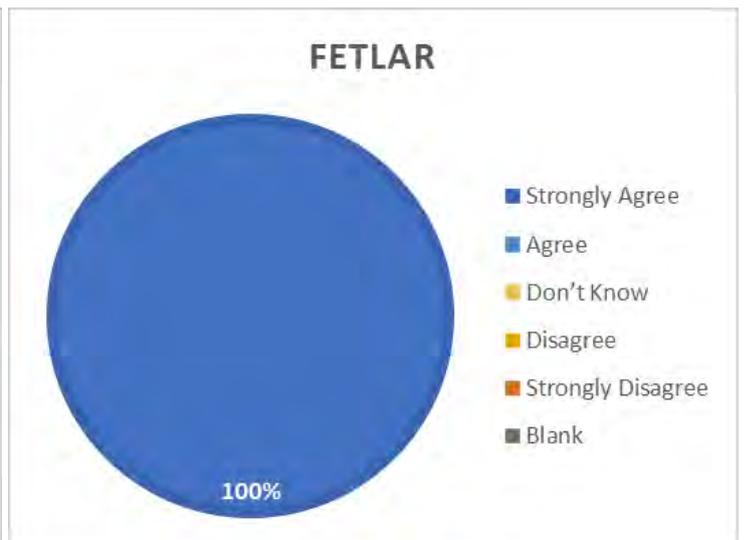
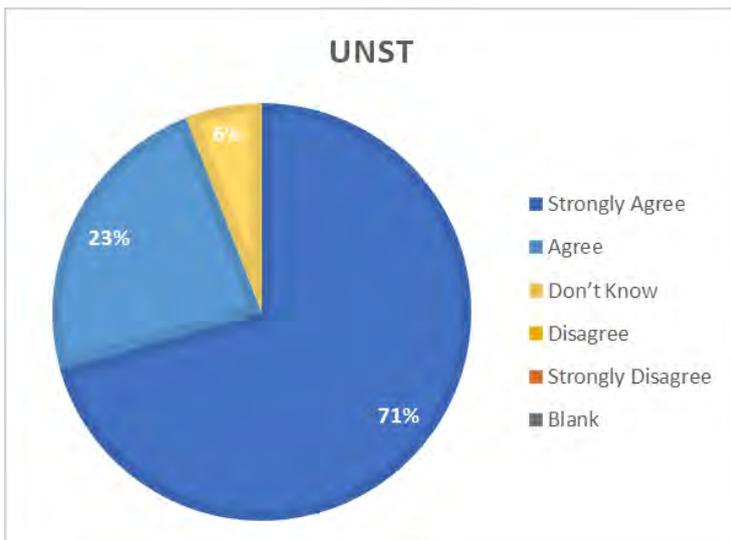
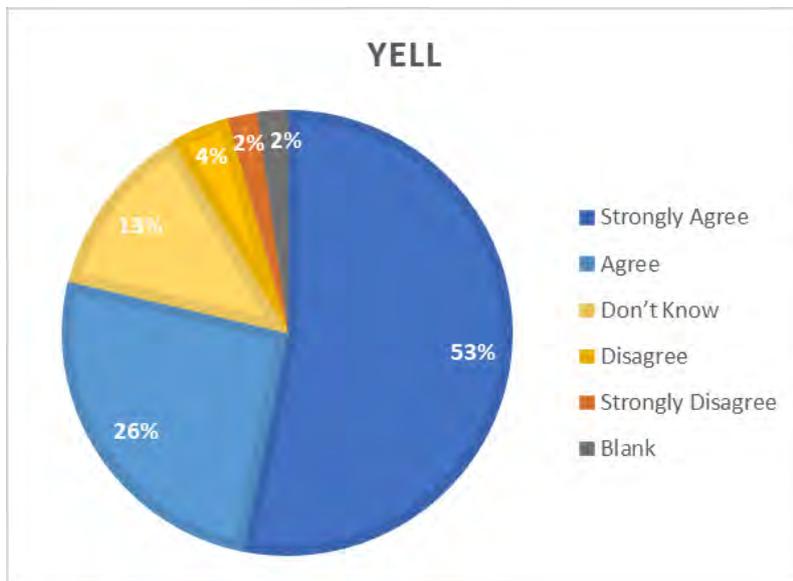
With uncertainty over energy prices do you consider the generation of energy from renewables on the island important in helping to build a sustainable future for Shetland?





Answers to quantitative Q3 by island:

	YELL	UNST	FETLAR
Strongly Agree	25	12	1
Agree	12	4	0
Don't Know	6	1	0
Disagree	2	0	0
Strongly Disagree	1	0	0
Blank	1	0	0



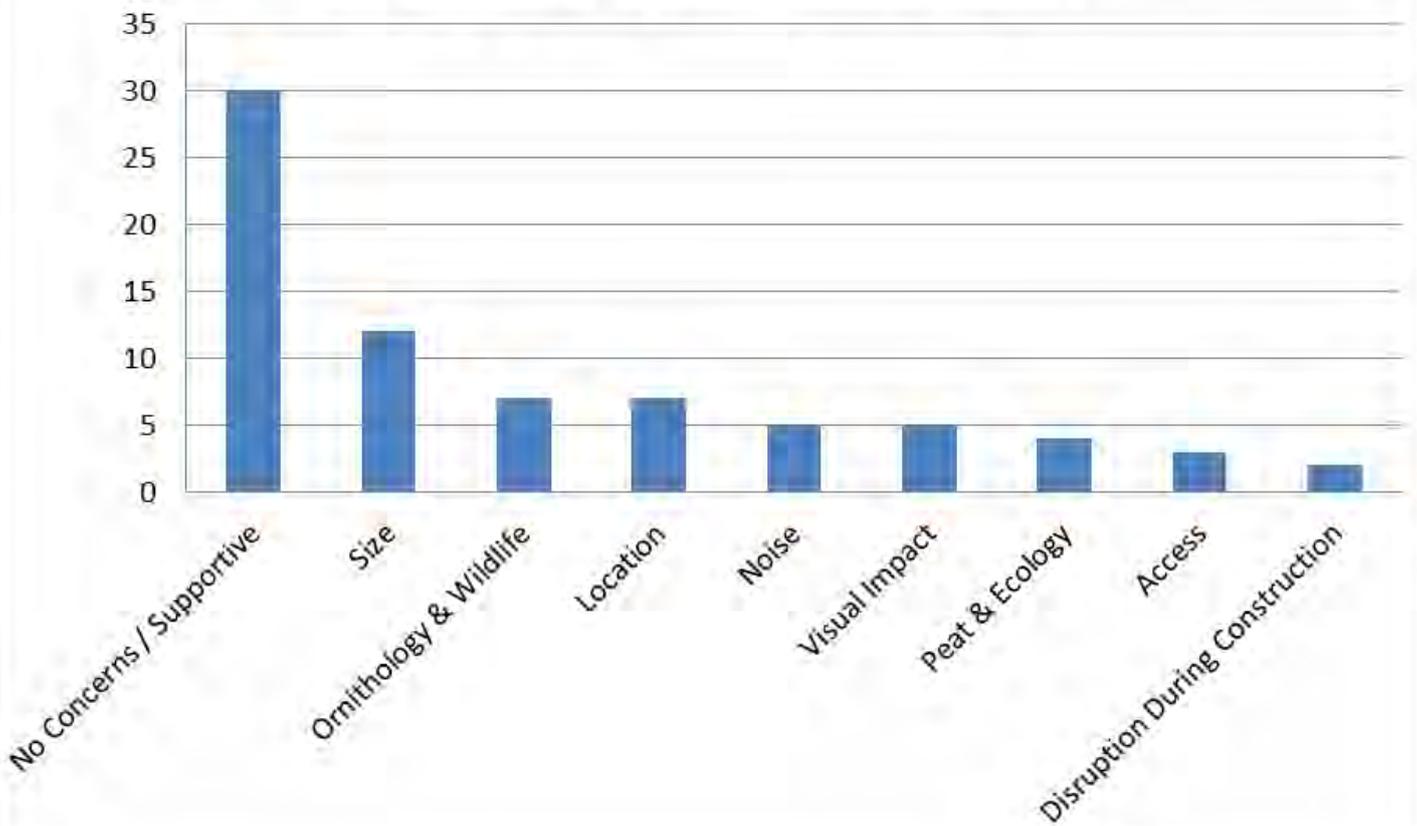
In addition, three qualitative questions were also asked on the comment cards. The answers to these three questions were then grouped into key themes, weighted by how often comments were made under this that related to each theme, and with notes to help interpret the data. These key themes will be addressed by the Project Team taking the development forward. The results of these questions are laid out in the tables and graphs below.

1. Do you have any feedback on the initial design of the Energy Isles Wind Farm?

Theme	Number of comments on theme	Notes
No concerns / supportive	30	30 people said that they had no concerns and/or supported the project as presented. Broken down by island as follows: Yell – 20, Unst – 9, Fetlar – 1
Size	12	12 people raised concerns about the size of the project as presented. Some were concerned about size of turbines, some about number of turbines, and some about both. Broken down by island as follows: Yell – 11, Unst – 1, Fetlar – 0
Ornithology and Wildlife	7	7 people raised concerns about birds, wildlife and plantlife on site. Broken down by island as follows: Yell – 7, Unst – 0, Fetlar – 0
Location	7	4 people raised concerns about the location, specifically how close the site will be to homes. 2 people commented that they want a wind farm in Unst. 1 person said they thought the location was well suited. Broken down by island as follows: Yell – 5, Unst – 2, Fetlar – 0
Noise	5	3 people raised noise as a concern and 2 people asked for more information on noise impacts. Broken down by island as follows: Yell – 5, Unst – 0, Fetlar – 0
Visual Impact	5	2 people said they thought the wind farm would be detrimental to views and 3 people said they thought it would be positive for views. Broken down by island as follows: Yell – 5, Unst – 0, Fetlar – 0
Peat and Ecology	4	3 people raised peat and ecology as a concern and 1 person asked for more information on how this will be handled. Broken down by island as follows: Yell – 4, Unst – 0, Fetlar – 0
Access	3	3 people commented that they would they were concerned about accessing the site, both during construction and after, and would like open access. Broken down by island as follows: Yell – 3, Unst – 0, Fetlar – 0
Disruption during construction	2	2 people asked for more information on likely disruption during construction period. Broken down by island as follows: Yell – 1, Unst – 1, Fetlar – 0



Do you have any feedback on the initial design of the Energy Isles Wind Farm?



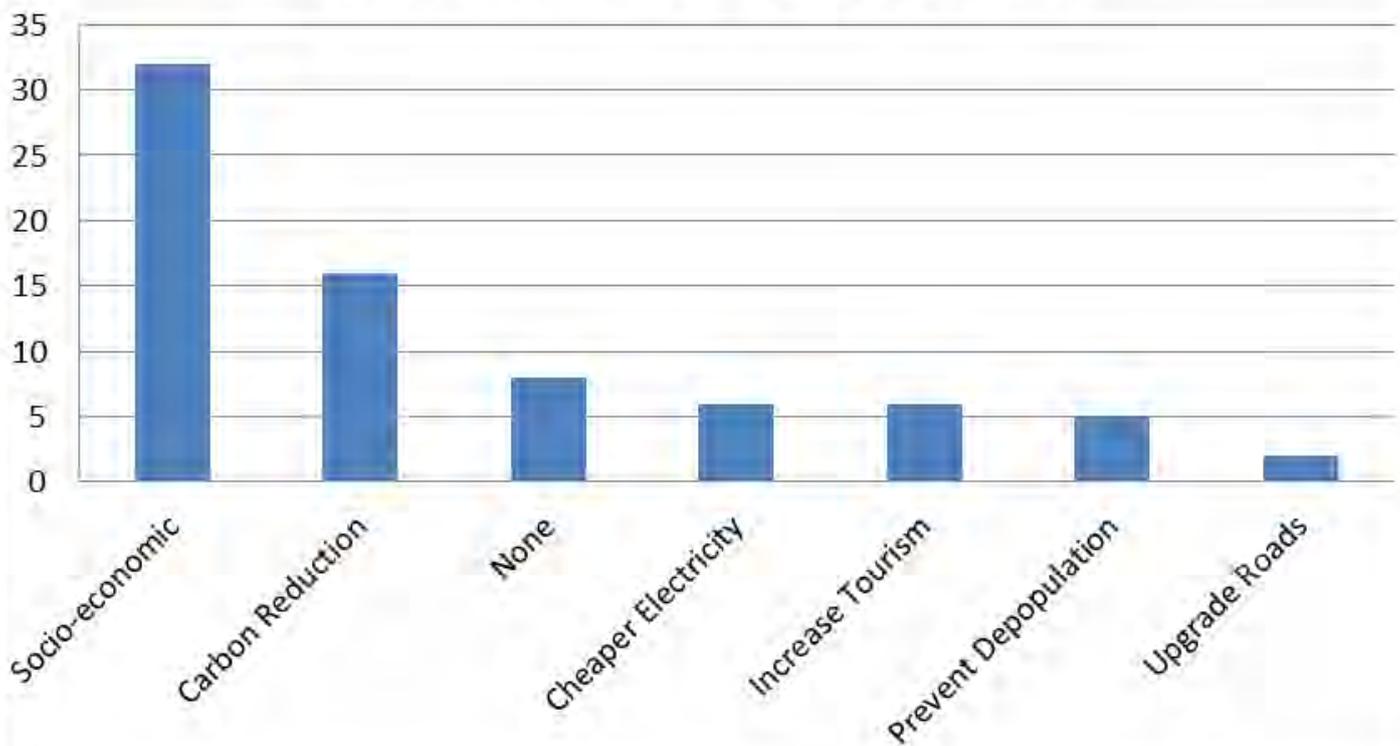


2. What environmental, economic and community benefits do you think will come from building this wind farm?

Theme	Number of comments on theme	Notes
Socio-economic (jobs, benefit to business)	32	32 people commented that they believed the proposed wind farm would provide socio-economic benefits to Yell, the North Isles and Shetland generally. Broken down by island as follows: Yell – 24, Unst – 7, Fetlar – 1
Carbon reduction	16	16 people commented that they believed the proposed wind farm would reduce Shetland’s carbon footprint and/or benefit the community by producing clean energy. Broken down by island as follows: Yell – 10, Unst – 6, Fetlar – 0
None	8	7 people said that there would be no benefits or that the benefits would not be proportionate to the downsides. 1 person said they couldn’t comment on likely benefit without more information. Broken down by island as follows: Yell – 7, Unst – 1, Fetlar – 0
Cheaper electricity	6	6 people commented that they would like to see cheaper electricity as a result of the proposed wind farm. Broken down by island as follows: Yell – 4, Unst – 2, Fetlar – 0
Increase tourism	6	3 people commented that they believed the proposed wind farm could be a tourist draw. 3 people requested public access paths as part of the design, for local people and to bring in tourism. Broken down by island as follows: Yell – 5, Unst - 1, Fetlar – 0
Prevent depopulation	5	5 people commented that they believed the proposed wind farm would help to prevent depopulation in the North Isles. Broken down by island as follows: Yell – 4, Unst – 1, Fetlar – 0
Upgrade roads	2	2 people commented that they believed the proposed wind farm would result in upgrades to public roads. Broken down by island as follows: Yell - 2, Unst – 0, Fetlar – 0



What environmental, economic and community benefits do you think will come from building this wind farm?



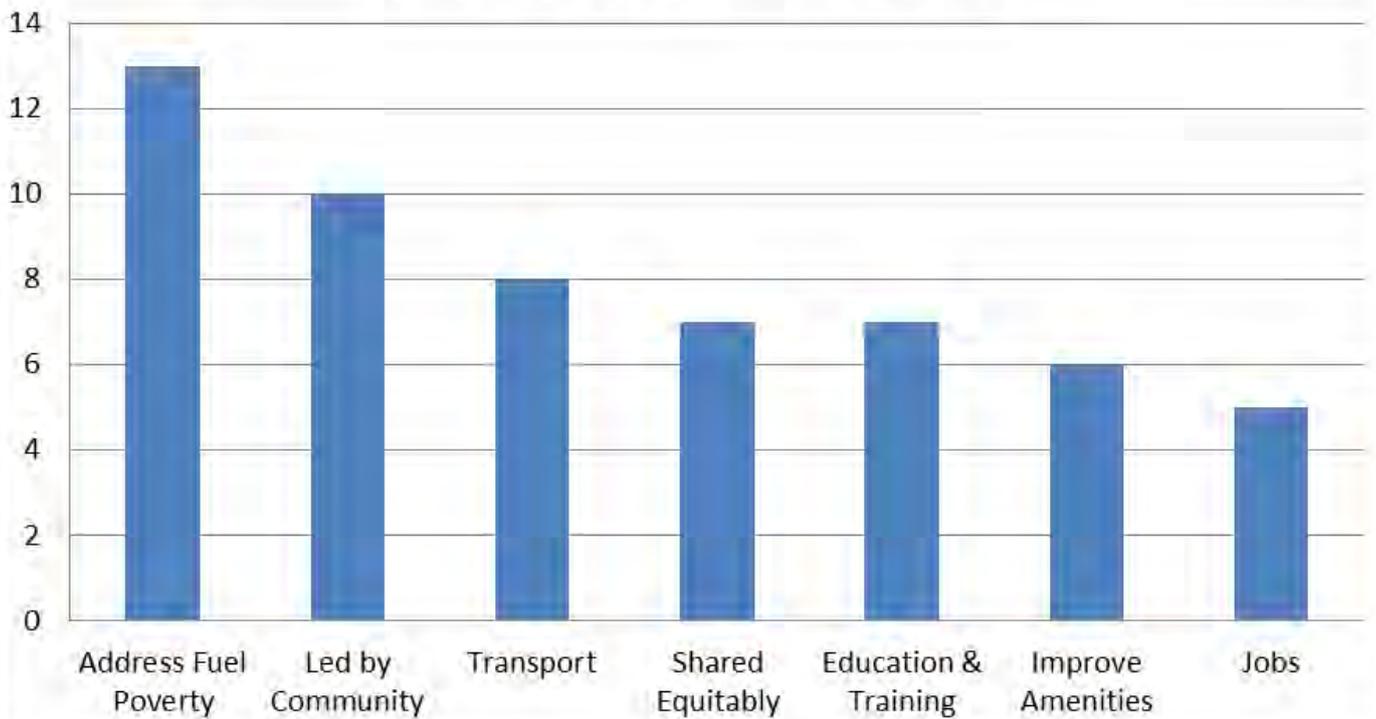


3. Do you have any suggestions as to how the proposed community fund should be used to benefit local communities?

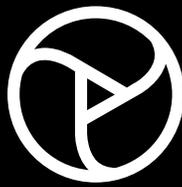
Theme	Number of comments on theme	Notes
Address fuel poverty	13	7 people said they would like to see the community fund used to address fuel poverty generally. 6 people said they would like to see the community fund used to make electricity bills cheaper. Broken down by island as follows: Yell – 11,, Unst – 2, Fetlar – 0
Must be led by the community	10	10 people said it was crucial that the community fund was led by the community and not the developer. Broken down by island as follows: Yell – 9, Unst – 1, Fetlar – 0
Transport	8	7 people said they wanted to see the community fund put towards an investment in fixed links to the islands. 1 person said they wanted to see the community fund used to subsidise travel costs to the islands. Broken down by island as follows: Yell – 5, Unst – 3, Fetlar – 0
Must be shared equitably	7	7 people said the community fund would have to be managed in a way that is fair and benefits everyone in the community. Broken down by island as follows: Yell – 7, Unst – 0, Fetlar – 0
Education and training	7	7 people said they wanted to see the community fund put towards improving education and training opportunities. Broken down by island as follows: Yell – 4, Unst – 2, Fetlar – 1
Improve amenities	6	6 people said they wanted to see the community fund used to improve amenities such as roads, public buildings, and tourist attractions. Broken down by island as follows: Yell – 5, Unst – 1, Fetlar – 0
Jobs	5	5 people said they wanted the community fund to be used to create new job posts in the islands. Broken down by island as follows: Yell - 4, Unst – 1, Fetlar – 0



Do you have any suggestions as to how the proposed community fund should be used to benefit local communities?



Appendix 10 - Shetland Times Advert – February 2019



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Public Exhibitions

Energy Isles invites local residents to view proposals for a wind farm on a site located approximately 1.5km west of Cullivoe and 1.1km south of Gloup, Yell.

Details of each of the events to be held are as follows:

TUESDAY 5TH FEBRUARY

10.00am - 2.00pm | Sellafirth Hall
YELL

TUESDAY 5TH FEBRUARY

4.00pm - 7.30pm | Baltasound Hall
UNST

WEDNESDAY 6TH FEBRUARY

4.00pm - 7.30pm | Cullivoe Hall
YELL

The exhibitions provide an opportunity to meet members of the project team who will be available to answer questions and provide any additional information or clarification as required.

Any persons requiring further information or wishing to make comments on the draft proposals prior to the formal submission of the Section 36 application to Scottish Ministers may do so by writing directly to **Energy Isles Ltd, 10 Charlotte Street, Lerwick, ZE1 0JL** or by email to info@energyisles.co.uk.

Please note, comments made at this time do not constitute representations to Scottish Ministers. A further opportunity to make representations to Scottish Ministers will be available following formal submission of the Section 36 application.

This consultation is undertaken in accordance with Section 36 of the Electricity Act (Scotland) 1989.

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Appendix 11 - Exhibition Poster – February 2019



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SHETLAND**

You are invited to attend our
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YELL

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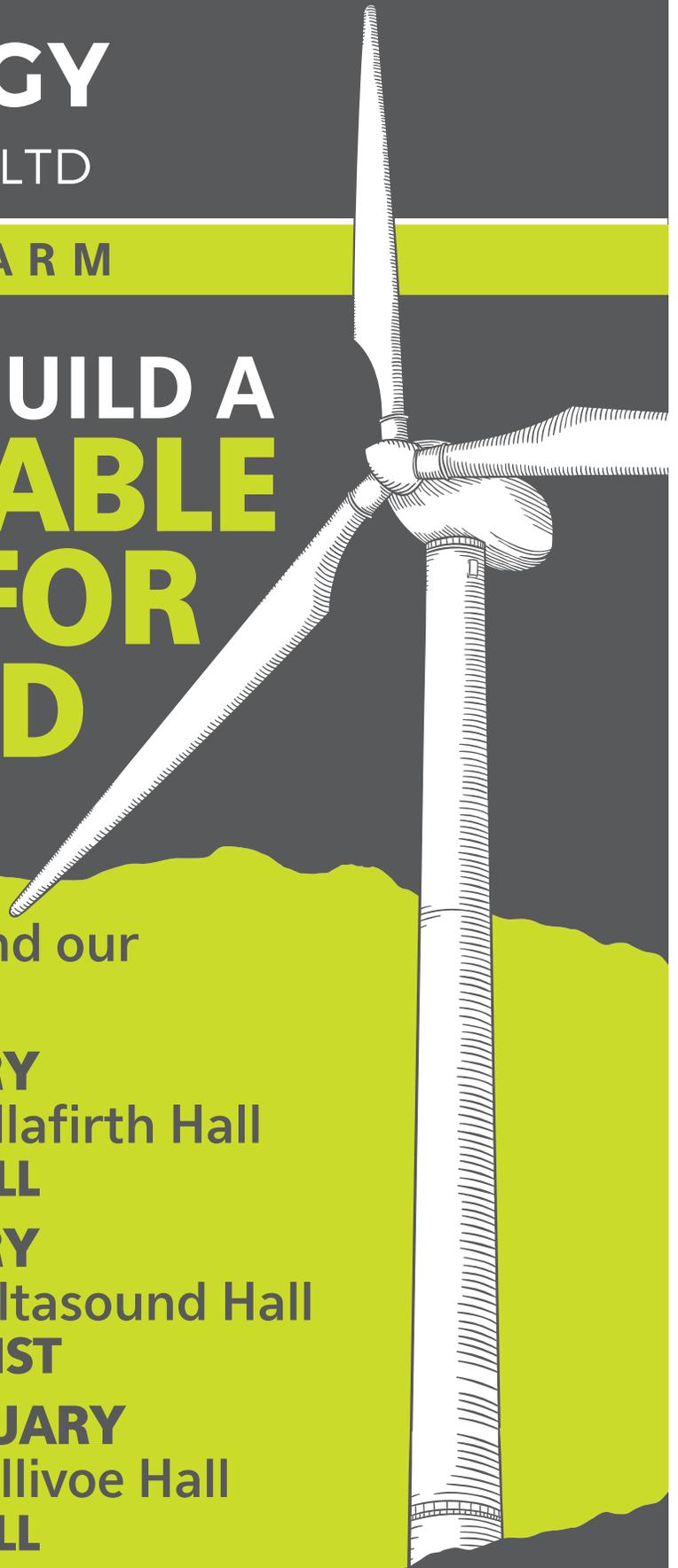
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Appendix 12 - Newsletter - February 2019



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NEWSLETTER February 2019

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CREATING JOBS BOOSTING ECONOMIES

Energy Isles is pleased to be a founder member of the new initiative, the Shetland Renewable Development Network; a forum for the Shetland supply chain and developers to interact, improve communication, maximise opportunities, accelerate competitiveness, improve skills and create employment.

Although our 29-turbine wind farm project is still at an early stage of development it can never be too early to start communicating information to the local supply chain. We are estimating that the Energy Isles project will generate at least £19.9 million for local businesses during the construction phase and support at least 12 jobs in Shetland each year during the operation and maintenance of the wind farm.

Last November Energy Isles participated in the Renewable Energy Industry Showcase held in Lerwick and on **Wednesday, 6th February** we are holding a **Supply Chain Drop-in Session at the Cullivoe Hall**. This is a chance for local businesses to meet with Barry Maher, our Construction Manager, and explore with him the many opportunities available during the construction and operation of the proposed wind farm.

If you would like a timed appointment, please contact us at:

10 Charlotte Street | Lerwick | Shetland | ZE1 0JL

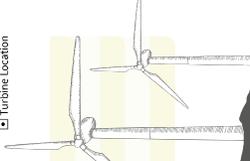
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Turbine Location

CURRENT FACTS AND STATS

Number of Turbines	29
Turbine Tip Height	Up to 200 metres
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Location	North Yell
Energy Generation	145-200MWh



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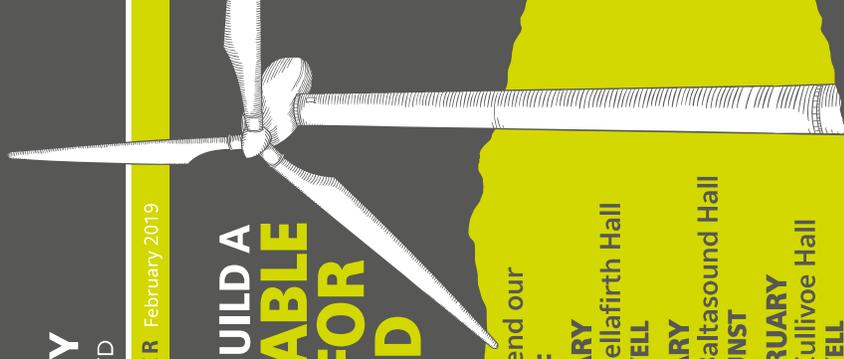
WEDNESDAY 6TH FEBRUARY

4.00pm - 7.30pm | Cullivoe Hall | YELL

To register your interest go to:
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Energy Isles Ltd is a consortium of over fifty mainly Shetland-based companies working together to develop a plan for a wind farm in the north of Yell. Companies in the group come from a wide variety of existing sectors including fishing, aquaculture, crofting, marine engineering, renewable energy and support services. Several are based in the North Isles.

In this second newsletter, we will update you on the progress of the project and provide details of the final turbine layout that will be submitted as part of the planning application to the Scottish Government's Energy Consents Unit in the spring.

We would also like to invite you to attend our second round of exhibitions, where you will be able to see how the project design has evolved from the initial stages through to the layout.

To assist your understanding of the proposal we have produced a 3D computer visualisation so that you can see the visibility of the planned wind farm from nearby areas and what it will look like from different viewpoints.

The 3D computer visualisation will be available at each of the February exhibitions where you will also have the opportunity to speak to the Energy Isles Project Team and ask them any questions you may have.

ABOUT THE PROPOSAL

The Energy Isles location was identified as a suitable wind farm site for a number of different reasons, including its high wind speeds, distance from properties and limited visibility to sensitive viewpoints.

Since the original scope of the development in 2014, detailed design and survey work has been ongoing which has resulted in a significant reduction in the number of turbines from 63 to 29.

The current 29-turbine design has been assessed as appropriate for the site following the results of environmental survey work, analysis of technical constraints and feedback from the ongoing consultation with the community and other stakeholders.

DO WE NEED ANOTHER WIND FARM?

Climate change is a ticking time bomb, threatening our way of life on earth over the coming centuries. Left unchecked, it is projected to cause severe damage to our environment, economy and people.

Since publishing our first newsletter in June 2018 the predicted speed and impacts of climate change have been revised, indeed, temperatures in Scotland are predicted to rise by up to 4°C by the end of this century, with consequences including milder and wetter winters, hotter and drier summers, more extreme weather events and rising sea levels.

Renewable energy is one of the most effective tools we have in the fight against climate change. The cost of generating wind power is already cheaper than continuing to operate old, inefficient and dirty fossil fuel or nuclear power plants. Consequently, its use benefits both the consumer and the planet.

ENERGY ISLES COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP (CLG)

We want this unique development to have a positive and lasting impact on all those who live and work in the North Isles and Shetland. Therefore, in April 2018 we established the Energy Isles Wind Farm Community Liaison Group with members of the Yell, Unst and Fetlar Community Councils. The group met three times in 2018, and these regular meetings will continue throughout the lifetime of the development.

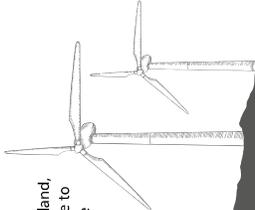
The Liaison Group provides a forum where local community representatives can feedback your valued opinions on all aspects of the project and receive updates on the proposed development.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

The wind farm would have an installed capacity of between 145 – 200MWs and provide community benefit funding of £5,000 per MW. This suggests that the annual contribution of the fund to community projects would be between £700,000 and £1 million each year, equating to at least £17.5 million over the lifetime of the wind farm.

In consultation with the CLG we are inviting Community Councilors to a Community Benefit Workshop in Yell in February. The workshop is being led by Foundation Scotland, an independent charity that provides support and advice to local communities on how to achieve lasting and positive impacts through strategic grant making.

We believe the Energy Isles Fund could create a legacy that will outlast the turbines by improving opportunities available to people in the North Isles.



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Appendix 13 - Comment Card - February 2019



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YOUR OPINION COUNTS

In response to the feedback we received on the initial wind farm design presented at our public exhibition in June 2018, Energy Isles has modified the final design to include the removal of 21 wind turbines. The new layout reduces the impact on peat, nesting birds and the visual impact from key receptors.

1 Did you attend the last Energy Isles Wind Farm exhibition?

 YES NO

2 Do you consider the design modification to be a positive or negative change?

 YES, this is an improvement

Please explain why:

 NO, this is not an improvement

3 Which of the following best describes your views on the Energy Isles Wind Farm?

 I am neither supportive nor unsupportive I am strongly supportive I am opposed I am supportive I am strongly opposed

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4 Do you have any suggestions about how the proposed community benefit fund should be used to benefit the local community?

Please use this space to provide any other feedback on the development:

If you would like to be kept informed on the progress of the proposed development or understand further how to make a formal representation on the scheme to the Scottish Government, please provide us with your contact details and we will circulate information on how you can do so once the application has been submitted:

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ Postcode: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Please return this form to a member of the team or place in the box provided.

Should you have any questions, please get in touch at: Energy Isles Ltd
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Appendix 14 - Exhibition Panels - February 2019



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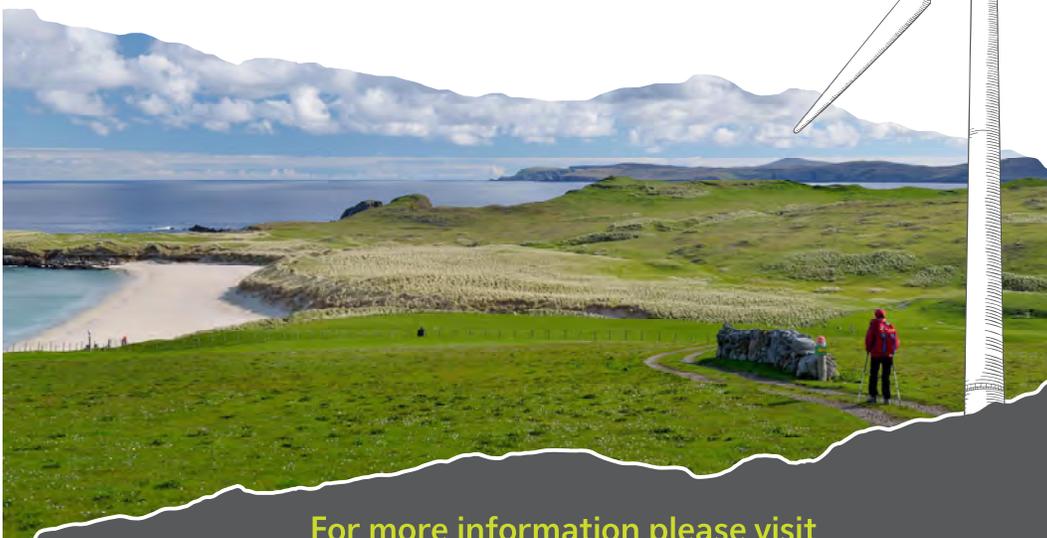
WELCOME

A warm welcome from Energy Isles to this exhibition which is designed to update you on the progress of the Energy Isles Wind Farm.

Members of the Energy Isles Team are on hand to answer any questions you may have, so please do feel free to ask.

Energy Isles Ltd is a consortium of over fifty mainly Shetland-based companies working together to develop a plan for a wind farm in the north of Yell. Companies in the group come from a wide variety of existing sectors including fishing, aquaculture, crofting, marine engineering, renewable energy and support services. Several are based in the North Isles.

Energy Isles was created to develop a plan for a large-scale wind farm in the north of Yell. We have a strong desire to ensure that the considerable benefits of additional renewables developments in Shetland are enjoyed locally and we believe that responsible development involves consulting widely with our local communities.



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ABOUT THE PROPOSAL



● Turbine Location

CURRENT FACTS AND STATS

Number of Turbines	29
Turbine Tip Height	Up to 200 mtrs
Lifespan of Wind Farm	30 years
Location	North Yell
Energy Generation	145-200 MWs

The location for the Energy Isles wind farm has been selected for the following key reasons:

- ▶ **Great wind speeds;**
- ▶ **A rare opportunity to diversify and develop our local economy;**
- ▶ **To contribute to Shetland's energy mix.**

In 2017 we asked the Energy Consents Unit for their formal opinion on the information we would need to supply in our Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR).

We are now in the final stages of preparing our EIAR which will be submitted with our planning application in the spring.

The Energy Isles Wind Farm has continued to evolve as the survey work has progressed. By considering the results of our environmental surveys, technical constraints and feedback from community consultation, the final design of the Energy Isles Wind Farm not only ensures high efficiency but has allowed us to more than halve the number of turbines originally envisaged without reducing output. Therefore, the final design is 29 turbines each with a tip height of up to 200 m, rather than the initial scoping layout of 63 turbines.

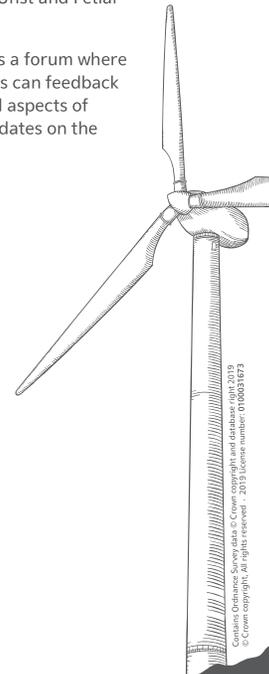
Further information on how this has been achieved can be found in the fact sheets available at this exhibition.

IN TOUCH WITH COMMUNITIES

Energy Isles wants this unique development to have a positive and lasting impact on those who live and work in the North Isles and across Shetland.

Therefore, we have established the Energy Isles Wind Farm Community Liaison Group with members of the Yell, Unst and Fetlar Community Councils.

The Liaison Group provides a forum where community representatives can feedback your valued opinions on all aspects of the project and receive updates on the proposed development.



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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) has been undertaken by specialist environmental and technical consultants. This is a process which identifies and assesses the likely significant effects of the development and which has informed the design of the wind farm from an environmental perspective.

The results and findings of the EIA are detailed in an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) which will be submitted with the planning application.

We have assessed the potential effects of the development on the following environmental topics:

- ▶ **Landscape and Visual Effects;**
- ▶ **Ecology;**
- ▶ **Ornithology;**
- ▶ **Noise;**
- ▶ **Hydrology, Hydrogeology and Soils;**
- ▶ **Cultural Heritage;**
- ▶ **Transport and Access;**
- ▶ **Socio-economics and Recreation; and**
- ▶ **Infrastructure, Aviation and Safety.**

For further information on the key findings of the surveys please speak to a member of the Energy Isles Team, or see the fact sheets available at this exhibition.

DESIGN EVOLUTION

The original scoping layout of 63 turbines was a desk-based exercise, arranged using standard turbine spacing within the land available and taking account of known basic hydrology, topography and wind data constraints.



● Turbine Location

50 TURBINE LAYOUT

The first iteration was made after initial environmental studies had been undertaken between 2014 and 2017. This design had 50 turbines and was presented at our first round of exhibitions in 2018.

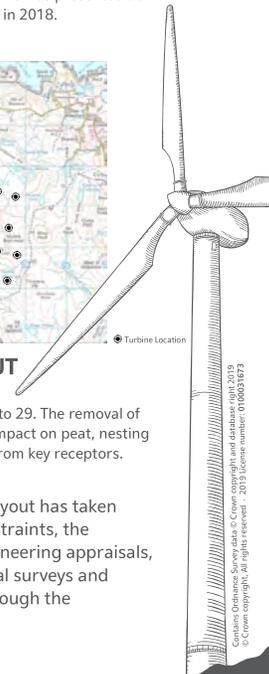


● Turbine Location

29 TURBINE LAYOUT

This layout has reduced the number of turbines from 50 to 29. The removal of these turbines reduces the impact on peat, nesting birds and the visual impact from key receptors.

The proposed 29 turbine layout has taken account of the on-site constraints, the detailed technical and engineering appraisals, the extensive environmental surveys and the comments received through the consultation process.



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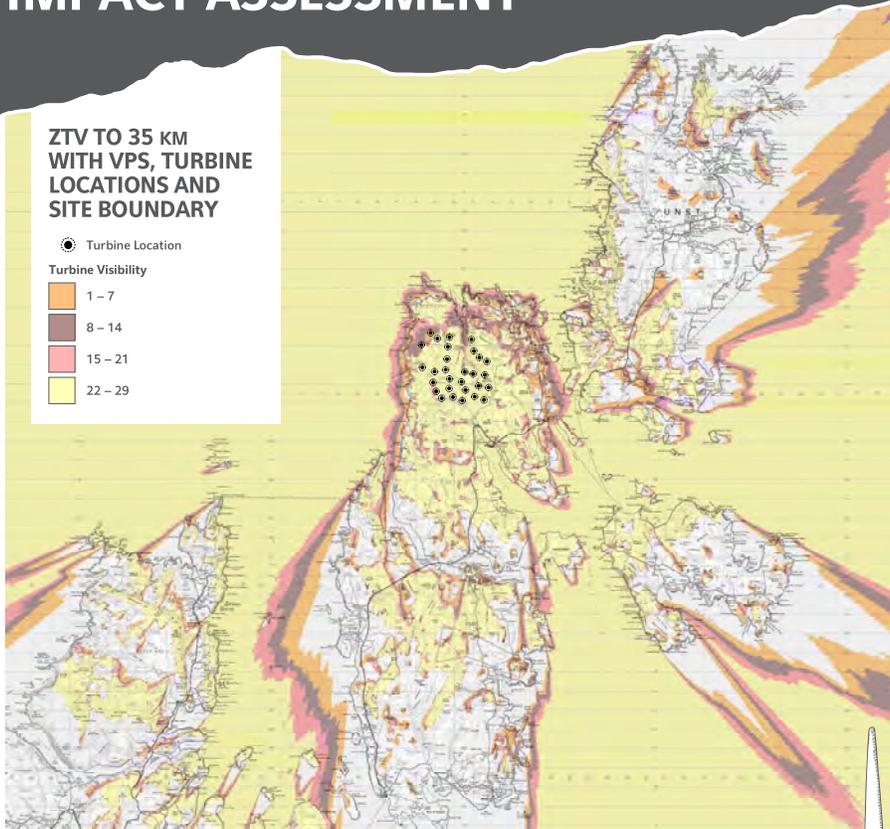
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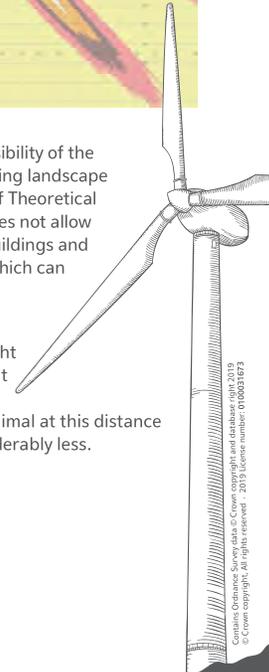
LANDSCAPE AND VISUAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT



A full landscape and visual impact assessment based upon a selection of key viewpoints was agreed with Shetland Island Council and Scottish Natural Heritage and supports the planning application.

The maximum potential visibility of the wind farm in the surrounding landscape is illustrated by the Zone of Theoretical Visibility (ZTV). The ZTV does not allow for the consideration of buildings and other vertical structures which can obscure actual visibility on the ground.

So, whilst a wind farm might be 'theoretically visible' out to 35 km and beyond, in practice, the impact is minimal at this distance and, in fact, may be considerably less.



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CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENERGY SECURITY

OUR FUTURES ARE AT STAKE

Since the dawn of industry, we have been using oil, coal and gas to provide us with the power we need to thrive and prosper. As a result, we are now facing the biggest environmental challenge of all time - global warming.

Around the world sea levels are rising, landscapes are changing, and whole species are disappearing. The seas around Scotland have warmed by up to 1°C over the last 20 years. Warmer seas have prompted changes in the composition, abundance and distribution of a number of marine species, including plankton, fish, sea birds, whales, mammals, dolphins and porpoise.

Here in Shetland, we see the effects of climate change on our native species and more frequent severe weather incidents causing disruption to normal services.

We cannot continue releasing carbon into the atmosphere. Not just because it contributes to the rise in temperature, but because our ever-increasing demand for energy is rapidly diminishing finite stocks.

Fortunately, we have the technologies to replace fossil fuels with sustainable energy systems based on the efficient use of renewable energy. Renewable energy is harnessed from limitless natural sources - our sun, our wind and our water provide clean, natural alternatives.

ONSHORE WIND

As the most well-established and cost-effective source of renewable energy, onshore wind is expected to continue making an affordable, clean and significant contribution to the UK's energy mix.

Shetland has a world-class wind resource, and is well placed to help the UK and Scotland deliver on its targets.

SECURITY OF SUPPLY

As the world's indigenous sources of fossil fuels are depleted, energy security becomes an increasingly important consideration due to the vagaries of global politics and the rise of energy prices on the world market.

By investing in renewable energy solutions Shetland has the opportunity to continue to export energy using our natural resources.



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THE LOCAL ECONOMY, EMPLOYMENT AND BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

CREATING JOBS, BOOSTING ECONOMIES

The renewable energy sector in Scotland is now a significant contributor to the local, regional and national economy. If the Energy Isles Wind Farm is consented, there are very clear economic and industrial benefits to be delivered during the construction and operational phases of the project and we will invite local companies to tender for contracts.

We will work hard to procure a range of local services from construction companies, drainage contractors, concrete suppliers, metal fabricators, plant hire, cleaning, waste management, security, fencing contractors and catering and accommodation suppliers.

There will also be operational and maintenance jobs during the lifetime of the wind farm that could draw on the renewable expertise that is building in Shetland and throughout Scotland.

By using the local workforce where possible, the development can have a direct and positive effect on the local economy.

Companies can register their interest by submitting their information at:
www.energyisles.co.uk/suppliers

SHETLAND RENEWABLE DEVELOPMENT NETWORK

Energy Isles is pleased to be a part of the recently established Shetland Renewable Development Network initiative. Although our 29-turbine wind farm project is still at an early stage of development it can never be too early to start communicating information to the local supply chain businesses. We are estimating that the wind farm will generate no less than £19.9 million for local businesses during the construction phase and support as a minimum 12 jobs in Shetland during each year of operation.

During this second round of exhibitions we have invited local businesses to a Supply Chain Drop-in Session in the Cullivoe Hall to meet with our Construction Manager and explore the many opportunities available during the construction and operation of the proposed wind farm.

ENERGY ISLES WIND FARM

By creating new employment opportunities, commercial openings for local businesses and providing substantial funding for projects that could help transform the facilities that local people are able to enjoy for decades to come; the Energy Isles Wind Farm has great potential to make a really positive impact in the local area.



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LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

In consultation with the local Community Liaison Group, Energy Isles will establish a dedicated Fund for the Energy Isles Wind Farm.

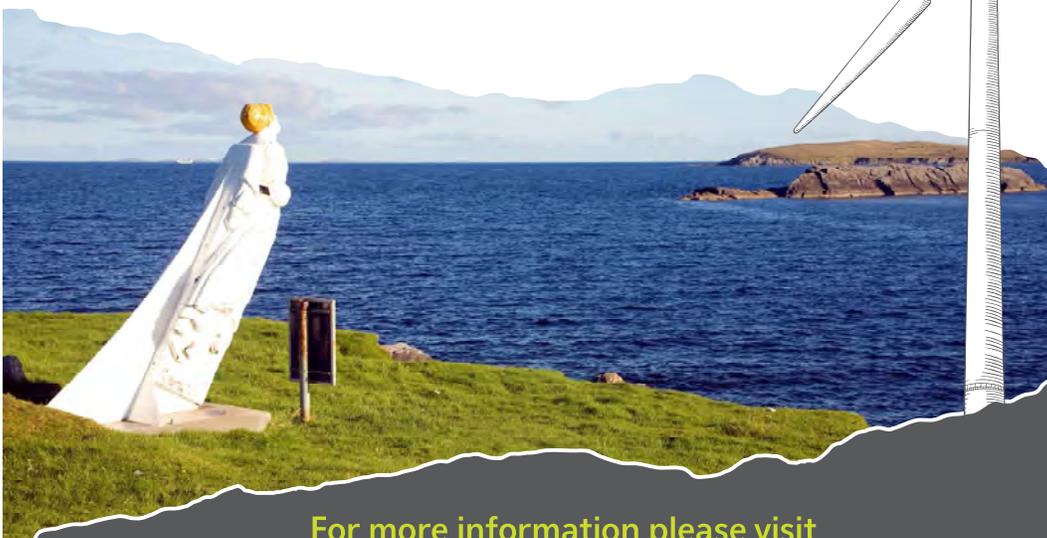
The proposed wind farm would have an installed capacity of between 145-200MWs and provide community benefit funding of £5,000 per MW. This suggests that the annual contribution of the fund to community projects would be between £700,000 and £1 million each year, equating to at least £17.5 million over the lifetime of the wind farm.

THE WAY FORWARD

We are actively encouraging people to let us know their views on this proposal. We invited Foundation Scotland (an independent charity that provides support and advice to local communities on how to achieve lasting and positive impacts through strategic grant making) to meet with North Isles Community Councils to begin the process of identifying: -

- ▶ **The challenges and opportunities facing your communities in the next 5-25 years?**
- ▶ **What is already in place to help meet these challenges and opportunities?**
- ▶ **How community benefit might assist in building your communities to be more sustainable?**

We believe that such a fund would be a rare opportunity to invest in your community and create a legacy that will outlast the turbines. Investment in the natural, built and cultural heritage of the islands will enhance the quality of life for local people and visitors and provide a catalyst to allow the advancement of further job creation and business opportunities.



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PHOTOMONTAGES

A photomontage is a visualisation which superimposes an image of a proposed development upon a photograph or series of photographs. The photomontages below are for illustrative purpose only. To review the day time and night time photomontages at the correct scale please see paper copies.

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YOUR VIEWS ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO US

Please register your comments by handing your completed feedback form to one of the Energy Isles team or place in the box by the door.

Thank you for taking the time to attend today's public exhibition.

If you would like to be kept informed on the progress of the Energy Isles Wind Farm development and the Section 36 planning application please do so by writing to **Energy Isles Ltd, 10 Charlotte Street, Lerwick, ZE1 0JL** or by email to **info@energyisles.co.uk**.

Please note, comments made at this time do not constitute representations to Scottish Ministers. A further opportunity to make representations to Scottish Ministers will be available following formal submission of the Section 36 application.

This consultation is undertaken in accordance with Section 36 of the Electricity Act (Scotland)1989.



For more information please visit www.energyisles.co.uk

Appendix 15 - Photographs of Public Exhibition - February 2019





Appendix 16 - Supplier Day Registration Form - February 2019



Supplier Registration

Energy Isles has a strong desire to ensure that the considerable benefits of additional renewables developments in Shetland are enjoyed locally and is committed to ensuring that local businesses benefit as much as possible from our proposed development.

We are committed to work in partnership with local business networks and the local authority to share best practice and ensure work to promote the local supply chain.

Contract and Business Opportunities will include:

- Landscaping
- Plant and Machinery
- Drainage
- Geotechnical Testing
- Concrete
- Fencing
- Accommodation
- Catering
- Cleaning and Waste Management
- Security

REGISTRATION INFORMATION	
Name	
Address	
Mobile	
Email	
Type of Business	
What type of work are you looking for?	
Any other information or questions?	

Appendix 17 - Supplier Day Invitation – February 2019



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SUPPLIERS DAY INVITATION

You are invited to attend our **SUPPLIERS DAY**
WEDNESDAY 6TH FEBRUARY
12.00pm – 7.30pm
Cullivoe Hall | Yell

Energy Isles would like to invite businesses to attend a Drop-In Session to learn more about contract opportunities that would be available from the construction and operation of the Energy Isles Wind Farm and to get an update on the progress of the scheme.

The event will provide an opportunity for local businesses to meet with Barry Maher, our Construction Manager and the Energy Isles Team working on the development of the project.

Contract and Business Opportunities will include:

- ▶ **Plant and Machinery**
- ▶ **Metal fabrication**
- ▶ **Construction**
- ▶ **Drainage**
- ▶ **Concrete**
- ▶ **Fencing**
- ▶ **Cleaning and waste management**
- ▶ **Catering and accommodation**
- ▶ **Transportation**
- ▶ **Security**

If you would like a timed appointment, please email us at info@energyisles.co.uk or visit www.energyisles.co.uk/suppliers

Appendix 18 - Local Procurement Policy

Energy Isles Local Procurement Policy

Energy Isles was created to develop a plan for a large-scale wind farm in the north of Yell.

Energy Isles has a strong desire to ensure that the considerable benefits of additional renewables developments in Shetland are enjoyed locally and is committed to ensuring that local businesses benefit as much as possible from our development.

Energy Isles will undertake the following actions to support a strong local supply chain, maximising the positive impact of our development in Shetland.

Energy Isles will:

1. Promote general business opportunities and establish contact with local business networks;
2. Maintain an up-to- date Register of Local Businesses;
3. Facilitate meetings between local business and the Energy Isles project team, helping local businesses to understand opportunities and general contracting requirements;
4. Make engagement of local businesses a material consideration for main contractors;
5. Require main contractors to report on local economic impact to enable monitoring and reporting on performance, with general lessons learnt and best practice communicated to the local authority and economic development agencies to help them plan support programmes;
6. Require tenderers to state their actions on apprenticeships and local employment and make this a material consideration of the contracting process;
7. Welcome tenders from local consortia to deliver major contracts;
8. Work in partnership with local business networks and the local authority to share best practice and ensure work to promote the local supply chain is effective.

Typical Balance of Plant work for contractors

- Access: Including new and improved tracks, road improvements, traffic control measures, geo-textiles, road edge markers and plant.
- Crane hardstands: Geo-textiles, geotechnical testing, plant, aggregate and construction materials.
- Site Compound: Service requirements include construction, cleaning, services, water, wireless communications, waste management, removal and security.
- Substation: Building materials, block layers, groundworkers, painters, joiners, lighting, fire protection systems, door manufacturers, palisade fencing, etc.
- Electrical Installation: Cabling and electrical equipment.
- Operation and maintenance. Statutory inspections, alarms, signage, waste management, high voltage maintenance and environmental contractors for habitat monitoring.
- Accommodation and catering for construction phase and operational phase workers.

Appendix 19 - Exhibition Feedback – February 2019

February 2019 EI Public Exhibitions Feedback for CLG

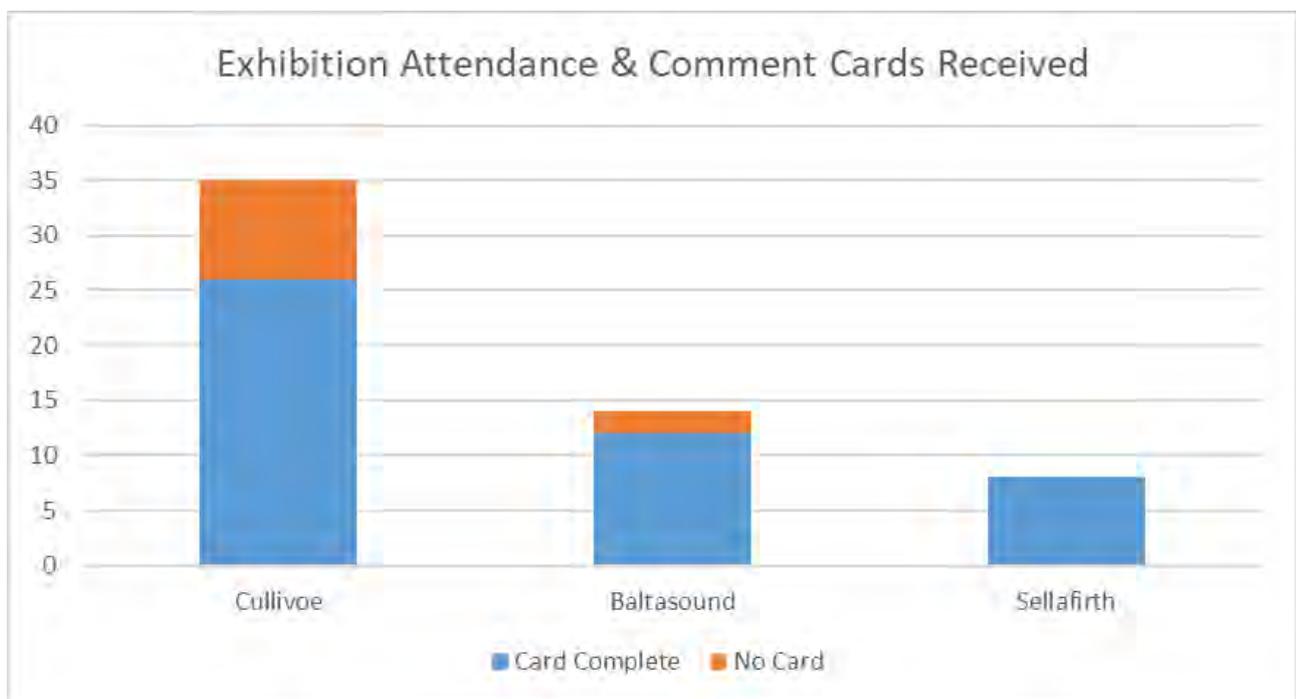
As previously agreed, Energy Isles held the second round of public exhibitions on the following dates at the following locations:

5th February, 10am-2pm	Sellafirth Hall, Yell
5th February, 4pm-7.30pm	Baltasound Hall, Unst
6th February, 12 noon-7.30pm	Cullivoe Hall, Yell (Suppliers Day)
6th February, 4pm-7.30pm	Cullivoe Hall, Yell

These exhibitions were advertised via a newsletter, sent on 18th January 2019 to all households in the Shetland Islands Council (SIC) property list for Yell, Unst and Fetlar. An advert was also placed in The Shetland Times on 25th January, and posters advertising the event which were shared with CLG members and key contacts for display in the North Isles on 18th January 2019.

A **total of 57 people attended** across the three public exhibitions (not including the EI Team), **46 of whom filled out comment cards**. The table and graph below break this down by location.

Exhibition	Attendance	Comment cards received
Cullivoe	35	26
Baltasound	14	12
Sellafirth	8	8

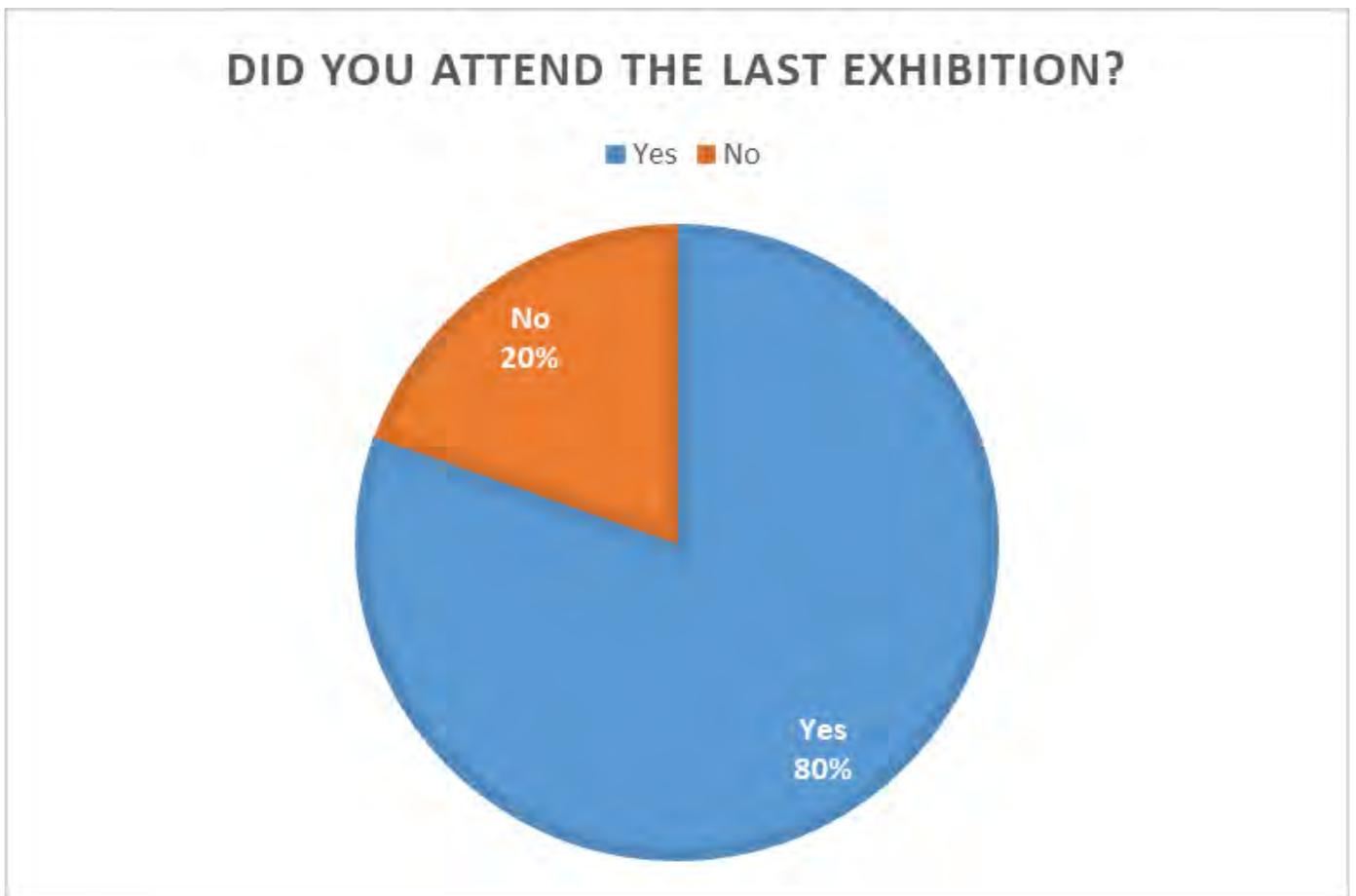




Three quantitative questions were asked on the comment cards and one (Q2) also asked for qualitative reasoning. The results of these are detailed in the tables and graphs below.

1. Did you attend the last exhibition:

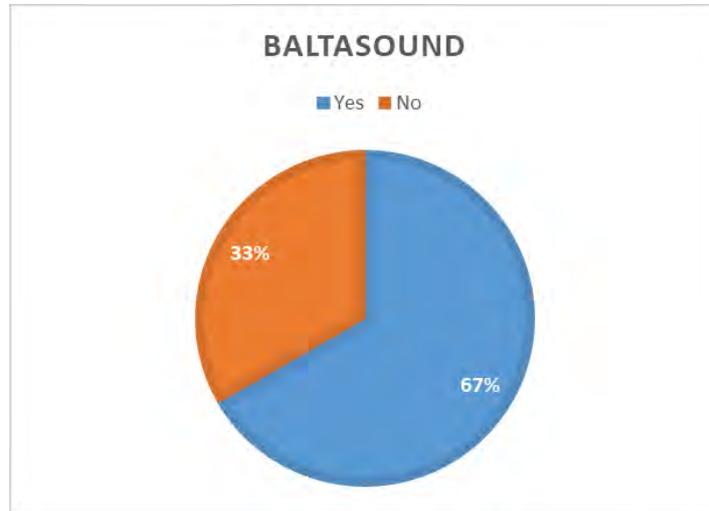
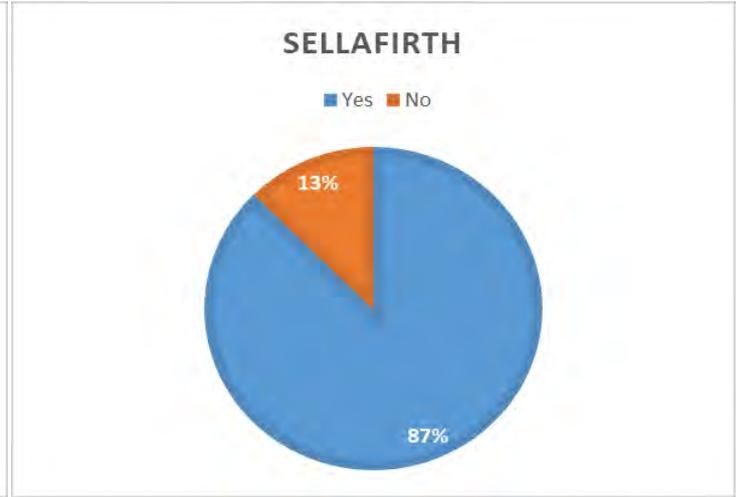
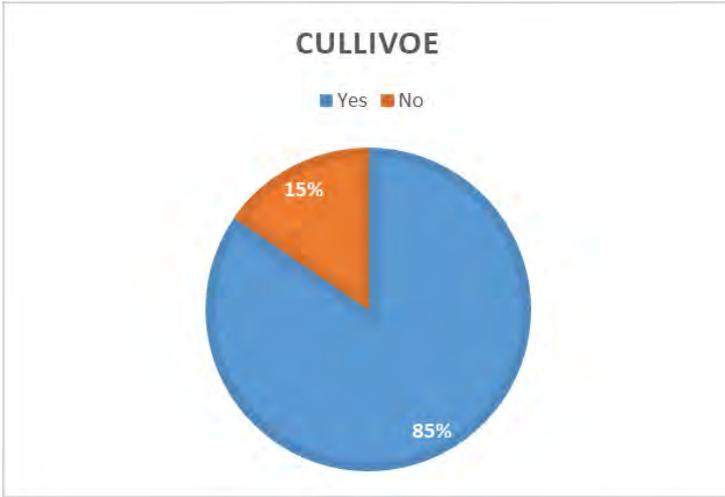
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No	9





Answers to Q1 by exhibition:

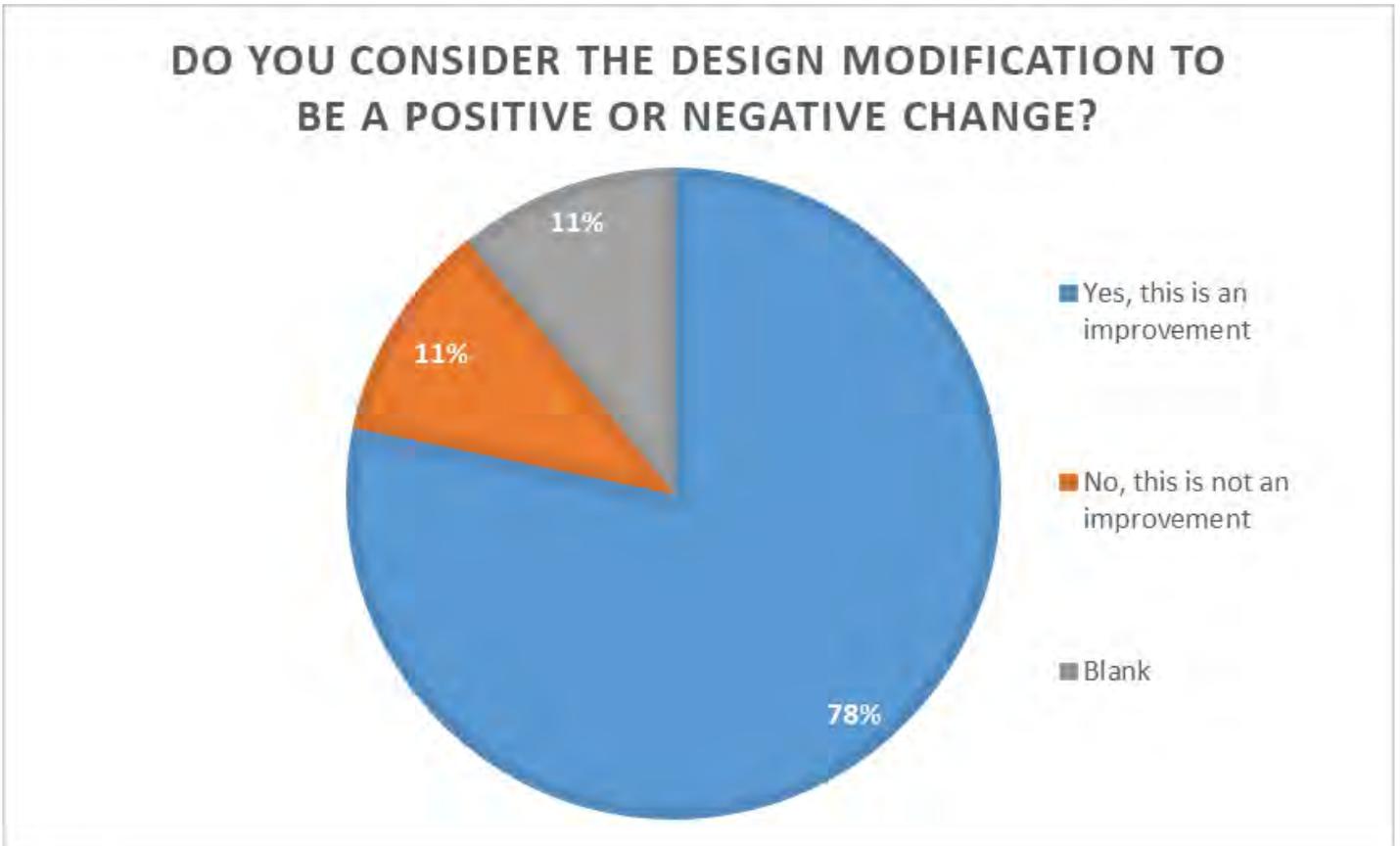
	Sellafirth	Baltasound	Cullivoe
Yes	7	8	22
No	1	4	4





2a. Do you consider the design modification to be a positive or negative change?

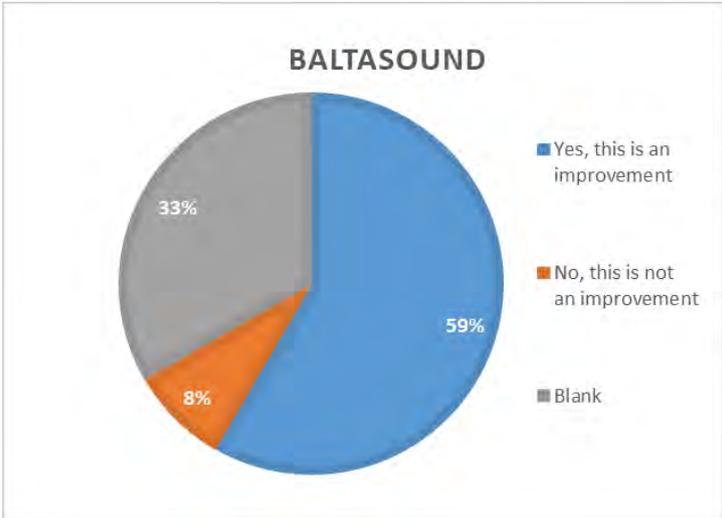
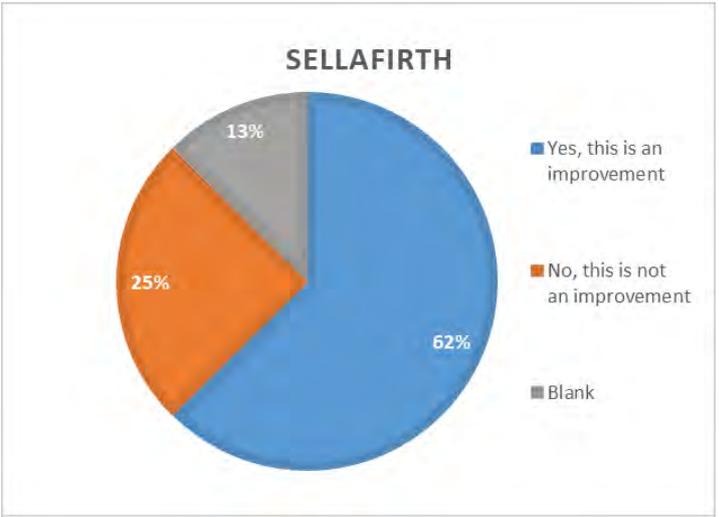
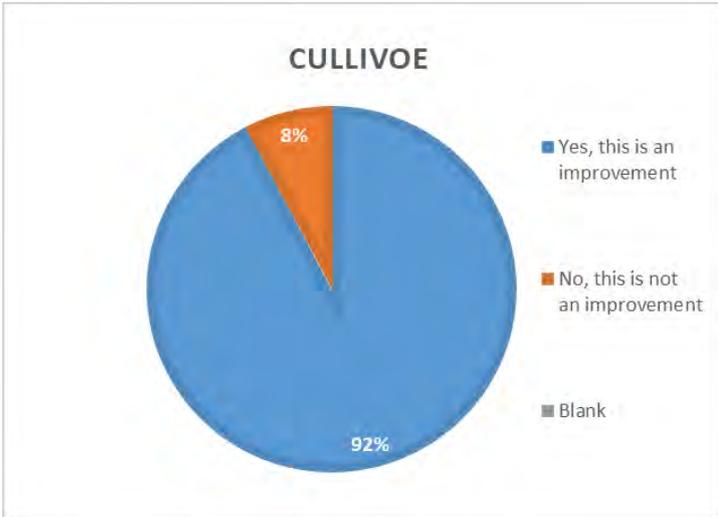
Yes, this is an improvement	36
No, this is not an improvement	5
Blank	5





Answers to Q2a by exhibition:

	CULLIVOE	BALTASOUND	SELLAFIRTH
Yes, this is an improvement	24	7	5
No, this is not an improvement	2	1	2
Blank	0	4	1



The qualitative data gathered in response to Q2b was grouped into key themes, weighted by how often comments were made which related to each theme, and with notes to help interpret the data. The results of these questions are laid out in the tables and graphs below.

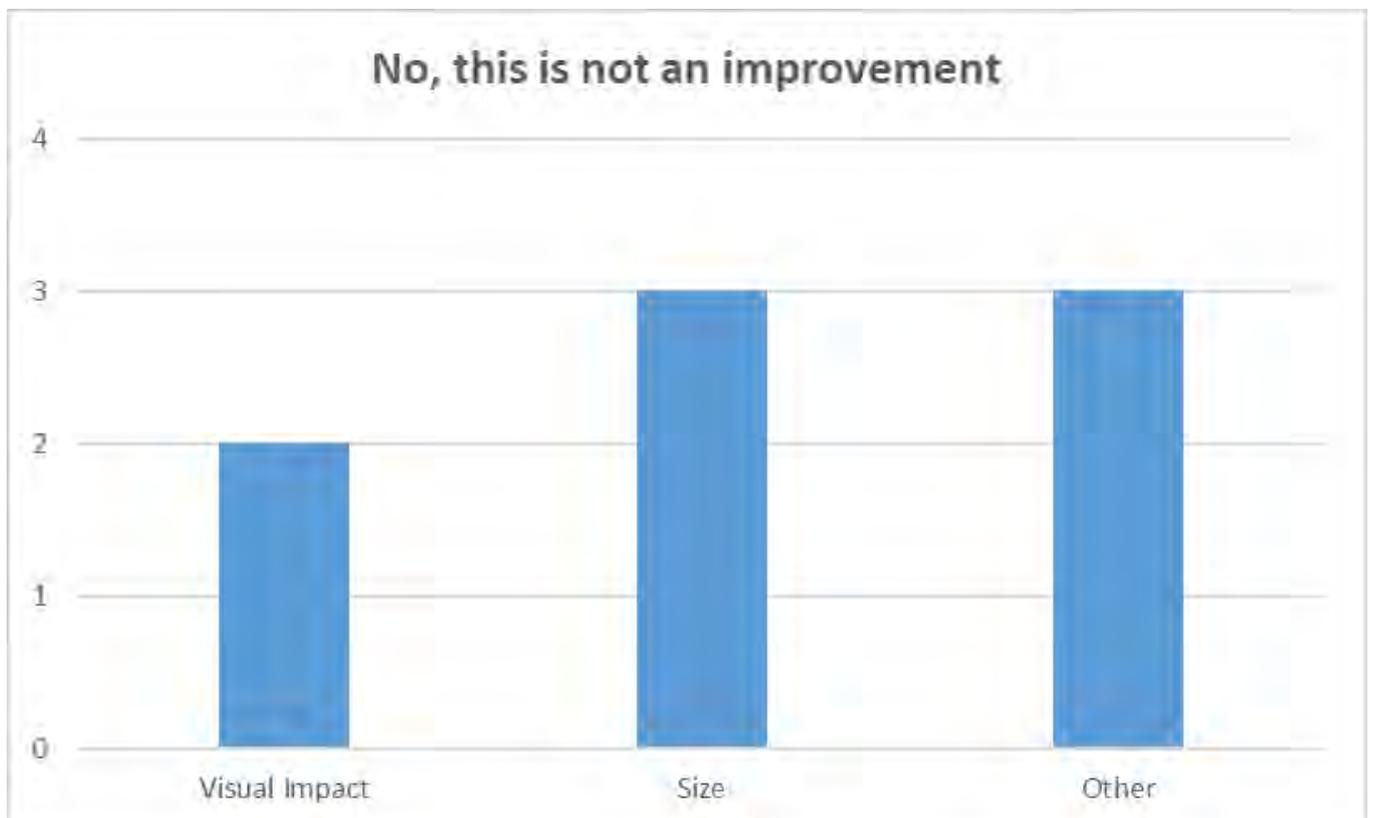
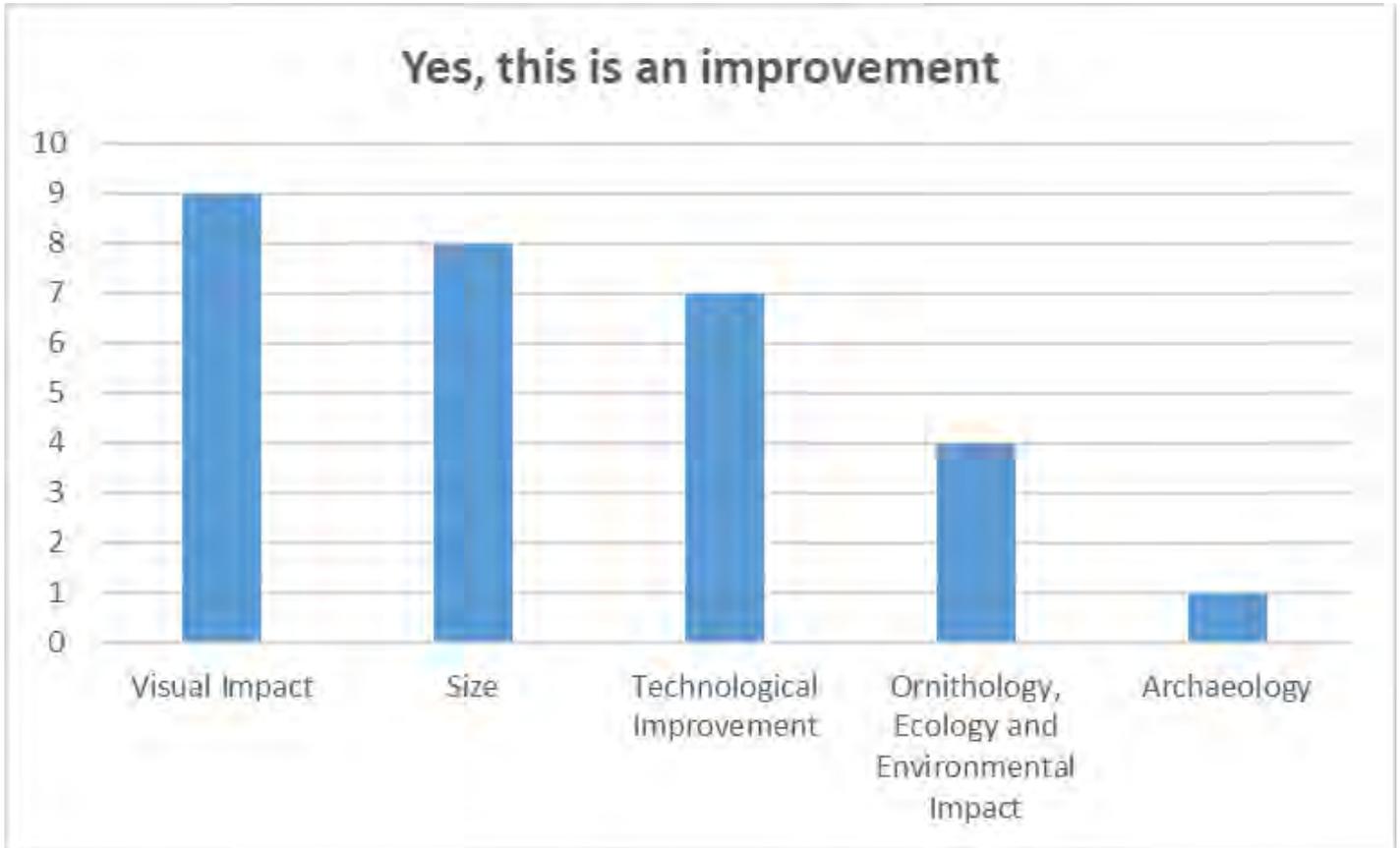
2b. Please explain why:

Yes, this is an improvement

Theme	Number of comments on theme	Notes
Visual Impact	9	Nine people commented that they felt the new design was an improvement due to reduced visual impact. Broken down by exhibition as follows: Sellafirth – 3, Baltasound – 1, Cullivoe - 5
Size	8	Eight people commented that they felt the new design was an improvement due to reduced size/scale. Broken down by exhibition as follows: Sellafirth – 1, Baltasound – 3, Cullivoe – 4
Technological Improvement	7	Seven people commented that they felt the new design would be more efficient or provide a technological advantage (“less turbines, same output”). Broken down by exhibition as follows: Sellafirth – 1, Baltasound – 2, Cullivoe – 4
Ornithology, Ecology and Environmental Impact	4	Four people commented that they felt the new design would have less negative impact on aspects of the environment such as birds, peat, water courses, and carbon footprint. Broken down by exhibition as follows: Sellafirth – 1, Baltasound – 0, Cullivoe – 3
Archaeology	1	One person commented that they felt the new design would have less negative impact on nearby historic sites. Broken down by exhibition as follows: Sellafirth – 1, Baltasound – 0, Cullivoe – 0

No, this is not an improvement

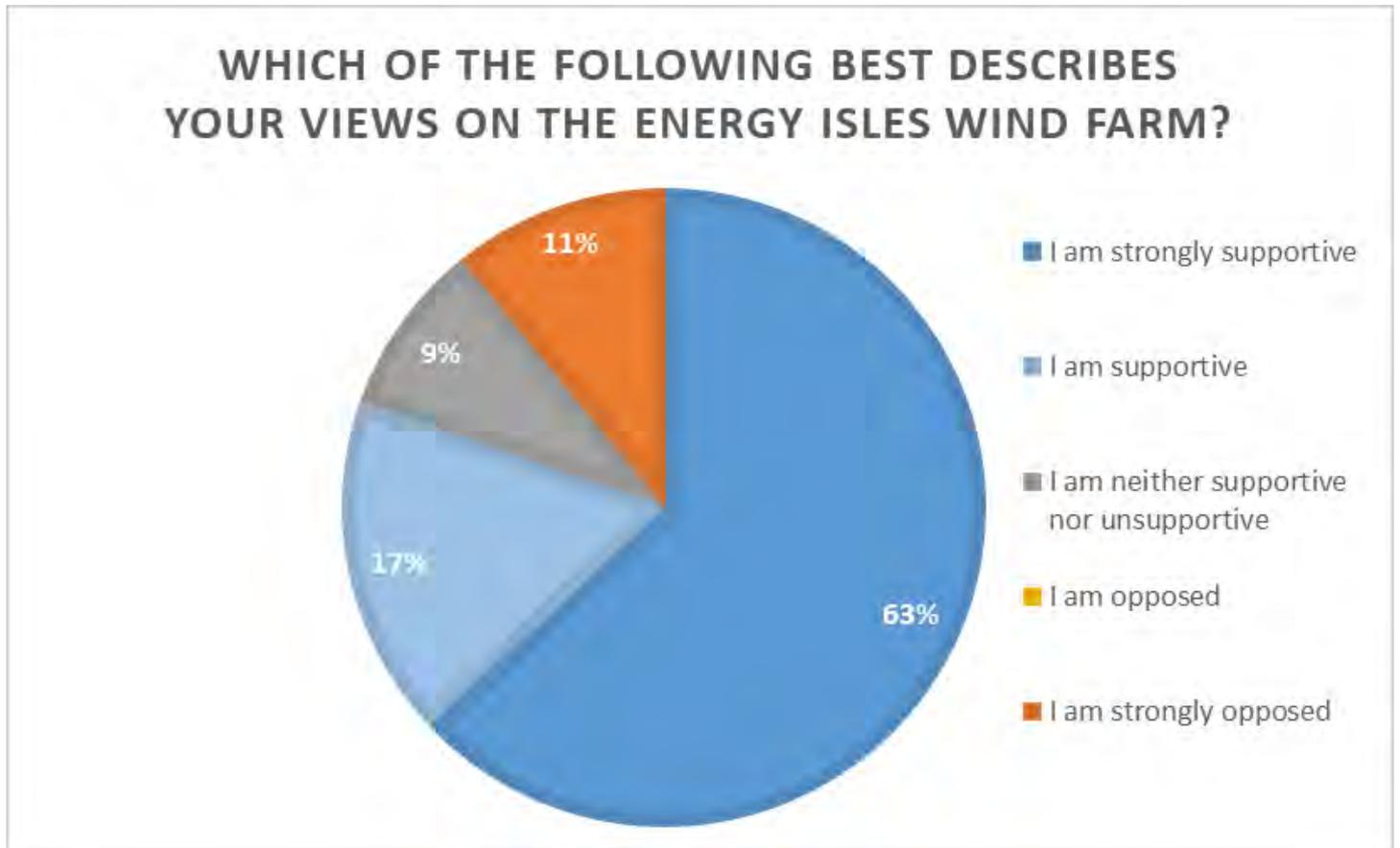
Theme	Number of comments on theme	Notes
Visual Impact	2	Two people commented that they felt that the new design would have a negative visual impact. Broken down by exhibition as follows: Sellafirth – 2, Baltasound – 0, Cullivoe – 0
Size	3	Two people commented that they felt that the new design was too large in size/scale. One person commented that they were disappointed in the reduction of turbine numbers. Broken down by exhibition as follows: Sellafirth – 2, Baltasound – 0, Cullivoe – 1
Other	3	One person commented that they were fundamentally opposed to the wind farm. One person commented that they felt the exhibitions process had been a marketing scheme to frighten residents. One person commented “don’t know.” Broken down by exhibition as follows: Sellafirth – 1, Baltasound – 1, Cullivoe – 1





3. Which of the following best describes your views on the Energy Isles Wind Farm?

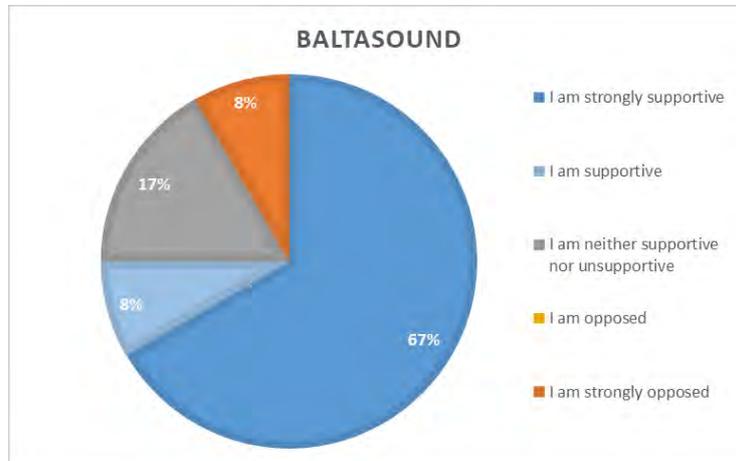
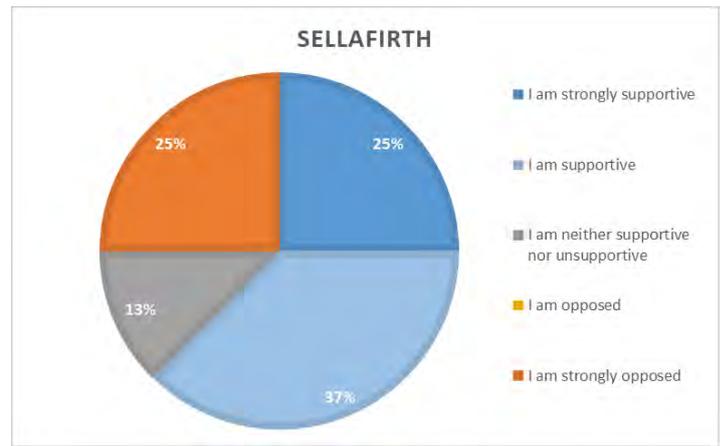
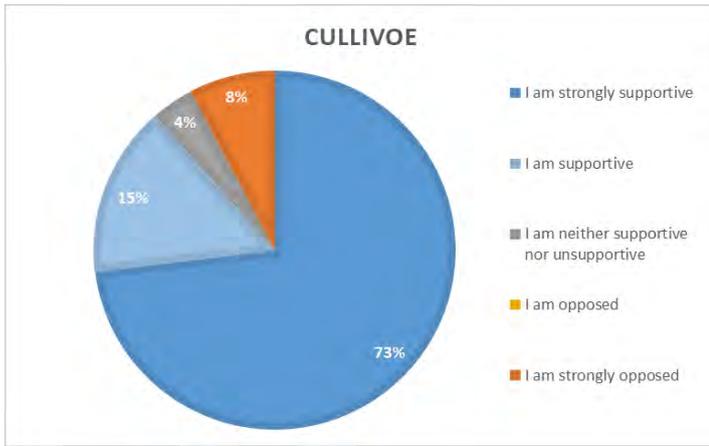
I am strongly supportive	29
I am supportive	8
I am neither supportive nor unsupportive	4
I am opposed	0
I am strongly opposed	5





Answers to Q3 by exhibition:

	CULLIVOE	SELLAFIRTH	BALTASOUND
I am strongly supportive	19	2	8
I am supportive	4	3	1
I am neither supportive nor unsupportive	1	1	2
I am opposed	0	0	0
I am strongly opposed	2	2	1



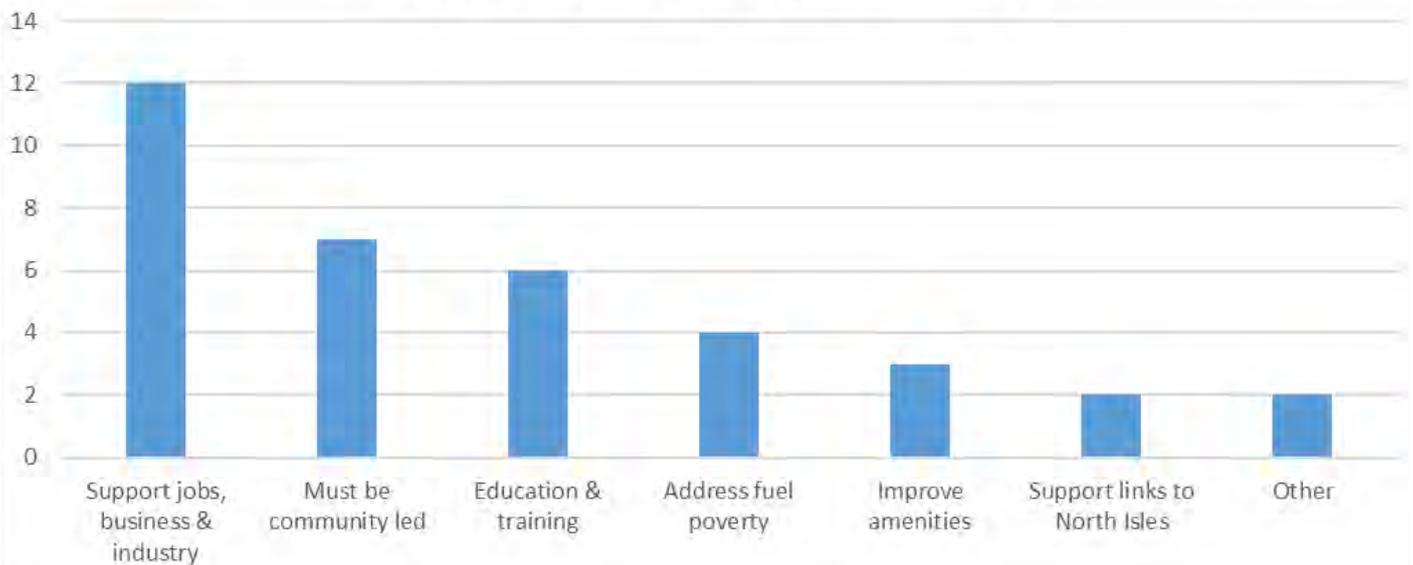
In addition, two qualitative questions were also asked on the comment cards. The answers to these three questions were then grouped into key themes, weighted by how often comments were made under this that related to each theme, and with notes to help interpret the data. The results of these questions are laid out in the tables and graphs below.

2. Do you have any suggestions about how the proposed community benefit fund should be used to benefit the local community?

Theme	Number of comments on theme	Notes
Support jobs, business & industry	12	Twelve people commented that the fund should be used to create jobs locally, support local businesses and industry, and support local charities and organisations. Broken down by exhibition as follows: Sellafirth – 3, Baltasound – 4, Cullivoe – 6
Must be community led	7	Seven people commented that the uses of the fund should be decided by the communities. Two of the seven stressed the importance of equitable distribution. Broken down by exhibition as follows: Sellafirth – 1, Baltasound – 3, Cullivoe – 3
Education & training	6	Six people commented that the fund should be used to support schools, education, training and/or apprenticeships. Broken down by exhibition as follows: Sellafirth – 3, Baltasound – 2, Cullivoe – 1
Address fuel poverty	4	Four people commented that the fund should be used to address fuel poverty. Specifically, one suggested an energy efficiency scheme for homes and one suggested funds put towards electricity bills for public buildings. Broken down by exhibition as follows: Sellafirth – 1, Baltasound – 1, Cullivoe - 2
Improve amenities	3	Three people commented that the fund should be used to improve amenities, including care homes, roads, and public buildings. Broken down by exhibition as follows: Broken down by exhibition as follows: Sellafirth – 1, Baltasound – 1, Cullivoe – 1
Support links to North Isles	2	Two people commented that the fund should be used to support links to the North Isles. Specifically, one suggested supporting the ferries service and one suggested fixed links (aka a tunnel or bridge to the isles). Broken down by exhibition as follows: Sellafirth – 1, Baltasound – 1, Cullivoe 0
Other	2	One person made a suggestion regarding opportunities for peat disposal near Cullivoe. One person suggested that the fund should be used to benefit the North Yell community alone. Broken down by exhibition: Sellafirth – 1, Baltasound – 0, Cullivoe – 1.



Do you have any suggestions about how the proposed community benefit fund should be used to benefit the local community?



3. Please use this space to provide any other feedback on the development:

16 further comments were received in response to this final open qualitative question. 9 were supportive, 1 was neutral, and 5 expressed concerns or objections. Comments printed below in full and broken down by exhibition.

Cullivoe	Comments
	Looks very exciting, let's get digging
	Completely supportive
	The local people need to be as engaged and informed as possible, particularly in relation to the potential community benefit fund. The various community councils need to work with EI to achieve this.
	I strongly oppose the development. This area is one I send visitors to, they experience beauty, quiet and nature. The tourism industry will suffer and we will lose something precious.
	My only worry is as much about the effect to tourism, also such things such as where the aggregate is coming from is not Yell, and the disruption of ferries etc to bring it from mainland is not good.
	I think it's a great thing for Yell.

Sellafirth	Comments
	From discussion with one of your representatives I was advised that this development could be the largest windfarm in the world. To place this in a remote, pristine, unspoilt, small island is totally ridiculous. It will impact on tourism, the environment and may lead to depopulation in the area.
	Thanks for your welcome update and reassurances.
	Huge scope for peat disposal on the hill road to Cullivoe. Good luck for the future.
	Everyone was very friendly and helpful. They answered all my questions honestly even those with no apparent answer (such as what will be the effect of Brexit). The use of technology was also good.
	Still have concerns over local environmental impact but have info to do further research online.
	Essentially it is for the benefit of [the shareholders]. Of no benefit to Yell.

Baltasound	Comments
	Excited to see development reach this stage. It offers so much potential to both regenerate and sustain our communities. Excellent exhibition - thanks so much.
	This is an excellent development which gives an opportunity to bring employment and wealth to the north isles and Shetland in general.
	Very much support this development. The time is now to protect our planet.
	Absolutely no objection.