

APPENDIX A – COMMUNITY CONSULTATION LOG

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Date	Sent / Received	Recipient Name	Recipient Organisation	SSER Lead	Email/call/meeting?	Summary of comms
01/08/2023		Noah Khogali	PKC	Alan Greenwood	Call	Introductory call
20/04/2023		Noah Khogali	PKC	Alan Greenwood	Call	Exhibition run through with Project Team
18/05/2023	Received	Stewart Donaldson	PKC	Alan Greenwood	Email	Req for annual report figures and hard copies of CIR
30/08/2023	Meeting	St Fillans CC	CC	Gareth Shields / Karen Anderson	Meeting	Update Presentation to CC and community
07/05/2023	Received	Donna Littler	CC	Alan Greenwood	Email	Additional Questions ahead of CC meeting.
10/05/2023	Meeting	St Fillans CC	CC	Alan Greenwood	Meeting	Project update and q+a
21/04/2023	Sent / Received	Donna Littler	CC	Alan Greenwood	Email	Report back on 20/4/23 Exhibitions.
17/10/2023		Stewart Donaldson	PKC	Gareth Shields	Phone	Introduction and information provided
20/03/2023	Sent / Received	Ruth McLusky	BLSCC	Alan Greenwood	Email	Notice of exhibition and invite to attend CC on 050423
11/04/2023	Meeting	Donna Littler	St Fillans CC	Alan Greenwood	Teams Call	Update Meeting.
21/04/2023	Sent / Received	Ruth McLusky	BLSCC	Alan Greenwood	Email	Update on Exhibition feedback
05/04/2023	Meeting	BLSCC	BLSCC	Alan Greenwood	Meeting	Update Meeting.
10/05/2023	Sent	Various	Various	Alan Greenwood	Letter	Met Mast Notices x12
07/05/2023	Received	Donna Littler	St Fillans CC	Alan Greenwood	Email	List of Qs from community
15/02/2023	Received	Audrey Gavigan	St Fillans CC	Alan Greenwood	Email	Invite to CC meeting 100523
09/11/2023	Sent	Noah Khogali	PKC	Gareth Shields	Email	Copy of Community Investment report 22/23
09/11/2023	Sent	Rhona Brock	PKC	Gareth Shields	Email	Copy of Community Investment report 22/23. Offer of meeting.
04/05/2024	Sent	Ruth McLusky /BLSCC	BLSCC	Corinna Scholes	Email	Update and request to attend next CC meeting
05/04/2024	Sent	Donna Littler	CC	Corinna Scholes	Email	Update and request to attend next CC meeting

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01/05/2024	postcards	All local residents	St Fillans and Lochearnhead area	Corinna Scholes	Post	Large mail shot with postcards sent out ahead of public exhibitions
16/05/2024	Emails	4 x CC's	4 x CC's	Corinna Scholes	Email	Email invite with postcard to CC's for their info about exhibitions
21/05/2024	Advert	The Courier	The Courier	Corinna Scholes	Advert	Advert to advertise Public Exhibitions - quarter page full colour
23/05/2024	Meeting	St Fillans CC	Donna Littler	Corinna Scholes	Meeting	Project update and q+a
28/05/2024	Public Exhibition	Sandison Hall	St Fillans CC	Team	Public Event	met with local residents and interested parties
29/05/2024	Public Exhibition	Lochearnhead Village Hall	Balquhidder, Lochearnhead & Strathyre CC	Team	Public Event	met with local residents and interested parties
12/05/2024	Virtual Exhibition	Online from 5pm - 7pm	Online	PA, KA and EE	virtual event	met with local residents and interested parties
06/07/2024	email	Local resident	Guest and Exhibition	Pauline Allison (PA)	email	Email sent with answers to questions raised on comments form
06/07/2024	email	Local resident	Guest and Exhibition	PA	email	Email sent with answers to questions raised on comments form
06/07/2024	email	donna littler	St Fillans CC	PA	email	Email sent with answers to questions raised on comments form
06/07/2024	email	Local resident	Guest and Exhibition	PA	email	Email sent with answers to questions raised on comments form
06/07/2024	email	Local resident	Guest and Exhibition	PA	email	Email sent with answers to questions raised on comments form
06/10/2014	email	CC's, Cllrs, MP and MSP	All key stakeholders	PA	email	Follow up to exhibitions and then notification of virtual exhibition being held later in the week.

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12/06/2024	email	Local resident	Guest and Exhibition	PA	email	maps and brochures shared electronically following exhibition
26/06/2024	email	Miss Oman	McLaren High School	PA	email	Agreed to donate and support school at a STEM Careers event on 08/10.
13/06/2024	email	Ruth McLuskey	BLSCC	PA	email	Email introductions. Follow up re proposed upcoming meeting and offered a CC presentation. Presentation offer confirmed for 31/07
18/06/2024	email	Cllr Stewart Donaldson	P&K Council	PA	email	email to follow up on call with info on ECU processes and community benefit info. Offered a site visit to Griffin Wind Farm for awareness of operational site activities.
25/07/2024	email	Local resident	Guest and Exhibition	PA	email	Email sent with answers to questions raised on comments form
25/07/2024	email	Local resident	Guest and Exhibition	PA	email	Email sent with answers to questions raised on comments form
31/07/2024	Presentation	Lochearnhead Village Hall	BLSCC	PA and KA	meeting / presentation	Presentation to CC - project update.
20/08/2024	Teams call	Cllr Khogali	P&K Council	PA & KA	Teams Call	Presentation and project update. Email follow up.
20/08/2024	Email	Comrie CC	Comrie CC	PA	email	Email to offer face to face presentation at next CC meeting.
20/08/2024	Email	Killin CC	Killin CC	PA	email	Email to offer face to face presentation at next CC meeting. Subsequent email correspondence and confirm 05/11

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20/08/2024	email	Cllr Khogali	P&K Council	PA	email	Follow up email to say thanks for meeting with us virtually and to share a copy of the presentation and Community Benefit links.
21/08/2024	Email	Cllr Brock and Cllr Donaldson	P&K Council	PA	email	To confirm site visit to Griffin for Thursday 29th August
27/08/2024	email	Cllr Stewart Donaldson	P&K Council	PA	email	Email to confirm site visit and share links to the wider SSE businesses as had previously been requested.
29/08/2024	site visit	Cllr Stewart Donaldson and Cllr Rhona Brock	P&K Council	KA, PA and NH	meeting	Griffin Wind Farm tour and Glentarken presentation update. Start of building strong relationships.
02/09/2024	email	Cllr Stewart Donaldson and Cllr Rhona Brock	P&K Council	PA	email	Follow up email with info requested at site visit (community benefit links) to say thanks and accept Cllrs thanks and appreciation.
05/09/2024	email	Killin CC, B,L & S CC and St. F CC	All local CC'a	PA	email	Emails sent to all to make aware of SSEN potential Community Benefit Funding that they are eligible to apply for.
05/09/2024	email	Comrie CC, Chair and Sec	Comrie CC	PA	email	Follow up email to offer a presentation and also links to possible funding they can access through the SSEN Community Benefit programme
09/09/2024	Email	Cllrs Watterson, Maxwell and Earl	Stirling Council	PA	email	Email sent to invite Cllrs for a Griffin site visit and Glentarken project update to ensure awareness.

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17/09/2024	email	Cllr Earl	Stirling Council	PA	email	Email responding to enquiry about when we intend to submit (by end of year) and to confirm our appreciation that a site visit is helpful. Plan to be put in place once other councillors confirmed.
18/09/2024	email	Cllr Watterson and Maxwell	Stirling Council	PA	email	Email to chase up invite for a tour at Griffin and a project presentation with Q&A
08/10/2024	Careers Event	McLaren High School	Stirling - STEM	PA and KA	Public Event	3 people from SSER supporting this event through the day and funding donated to school to support the event. Follow up STEM activity to be planned and booked in the new year.
	Presentation	Comrie CC	Comrie CC	PA and KA	Meeting / presentation	Offered on more than one occasion but no response received.
09/10/2024	email	MSP's Jim Fairlie and Evelyn Tweed	MSP's Stirling and Perth	PA	Email	Email with a project update and the offer of a site visit
22/10/2024	Emails	Killin CC	CC's	PA	email	email chain confirming presentation on the 5th November
23/10/2024	email	Cllr Earl	Stirling Council		email	Email with proposed plans for the site visit to Griffin
28/10/2024	email	Donna, Chair	St Fillans CC	PA	email/meeting	Emails to arrange for a meeting to discuss SSE policy on community benefit. Supporting concerns the CC had around how everything will work.

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28/10/2024	email	Local resident	Killin Breakfast Club	PA	email	Email with suggestions on how to access funding from different SSE resources following request for support from Glentarken.
30/10/2024	email	Caroline	The Courier	PA	email	Exhibition advert booked and sent to the Courier for publishing on 11/11/2024
01/11/2024	emails	St Fillans, Killin, Comrie and BS&L CC	CC's	PA	email	Emails to confirm exhibitions dates with poster attached.
05/11/2024	Presentation	Andy Aitken, Chair	Killin CC	PA & KA	Meeting / presentation	Meeting with update given and follow up emails actioned. Met Cllr Maxwell at event.
06/11/2024	email	Cllr Earl	Stirling Council	PA	Email	Copy of presentation and links as promised
06/11/2024	Emails	Killin CC	CC's	PA	Email	Follow up email after presentation with copy of presentation and lots of web links as requested.
07/11/2024	postcards	450 local residents	450 local residents	PA	Postcards	Around 450 postcards sent out by Breeze direct to homes advertising the events and contact details for the project.
15/11/2024	email	Cllr Maxwell	Stirling Council	PA	email	Follow up email after Killin CC with presentation and com ben links as requested
18/11/2024	email	Chris Kane	Stirling MP	PA	email	Email with info around community benefit following request
18/11/2024	email	Andy Aitken, Chair	Killin CC Chair	PA	email	Email confirming more details around the community benefit funds following some confusion over the Regional Fund that is already established.

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18/11/2024	email	All CC's	All CC's	PA	email	Reminder about exhibitions and confirm copies of EIAR - i.e. paper, USB, DVD and number of NTS copies requested.
19/11/2024	Public Exhibition	Sandison Hall	St. Fillans CC	Team	Public Event	Final public exhibitions
19/11/2024	Emails	Alasdair Forsyth	Local Resident - Comrie	PA	email	Email with feedback about exhibitions after attending the St Fillans event on the 19th. Email response of thanks sent back.
19/11/2024	Com Ben Meeting	Donna and Carol	St Fillans CC	KA, PA and TB	Coffee and a chat	Met with 2 CC members after the exhibitions at 6.30pm to have a chat about community benefit funds and SSE Renewables policy.
20/11/2024	Public Exhibition	Lochearnhead Village Hall	Balquhidder, Strathearn and Lochearnhead CC	Team	Public Event	Final public exhibitions
25/11/2024	email	Andy Aitken, Chair	Killin CC	PA	email	Email saying thanks for coming to exhibit and follow up regarding EIAR copies.
25/11/2024	email	Donna, Chair	St Fillans CC	PA	email	Email saying thanks for coming to exhibit and follow up regarding EIAR copies.
25/11/2024	email	Comrie CC	Comrie CC	PA	email	Email saying thanks for coming to exhibit and follow up regarding EIAR copies.
25/11/2024	email	Local resident	Local resident	PA	email	Email thanks for comments form following exhibitions
25/11/2024	email	Local resident	Comrie resident	PA	email	Follow up email confirming offered engagement with comrie more than once. Also sharing details around community benefit plans
26/11/2024	email	Ruth and David	BLS CC	PA	email	Email saying thanks for coming to exhibit and follow up regarding EIAR copies.

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28/11/2024	Virtual exhibition	Online from 5pm - 7pm	virtual	KA, AM, PA and NH	Virtual for all	no further queries raised
29/11/2024	emails	attendees from public exhibitions	attendees from public exhibitions	PA	emails	emails issued to all exhibition attendees who completed feedback forms thanking for coming and responding to any specific Q's raised. Confirmed email sent re Comrie Development Trust directly through their website as recommended by visitor.

Glentarken Wind Farm Consultation - Summary of feedback

Topic	Feedback received	Action taken / Comments	Further Feedback received
Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Restrictions on access for walkers/cyclists *Location of site access point *Concerned about the delivery of parts coming across the narrow humpy bridge on the /end in the village of Lochearnhead, *Other wind farm schemes have used helicopters to deliver parts is this feasible *Further concerns are use of the A85 to bring the equipment in - there are many VERY tight corners on this road - large trucks - especially those carrying the blades - will never make it - suggest this is given more attention. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Organised site visits to operational Griffin Wind Farm to share operational experiences and opportunities for walkers/ cyclists *Outdoor action management plan prepared and included in S36 application. *Further detail on access provided at subsequent exhibitions *A comprehensive route survey and swept path analysis carried out to establish feasible delivery routes to site *Manoeuvrability of abnormal loads transport is a key function of the specialist transport vehicles to ensure successful delivery of large components *Route survey report included in the S36 application. *The use of helicopters is not considered a viable solution for the wind farm components. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Site visits were very helpful
Aviation	Low flying aircraft	Aviation assessment has been carried out and liaison with aviation authorities taken place	
Battery storage feedback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Not sure how visible it will be *Not enough info to make informed view *Seems sensible but not sure about the environmental cost of batteries actually providing net benefit *Would make sense if a wind farm is being built *Good to understand more about how battery works and what the output is *Seems like a drop in the ocean, too little to be effective. Imagine site will be curtailed too which isn't ideal. *Grid needs work. *Brilliant idea *Necessary addition to all new windfarms *In principle a good idea, though I understand it can only store a fraction of a day's wind power *Battery storage facility presents notable fire/explosion and water pollution risks (including to Loch Earn and the entire Earn River water supply system downstream to Dundee) - how is this going to be managed? Not much information was provided. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Battery storage has a vital role to play in helping the UK to decarbonise. This means we can balance energy supply and demand more effectively and maximise the potential of renewable energy to power the grid. *SSE treats infrastructure safety very seriously and we invest in ensuring the highest level of prevention measures. Solar and Battery teams normally employ a 'reduced risk by design' approach, e.g. safety being a vital element when sourcing batteries, locating in a contained and spaced manner, no stacking batteries, etc. *It is usual to also work with external consultants to develop appropriate safety specifications for each site and ensure a clear mitigation strategy to identify and arrest fire before it breaks out, in collaboration with the fire service. 	
Borrow Pits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Very sorry to see Creag Ruadh quarried for the road stone. Please consider elsewhere. The little loch at its foot is a special place and the slopes and crags hold a lot of biodiversity. *I would like to see the character of Creag Ruadh and its loch preserved with any borrow pits kept away from the summit and its scenic (and botanically diverse?) steep south face. *Turbine 6 appears to be prominently placed in the landscape, close to the steep slope down into Glen Tarken and Lochan Was Domhain, which may attack birds. *The track into GlenBeich is used by walkers and cyclists - there appears to be a borrowpit very close to it. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *At this stage, borrow pit search areas have been identified however, it is likely that only some of these search areas would be required. More detail would be shared in due course. 	

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Community Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Community benefits / community benefit funds *Happy if there is sufficient community and environmental benefit *Great for funding with community *It would be great if the community got more than £5k per MW *Interested to find out more about how the relationship between battery storage and turbines changes the economic dynamic determining community benefit *We would like to see a proposal for how local communities will benefit from the wind farm, particularly as villages like Lochearnhead, Killin and St Fillans are relatively poorly served from a social amenity and economic opportunity perspective. *Lots of community interest in moving collectively towards Net Zero – it would be good to see how the project could support this ambition. 	<p>*SSE Renewables has a long-term commitment to invest in our local communities. Over the next 25 years the wider SSE Renewables Community Benefit Funds will generate at least £315 million across all UK and Ireland projects. As with all our onshore wind farm developments in Scotland, the development will incorporate a community benefit package. This is not a material consideration of our planning application and involves a separate dialogue between representatives of our community investment team and community representatives.</p> <p>*Member of communities team attended third exhibitions to discuss and arranged separate meetings as required</p> <p>*A community investment fund will be established for Glentarken Wind Farm valued at £5,000 per MW from the start of the main construction period, and index linked thereafter. Typically, our funds are split, with £2.5k per MW distributed to local communities and £2.5k per MW distributed through our Sustainable Development Fund which supports projects across the wider region.</p> <p>*Biodiversity environmental management plan has been prepared and included in the application</p> <p>*Committed to community benefit for all of the technologies.</p> <p>*Policy on community benefit for battery technologies in preparation. More information would be shared in due course.</p> <p>*Shared detail on wider applicable community funding schemes for Hydro and Networks businesses</p> <p>*We believe in local people being empowered to make local decisions about funding priorities.</p> <p>*Glentarken falls over two local authority areas (Perth & Kinross and Stirling) and plans for how these funds will be best managed are still to be confirmed.</p>	
Community Consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Really important for Comrie to be included in consultations and community benefit or even better a combined group of local reps like the 9CC group *Concerns about lack of engagement with Comrie 	<p>Reached out to Comrie several times with no response. Reviewed points of contact used and received further details which were used to make contact with Comrie to offer project briefing, update and question and answer session. Contact now <u>acknowledged and hoping to set up a meeting.</u></p>	
Cumulative	<p>Like to see coordination with Low Carbon proposal at least for community engagement and concerns around construction and access etc.</p>	<p>Comments noted. Engagement carried out with Low Carbon and shared project Info Sheet details with high level project info, contacts, web QR code and information on upcoming exhibitions.</p>	
Decommissioning	<p>Decommissioning process</p>	<p>Discussed principles of decommissioning plan which would be prepared closer to time of decommissioning</p>	
Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Impact on wildlife/environment *Given historic deforestation at Glentarken it would be positive if SSE could restore biodiversity in this nature degraded glen *There is a monitoring post onshore of the loch - possibly a site that scottish wildlife trust use - please engage with them *Environmental impacts of turbine manufacture 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Incorporated environmental constraints into design and shared findings on exhibition materials *Shared detail on Biodiversity and Habitat plans to be included in application. *Environmental management and best practice approach discussed at exhibitions 	

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General Feedback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *I can't see it so that's ok *We're very supportive of this and all renewable energy projects as we have young children *Very engaged SSE people, very helpful with their knowledge the staff were particularly helpful *Good to be able to question the development team and get answers not much change since last road show 	Comments noted	
Generation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Spinning reserve *Interest in connectivity with existing hydro renewable generation. 	Comments noted	
Grid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grid connection Good to go beyond fragmented answers on grid connection *More information on how power generated will be transmitted further afield would be useful 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Shared detail from grid connection agreement such as timeframe and connection point at Killin. *Discussed process for grid connection application / approval *shared contact details or SSEN community team 	
Landscape and Visual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Visual impact *Need clarification on virtual impact *Offer a video simulation from different perspectives *Pylons *Concerned about the cumulative landscape effect of Glentarken and Glen Lednock wind farms. It was a pity that the Glen Lednock scheme was not shown on the posters but good that LVIA team could show both developments *Concerned that the turbines are being placed right on the boundary of of the Loch Lomond & Trossachs National Park, and on the boundary of the proposed new Loch Tay National Park, and will be in the viewshed of several nationally significant hiking/climbing areas which attract thousands of visitors to Scotland every year, and certainly brings many thousands of people into the locality every year which helps keep the local economy alive. Proper modelling and sharing of information on how visual impacts are being considered and mitigated in the design is therefore crucial. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Shared key viewpoints on exhibition materials and brought modelling software to share views from key locations *Discussed grid separation and process for grid route at exhibitions *3d model built for second and third exhibitions to share - well received *Design and neighbouring early scoping stage site design note that this is subject to change. *Cumulative assessment details are included in EIA report *The ongoing design process involves inputs from a wide range of technical, environmental and economic specialisms. Consideration of landscape and visual impacts - and how these may be mitigated through good design - is a core consideration throughout. The iterative design stages are available in the EIA report (including the Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment) and through the Design Statement. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Useful to understand how position of turbines have moved on. *Love the landscape, industrialising it is a crying shame bad visual impact on the area in an unspoiled area *Line of sight are useful *Useful to see and understand what the cumulative impact of Glentarken and LC site Glenlednock *Found the drone display on computer very good *Staff were very knowledgeable and tools helped with visualisation *Good to see so many SSE staff available to answer questions and also the ability to do the visualisations *All turbine in line of sight of my house limited unspoiled landscapes left in central scotland
Lifespan	Life span of turbines	Shared detail at exhibitions	
Manufacturing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Where are the turbines built? *Is it possible to construct turbines in Scotland? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Noted that local manufacturing opportunities would be utilised where possible, however note that wind tower facility in Scotland previously used to supply turbine towers has unfortunately ceased to trade. *Discussed supply chain opportunities, but that procurement strategy not generally defined till post consent. 	
Net Zero	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Support community's Net Zero ambitions *St Fillans is ... heavily dependent on oil. This is a possible opportunity to see the village as a pilot for other communities moving to Net Zero. 	Engagement with communities team, shared examples of previous community projects carried out and received community plan to understand community objectives.	

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Noise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Noise *Worried about low frequency noise travelling through the ground and its impact on sleep 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Noise assessment carried out as part of the EIA report and key findings shared on exhibition materials. *Noted that the site is several km from any noise sensitive receptors 	
Ornithology	Impact on Birds	Incorporated ornithology survey findings into design and shared environmental assessment detail on exhibition materials	
Planning Timelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *I support the proposals but am frustrated by the length of timescales for planning applications in the planning process, etc. This is not aligned with Scotland's Net Zero target date of 2045 and needs to be accelerated. *Need to move faster 	Acknowledged through EIA process and also governments plans to try and speed up the process.	
Property	Impact on property prices	Shared socio economic consultants findings at exhibitions	
Reduced energy costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *SSE should look into whether they could provide a package to reduce energy costs for people living in the vicinity of the development. *The excessive infrastructure costs invoiced I feel could be mitigated by similar investments to individuals and households to improve energy efficiency 	Comments noted	
Traffic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Concerns about extra traffic during construction *Impact of traffic on A84 *The A84 has lots of narrow bits, [and] it's a road that is vital to emergency services. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Traffic Management Plan prepared as part of the application which will be used throughout construction phase and to avoid peak traffic times *Shared detail on access considerations and how transport considerations are managed on exhibition materials. *Outline Traffic Management Plan included in EIA Report 	