

# **Teviot Wind Farm**

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#### **About Us**

Muirhall Energy is a leading Scottish renewable energy developer, based in South Lanarkshire. With over 110MW of projects constructed, 330MW consented or in planning, and more than one gigawatt in development, we are committed to finding innovative ways to maximise opportunities for communities nearest to our projects, including industry-leading community investment and shared ownership offers.

#### **Project Overview**

Muirhall Energy recently submitted a planning application for Teviot Wind Farm. Located approximately 8km south-west of Hawick, the proposed development comprises up to 62 turbines with co-located solar array, battery storage and ancillary infrastructure. As the installed capacity of the proposal is over 50 megawatts (MW) Scottish Ministers consent is required, via the Energy Consents Unit (ECU), with input from statutory consultees including Scottish Borders Council.

Public exhibition events were held in August/Sept 2021 to update residents on our plans for Teviot Wind Farm. The feedback from those events was invaluable in informing the final design of the project. If you would like to know more about the proposed plans, please visit our website <a href="https://www.muirhallenergy.co.uk/teviot">www.muirhallenergy.co.uk/teviot</a> where all application information can be found. You can also visit our south of Scotland office at 4-6 North Bridge Street, Hawick TD9 9QW, open Monday to Thursday 10am-12.30pm and 1.30-4pm, or by appointment

### Case Study: Crossdykes Wind Farm

Muirhall Energy recently commissioned the 46MW Crossdykes Wind Farm in Dumfries & Galloway - one of the first subsidy-free wind farms to be completed in the UK. By working closely with local communities, the project achieved another first by securing a community shared ownership agreement which will benefit the area for the lifetime of the project.

This work at Crossdykes Wind Farm was recognised at the 2021 Scottish Green Energy Awards, where Muirhall Energy won the Best Engagement Award. The company now anticipates this model will be used by other communities, including those near to the proposed Teviot development.



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#### **Local contractors**

Muirhall Energy will place work with local contractors who tender within 10% of the best quote for any work on the project. Local tradespeople have already refurbished the former Post Office building in Hawick to an exceptional standard and this now serves as a point of contact for all Muirhall's projects in the south of Scotland, and as a base for local staff. A Meet-the-Buyer event will be held prior to construction to give local businesses an opportunity to learn more about the proposed development before submitting tenders.

## Community Investment, Shared Ownership and Initial Investment Fund

If consented, when built, Teviot Wind Farm will offer an industry-leading community investment rate of £7,000 annually per MegaWatt of installed wind capacity, delivering an annual fund of £2.86 million per year, to be invested in local communities, over the lifetime of the windfarm.

In addition to these community investment funds, Muirhall Energy will offer up to 10% community shared ownership in Teviot wind farm which, if accepted, could see the communities of Teviotdale become the biggest community investors in renewable energy anywhere in the UK. Conversations have already taken place with communities around the proposed development and the dialogue will continue as the project progresses.

Should Teviot wind farm be consented, Muirhall Energy would set up an Initial Investment fund (IIF) worth £500,000 to support communities during the construction period. The IIF would be open to applications from the 12 community councils nearest the project. A successful IIF was set up previously at Crossdykes and, though over-subscribed, supported local sports facilities, community transport, education and community groups and associations. A full list of recipients of IIF funding can be found on Muirhall Energy's website Communities page.

## **Helping the Environment**

At a time of increased energy prices, it is more important than ever to produce cheap, green energy and onshore wind is the cheapest form of electricity production in Scotland. It is estimated that Teviot Wind Farm would produce the equivalent of the annual electricity consumption of 440,000 homes.

An extensive Habitat Management Plan has been included in the proposal. Proposals include expanding riparian and upland woodland with the planting of over 50,000 native trees and associated flood attenuation, improving red squirrel and wader species habitats and restoration of degraded peatlands. Safe access paths for recreation for all abilities will also be created.

## We need your support please

You can support our plans for Teviot Wind Farm by contacting the Energy Consents Unit by email, using Ref ECU00003249, at representations@gov.scot

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