

NEWSLETTER

Hello again. Please note this newsletter will be somewhat different and much reduced from previous ones. The reason is that we need to focus on the Mayfield application and this clashes with the release of the new IPP so that time is in short supply.



Please note our website contains further advice & information www.tw312.org.uk

Mayfield Wind Farm

I have set out on page 2 the key reasons for objecting to the Mayfield application, please feel free to copy in part or whole. You will find all the necessary details there as well.

Do help us to show that a large number of people do not want industrial scale developments and commercial exploitation ruining our countryside and quality of life and ramping up our energy bills.

If we don't act together now we will see the first industrial scale wind farm in this coastal region of the Stewartry and there are three more waiting in the wings to take advantage of the precedent.

Please don't leave it to someone else, encourage your family, friends and neighbours to respond.

THANK YOU



Objecting to the Mayfield Community Wind Farm

First a spot of admin

- 1 You have until the 16th February 2012 to make your views known to the Council. Even if you objected to the original application last year you must write again now as the scheme has changed from 7 turbines of 130m down to 6 of 130m with a new application number.
- 2 The address to which you must send your objection is:
Head of Planning & Building Standards
Dumfries & Galloway Council
Kirkbank
English Street
Dumfries, DG1 2HS
- 3 Or, you can email your comments to: pe.stewartry.planning@dumgal.gov.uk
- 4 Quote the application reference: 11/P/2/0478, Mayfield Community Wind Farm, 6 x 130m turbines.
- 5 You must sign, date and include your address in your objection.
- 6 Please submit a separate letter for each adult in your household.

The Development Plan rules, OK?

The single most crucial point to understand is that the determination of a planning application is to be made in accordance with the Development Plan (a legal requirement under Section 25 of the 2006 Planning Act) unless material considerations indicate otherwise. Material considerations include such things as design, road safety, noise or pollution, nature conservation, archaeological impact, etc.

Top 10 key reasons for objecting

- 1 The Drumlin and Coastal Granite Uplands landscape character areas in which the turbines are to be sited cannot support industrial scale development of the size envisaged at Mayfield as they would dwarf the landscape and destroy the essential small-scale pattern and lowland character. They are too big for this landscape.
- 2 This site was not identified in either the existing Development Plan or the emerging IPP as one suitable for this scale of development and as such would conflict with planning policy.
- 3 If such a development were approved it would set a precedent for similar industrial scale developments to come forward.
- 4 There will be significant cumulative impact and clutter as the proposed turbines are seen sequentially or in combination with others already approved of varying height and turning at different speeds.
- 5 Due to the topography and the height of the turbines, compounded by the whirling blades, there would be an extensive visual influence negatively impacting many individual homes, settlements, key view points, designated landscapes and historic assets.
- 6 The proximity of such large turbines to dwellings could give rise to noise and shadow flicker at nearby properties with potential adverse health consequences. They would be too close to habitation.
- 7 The area's diverse and abundant wildlife, including many 'Listed' species, could suffer negative impacts during operation of the wind farm and its construction.
- 8 Established tourism and recreational businesses would be undermined by the imposition of such prominent and intrusive structures into what is essentially a quiet, rural setting with extensive and attractive views.
- 9 The roads proposed for construction traffic are simply not capable of accommodating such large abnormal vehicle loads and there would be serious negative impact on those living along the access routes as well as other road users.
- 10 On balance the small gain in terms of energy are significantly outweighed by the number, extent and range of adverse impacts. Added to which, the development would conflict with a significant number of planning policies: E3, E6, E11, E12, S21, S22, General Policies 7, 24, 54.

Draft Interim Planning Policy: revised version

Please note that the draft Interim Planning Policy which was open to consultation last year is due to be available on the Council's website in its revised form from 7 February 2012. It will be available in hardcopy format from the 9th February and it is due to be ratified by the Council at their meeting on 14 February 2012.

We shall be looking carefully at the revised documentation and will make our views known to the Council should the need arise.

This document will play a key role in future planning decisions so we are eager to see just what level of protection it offers to the region.

We shall be adding detail to our website in relation to this so please watch that space.

No Time to Abandon Energy Density

From an article by Professor Colin McInnes FREng FRSE who is Professor of Engineering Science at the University of Strathclyde and Director of the Advanced Space Concepts Laboratory. He says:

As it stands, today's policies ignore the lessons of engineering history. We now seem determined to replace historical transitions toward fuels of greater energy density with diffuse energy production. This step will require vast quantities of materials, land and subsidies, misallocating economic resources that we could use more productively elsewhere. We should, therefore, treat with caution talk of a 'green energy revolution'.

This idea of energy density is a key issue in understanding why wind power requires such large tracts of land, it is diffuse therefore you need a lot of machines spread over huge geographical areas capturing little bits of wind to equate with, say, one bag of coal (excuse the hyperbole) which is energy intensive by comparison. Of course, coal is also carbon intensive so, if CO2 abatement targets are to be reached we need to find an alternative to coal or a way of capturing its waste products and that's where Carbon Capture and Storage comes in. Unfortunately, it is not as yet a mature technology so don't hold your breath. However, there are other possibilities as Prof. McInnes points out:

As the UK drives forward with an ambitious programme to deploy various forms of green energy, it is becoming clear that a combination of energy-dense, lower-carbon methane, partly from expanding reserves of shale gas in the UK and elsewhere, together with uranium, and later thorium, can be the key fuels of the future. This combination can provide the foundations of an energy policy to deliver future abundant, clean energy from compact power plants. (INGENIA, December 2011)

House of Lords, Short Debate, 12 January 2012

Lord Turnbull: *I was very heartened to hear Professor Brian Cox, the pin-up boy of British science, and his colleague Professor Jeff Forshaw on the "Today" programme recently.*

He quoted Professor Cox as saying: *"Science is an improvement in our understanding of nature ... There are no absolute truths in science. It's the only human endeavour where that level of modesty applies".*

And Professor Forshaw as saying: *"We are always trying to improve on the theories we have got ... And we always expect that they are going to be just temporary structures and that they are going to be replaced at some point".*

Lord Turnbull: *So, let us have no more "the science is settled/the debate is over" nonsense, particularly in the field of climate science, which is so complex*

DENMARK: PROPERTY VALUATIONS

Windmills must be situated at a minimum distance of 4 × their height away from habitation. If the windmill is erected closer than 6 × its height, an estimation is carried out free of charge regarding the depreciation of the property value. If the loss is more than 1%, full compensation of the loss in property value is paid out. If the property is situated farther away than 6 × the height of the windmill, 4,000 DKK is payable to have an evaluation of the loss in value carried out. If it is estimated that the depreciation is more than 1%, the loss in value of the property is paid out and the 4,000 DKK reimbursed. If it is estimated that there is no loss in value of the property, the 4,000 DKK is forfeited. Owners of windmills have to pay the compensation.

Source: Wind Watch

Leading by Example

The Climate Minister Charles Hendry has bought Blair Castle in Ayrshire with the proceeds of the sale of his £4.5 million London home. Apparently he will still continue to live in his £750,000 Sussex Farmhouse and spend weekends in the Castle. He should feel at home as Ayrshire is swamped with wind farms. His 965 mile weekly round trip is a fine example of his stated intention to "lead by example" in the fight against Global Warming!

(Dougal Quixote, CWIF, Dec 2011)

**Summary of turbine numbers
in the Stewartry (Area 2) planning applications**

Approved: 166 turbines (58 applications)
19 masts (18 applications)

Submitted awaiting decision: 73 turbines (29 applications)
6 masts (6 applications)

Scoping pending submission: 61 turbines (21 applications)

Preplanning: 35 turbines (2 applications)

A total of 335 turbines and 25 masts (134 applications)

Refused: 15 turbines (7 applications) 1 mast (1 application)

Withdrawn: 13 turbines (9 applications)

Submitted applications awaiting decision

Date	Location	Application No	No of turbines/mast & height				
				01/11/2011	Margrie Farm Borgue	11/P/2/0418	2 x 46.5m
18/01/2012	N of Back Burn Cairnsphair F'st	12/P/2/0018	1 x 90m mast	02/11/2011	High Banks Kirkcudbright	11/P/2/0400	2 x 45.5m
18/01/2012	Blackmyre Mr, Creetown	12/P/2/0017	1 x 90m mast	02/11/2011	Banks Hill Fm Kirkcudbright	11/P/2/0399	2 x 44.5m
18/01/2012	Overlaw Farm Kirkcudbright	12/P/2/0016	1 x 18.5m	24/10/2011	Colt Cottage Borgue	11/P/2/0409	1 x 19.36m
09/01/2012	Lennox Plunton Borgue	12/P/2/0006 12/P/2/0005	1 x 21.99m 1 x 21.99m	13/10/2011	Cambret Hill Creetown	11/P/2/0383	1 x 45m
06/01/2012	Larg Farm Creetown	11/P/2/0487	2 x 27.13	14/11/2011	Low Chapelton Farm, Borgue	11/P/2/0423	1 x 22.05m
06/01/2012	Trostrie Farm Twynholm	11/P/2/0486	1 x 53.71m	30/09/2011	W Kirkcarswell Dundrennan	11/P/2/0370	1 x 79m
06/01/2012	Mayfield Rhonehouse	11/P/2/0478	6 x 130m	08/09/2011	Conchieton Hse Twynholm	11/P/2/0358	1 x 15m
06/01/2012	Castle Creavie Dundrennan	11/P/2/0469	1 x 22.85m	22/08/2011	Holmhead	11/P/2/0333	1 x 45.7m
05/01/2012	Orroland Fm Dundrennan	11/P/2/0449	1 x 23.5m	22/08/2011	Moniaive	11/P/2/0332	1 x 45.7m
23/11/2011	Auchengibbert Fm Crockettford	11/P/2/0443	2 x 21.9m	10/08/2011	Craigdarroch Blackcraig	11/P/2/0299	70m mast
23/11/2011	Rerrick Pk Fm Dundrennan	11/P/2/0428	1 x 41m	11/07/2011	Trostrie Farm Twynholm	11/P/2/0277	40.5m mast
21/11/2011	Kings Grange Old Br of Urr	11/P/2/0442	1 x 20.3m	07/06/2011	Culnaightree Fm Auchencairn	11/P/2/0230	1 x 75m
16/11/2011	Ernespie Dairy Castle Douglas	11/P/2/0437	1 x 39.6m	19/05/2011	Blairshinnoch Kirkgunzeon	11/P/2/0195	3 x 27.1m
				11/05/2011	Larghill Farm Crockettford	11/P/2/0182	1 x 21m
				04/11/2010	Loch Hill Nth of Dalry	10/P/2/0427	11 x 100m 76m mast

Applications awaiting decision

Date	Location	Application No	No of turbines/ mast & height	Date	Location	Application No	No of turbines/ mast & height
				22/10/2010	Standingstone Fm, Borgue	10/E/2/0033	1 x 62m
				22/10/2010	Irelandton Fm Twynholm	10/E/2/0032	10 x 132m (?)
22/01/2010	Milnmark Fm Dalry	10/P/2/0021	5 x 81m 55m mast	01/07/2010	Glenquicken Moor, Cree-town	10/E/2/0023	1 x 67m
20/10/2009	Plascow Farm Nr Dalbeattie	09/P/2/0359	3 x 84m	24/06/2010	Rutherford's Wit, Gate-house	10/E/2/0021	2 x 45.5m
18/07/2006	Margree Dalry	06/P/2/0391	17 x 120m	24/06/2010	Knockenbrex Moss Carrick	10/E/2/0019	2 x 45.5m

Applications awaiting submission

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				14/06/2010	Barclay Hill Gelston	10/E/2/0018	5 x 115m

Applications notified at preplanning stage

23/01/2012	Marnhoul Farm Dalry	12/E/2/0005	1 x 80m	June 2011	Benshinnie Parton	?	24 x 125m
19/01/2012	Blackmyre Mr Creetown	12/E/2/0004	6/10 x 125m (?)	?? 28/09/2010	Mark Farm Creetown	Not known	11 x 110m

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04/12/2011	Standingstones Auchencairn	11/E/2/0068	5 x 20.8m				
14/11/2011	Quantans Hill Carsphairn	11/E/2/0067	17-30 x 125m	21/07/2011	Brighthouse Bay Compressor Stn	11/P/2/0289	3 x 24.5m
07/11/2011	Kirkcudbright Golf Club	11/E/2/0065	1 x 24.8m	10/06/2011	Muirhead Fm Twynholm	11/P/2/0237	1 x 27m
24/10/2011	Auchenlosh Dalbeattie	11/E/2/0061	2 x 50m	25/11/2011	Barnbarroch Fm, Dalbeattie	11/P/2/0451	1 x 19.05m
10/10/2011	Valley View Ringford	11/E/2/0058	1 x 80m	30/09/2011	Barstobrick Ringford	11/P/2/0384	1 x 26.13m
10/10/2011	High Barcaple Ringford	11/E/2/0057	1 x 80m	04/05/2011	Garrochar Tree Fm, Creetown	11/P/2/0170	2 x 27m
30/09/2011	Erncrogo Hill Crossmichael	11/E/2/0056	1 x 66.7m	26/08/2011	Shirmers Farm Parton	11/P/2/0321	1 x 27.1m
21/07/2011	Garrochar Tree Farm, Creetown	11/E/2/0045	1 x 65m	06/09/2011	Edingham Fm Kirkgunzeon	11/P/2/0356	1 x 19.8m
13/07/2011	Guffogland Dalbeattie	11/E/2/0044	1 x 87m	02/08/2011	Livingstone Castle Douglas	11/P/2/0297	1 x 22.4m
04/07/2011	Moorbrock Hill Carsphairn	11/F/2/0005	Not known	02/09/2011	Lochdougan Dairies, Kelton	11/P/2/0330	1 x 27.1m
15/06/2011	Little Sypland Kirkcudbright	11/E/2/0039	1 x 84m	15/02/2011	Littleton Farm Gatehouse of Ft	11/P/2/0065	3 x 40m
31/05/2011	Auchenlosh Dalbeattie	11/E/2/0035	1 x 34.2m	26/08/2011	West Bamoffity KirkpatrickDm	11/P/2/0337	2 x 21m
21/02/2011	Blairshinnock Kirkgunzeon	11/E/2/0017	1 x 27m	18/08/2011	Craigley Farm Gelston	11/P/2/0317	1 x 27.1m

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04/04/2011	Chapel Farm Kirkcudbright	11/P/2/0131	1 x 39.6m	08/12/2010	Sypland Kirkcudbright	10/P/2/0474	2 x 20m
22/12/2010	Ingleston Farm Twynholm	10/P/2/0491	2 x 45.5m	25/11/2010	Drumhughy Corsock	10/P/2/0455	2 x 15m hub
22/07/2011	Kirkmabreck Creetown	11/P/2/0290	1 x 45.9m	09/11/2010	Ladies Walk Fm Kirkcudbright	10/P/2/0433	85m mast
08/07/2011	Kirkland Fm Kirkp' Durham	11/P/2/0275	1 x 27m	01/11/2010	Greenburn Creetown	10/P/2/0421	30m mast
15/04/2011	Sherrick Farm Crocketford	11/P/2/0154	2 x 21m	11/08/2010	Larg Farm Creetown	10/P/2/0316	1 x 23.4m
05/04/2011	Crocketford Hs Crocketford	11/P/2/0134	2 x 27.1m	26/07/2010	Boreland of Colvend Farm	10/P/2/0296	1 x 20m
08/07/2011	Cullinaw Farm Buittle	11/P/2/0273	1 x 19.25m	22/07/2010	Milnmark Farm Dalry	10/P/2/0291	1 x 20m
28/06/2011	Ingleston Farm Gelston	11/P/2/0264	1 x 21m	15/06/2010	Mark Farm Creetown	10/P/2/0247	60m mast
20/06/2011	Culnaightrie Fm Auchencairn	11/P/2/0229	50.2m mast	02/06/2010	Culnaightrie Fm Auchencairn	10/P/2/0238	1 x 20m
24/08/2011	East Kirkcarsell Dundrennan	11/P/2/0117	3 x 19.6m	25/05/2010	Milnthird Hill Kelton	10/P/2/0228	50m mast
31/05/2011	Low Arkland Kelton	11/P/2/0213	2 x 27m	07/05/2010	Barcloy Hill Kirkcudbright	10/P/2/0202	80m mast
31/05/2011	Kelton Hill Fm Castle Douglas	11/P/2/0212	2 x 27m	28/04/2010	Boreland o Borg Kirkcudbright	10/P/2/0186	1 x 20m
04/04/2011	Croft Hd Farm Crocketford	11/P/2/0132	2 x 39.6m	21/04/2010	Arvie, Castle Douglas	10/P/2/0158	1 x 20m
23/03/2011	Blackcraig Hill New Galloway	05/N/2/0005	23 x 110m	14/04/2010	Glensone Fm Southwick	10/P/2/0146	1 x 20m
04/03/2011	Furmiston Crag Carsphairn	11/P/2/0088	80m mast	30/03/2010	Low Barend Fm Dundrenan	10/P/2/0122	1 x 20m
04/03/2011	Quantans Hill Cairspairn	11/P/2/0087	80m mast	19/03/2010	Torrs Farm Castle Douglas	10/P/2/0102	1 x 20m
15/02/2011	Larg Farm Creetown	11/P/2/0063	1 x 27m	19/01/2010	Plascow Farm Dalbeattie	10/P/2/0018	50m mast
14/02/2011	Merklandwell Lochfoot	11/P/2/0060	1 x 27m	19/01/2010	Balmangan Fm Borgue	10/P/2/0017	1 x 20m
14/02/2011	Crochmore Fm Crocketford	11/P/2/0059	1 x 27m	24/12/2009	Blairshinnock Fm Kirkgunzeon	09/P/2/0434	1 x 15m
27/01/2011	Portmary House Dundrennan	11/P/2/0041	1 x 22.4m	21/12/2009	Corse Hill Dunchrae Dalry	09/P/2/0429	Mast
23/12/2010	High Barcaple Fm Ringford	10/P/2/0498	1 x 21m	05/11/2009	Ardendee, Kirkcudbright	09/P/2/0373	Mast
22/12/2010	Auchenlock Fm Auchencairn	10/P/2/0496	1 x 27m	08/09/2009	Portmary Cott Dundrennan	09/P/2/0311	1 x 15m
22/12/2010	Barstilby Farm Tongland	10/P/2/0495	2 x 21m	28/08/2009	Durham Hill Kirkpatrick Dm	09/P/2/0300	1 x no height given
22/12/2010	Slagnaw Farm Kelton	10/P/2/0494	2 x 41m	12/06/2009	Little Farm Gatehouse	09/P/2/0208	1 x no height given

Approved

Withdrawn

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16/02/2009	Glenquicken Fm Creetown	09/P/2/0049	2 x 15m	08/09/2011	Larg Farm Creetown	11/P/2/0350	2 x 27.13m withdrawn
07/07/2008	Magree Dalry	08/P/2/0289 08/P/2/0290	Mast x No ht Mast x No ht	22/06/2011	Rattra Farm Borgue	11/P/2/0252	1 x 39.9m withdrawn
17/01/2008	High Barley Fm Gatehouse	08/P/2/0011	Mast x no ht	30/05/2011	Ernespie Farm Castle Douglas	11/P/2/0211	1 x 39.6m withdrawn
18/12/2007	Mackilston Dalry	07/P/2/0518	1 x no height given	04/04/2011	Auchengibbert Fm Crocketford	11/P/2/0133	3 x 27.1m withdrawn
22/05/2007	Forest Estate Dalry	07/P/2/0223	1 x 15m	03/03/2011	Blaiket Mains Haugh of Urr	11/P/2/0083	2 x 39m withdrawn
26/02/2007	Adj 93 Cottan St, Castle Douglas	07/P/2/0084	1 x no height given	13/04/2010	Banks Hill Kirkcudbright	10/P/2/0144	1 x 45m withdrawn
13/12/2005	Rainton Farm Gatehouse	05/P/2/0510	1 x 25m	13/04/2010	Grange Hill Kirkcudbright	10/P/2/0143	1 x 45m withdrawn
23/08/2005	Windy Standard	05/P/2/0357	2 x 50m masts	13/04/2010	Bank Farm Kirkcudbright	10/P/2/0142	1 x 45m withdrawn
17/06/2003	Edgerton Cothse Laurieston	03/P/2/0262	1 x no height given	27/09/2011	Rerrick Park Fm Dundrennan	11/E/2/0055	1 x 26m withdrawn
10/06/2003	Torrs Hill Forest Estate Dalry	03/P/2/0252	2 x 100m 1 x mast no ht				
28/01/2003	Windy Standard N of Carsphairn	03/P/2/0022 03/P/2/0018	1 x 60m mast 1 x 60m mast				
04/01/2002 ?	Windy Standard N or Carsphairn	04/01/2002	30 x 100m 36 x 53.5m				

Refused

20/07/2011	Pattisthorn Parton	11/P/2/0287	1 x 70m mast
05/08/2009	Galtway Hill Milton Fm,Kbt	09/P/2/0267	2 x 100m
10/06/2011	Balmangan Fm Dundrennan	11/P/2/0238	3 x 39.6m refused
16/05/2011	Ingleston Farm Borgue	11/P/2/0193	2 x 39.6m refused
21/12/2010	Culraven Farm Borgue	10/P/2/0490	2 x 45.5m refused
20/12/2010	Craigmore Hill Lochfoot	10/P/2/0487	2 x 45.5m refused
08/01/2007	Barnbackle Fm Lochfoot	07/P/2/0006	2 x 100m refused
2005	Doon Hill, Kirkgunzeon	07/P/2/005	2 x 100m refused

Broken News

E.On has just announced a new wind farm site at Loch Urr, 5 km south of Moniaive. The company estimates the site has the potential to hold up to 50 turbines, with an installed capacity of up to 150MW.

In addition, there is also the Sanquhar Community Wind Farm already in the pipeline: an 18-turbine wind-farm development between windfarms at Hare Hill and Whiteside Hill under the auspices of, you've guessed it, our favourite community-centred charity —Community Windpower Ltd!

According to the Dumfries & Galloway Standard: *Chairman of the Community Council, Joe Ramsay said: "It's not a problem in Sanquhar. We've no issue with windfarms. The community benefits are quite substantial.*

Sanquhar is quite a deprived area and any money coming into the community for these turbines will be welcome to this area."

The black box is deliberately chosen to herald this news!



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