

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT



A full EIA has been commissioned for the Loch Toftingall Wind Farm project. This extensive study will form part of the formal application to be made to The Highland Council.

The environmental impact assessment process includes:

- Consultation with the local planning authority, various organisations and the public to identify specific concerns and issues;
- Determining the existing conditions at and around the proposed wind farm site by reviewing the available data and undertaking specialist field surveys;
- Assessing the potential impacts on the existing environment; and
- Mitigation proposals to alleviate any significant impacts identified.

To date we have carried out extensive surveys in line with planning policy and guidance to gather data on the following:

- Ornithology;
- Protected species;
- Priority habitats;
- Carbon rich soils and priority peatland habitats;
- Hydrology;
- Noise;
- Landscape and visual impact;
- Traffic and Transport;
- Archaeology/cultural heritage;
- Aviation;
- Telecommunications; and
- Forestry.

Other desk-based assessments, critical to the planning application will include appraising the impacts of the proposed development on socio-economics and climate change.

