

# THE LOCAL COMMUNITY



The developer will work closely with local communities, businesses and residents in seeking to ensure that the project will bring tangible benefits to local people and help meet the national climate change and energy security needs.

## Business, Jobs and Investment

We would like to hear from local businesses to ensure that we can fully consider the skills and services of local people and suppliers if the Loch Toftingall proposal receives approval.

The opportunities available would include those for:

- An engineering, procurement and construction contractor;
- Construction material suppliers: concrete, aggregate and building materials;
- Electrical contractors: supply and installation of plant, cabling, earthing, etc.;
- Plant and equipment hire contractors: excavation earthworks, craneage, welfare units, etc.;
- Labour hire companies: engineers, plant operatives and general labourers;
- Landscaping and peat restoration specialists; and
- Transport: taxis and minibuses for local labourers.

## Local Accommodation Providers

Construction projects of this nature typically require some specialist technicians who may have to come from outside the area, so they will require local accommodation and catering facilities.

## Community Benefit

Community Benefit is based on the generation of renewable energy. The community benefit sum of £36,000 per year indicated at the first stage consultation events was based on the standard £5,000 per MW per annum of wind turbine generation.

Battery facilities manage renewable energy, but they do not generate it, therefore, community benefit is not part of battery energy storage projects. It is therefore not intended to provide any community benefit funding now that the wind turbines have been removed from the proposals.