

The Griffin Wind Farm, located to the south east of Aberfeldy, is nearing the start of its main construction phase and I am sending you this newsletter to keep you up to date on the progress of the project and on any works that might affect you as a local resident. I will send you further regular newsletters and will also introduce additional ways for you to keep in touch with what is happening.

As Community Liaison Officer, I am the main point of contact for all matters relating to the Wind Farm during the construction phase and will be working alongside the construction team and the community. If you wish to contact me in relation to the Griffin project, my details are:

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Griffin Wind Farm Information

- **Planning Consent Granted** : January 2008
- **Number / Size of Turbines** : 68 turbines / Up to 124m (to blade tip)
- **Capacity** : 156.4MW installed capacity
- **Project Cost** : Around £200m
- **Site Location** : Approximately 6.5km south east of Aberfeldy
- **Access to site** : From A826 in Glen Cochill just south of Scotston
- **Additional Infrastructure** : Dedicated substation situated next to existing electricity pylons
- **Description of site** : Mix of commercial forestry, upland heather moorland and grassland
- **Forestry Tracks** : In need of upgrade to allow safe passage for onsite traffic
- **External Works** : Upgrade and strengthening of roads depending on current condition



Griffin Wind Farm Construction Timetable (subject to change)

- **Appointment of Contractors:** Appointment in summer 2010
- **Tree Felling** : Keyholing now under way – timber to be removed at a later date
- **Enabling Works** : Ongoing
- **Transport plan / routes** : Ongoing – awaiting outcome of applications for Turbine route
- **Start of main construction** : Planned for summer 2010
- **Turbine deliveries** : Delivery of Siemens Turbines planned for early 2011
- **Completion and generation:** In 2012

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

The SSE group of companies is committed to reducing the waste generated by its operations. In 2009/2010 we aim to reduce the waste sent to landfill from our shops and offices by a further 5%, thus achieving an 80% recycling rate.

Our long term goal (by 2016) is to achieve 'zero waste sent to landfill'.

Please ensure that you **recycle** this newsletter when it has been read.

Griffin Wind Farm – Future Communication

Please find attached a short form for completion and a postage paid return envelope. What I would like to establish is how you would like to receive this communication in future and I would be very grateful if you would take a few moments to complete the form and return it to me. Please note that your details will not be used for anything other than communications regarding the Griffin Wind Farm project. Additional information sources will be introduced in the next few weeks with more information in the next Community Update.

Thank you in advance.

→ Pylon Platform

Work on the platform for the new pylon (which will be situated in the middle of the Griffin substation) has now been completed. The new pylon, which will take electricity from the Wind Farm directly to the National Grid, will be erected this coming summer. The process will require a temporary pylon to be built so that the line can be moved to it while the new pylon is built. Once the new pylon is ready, the line will be transferred to it and both the temporary and old pylon will be dismantled and taken away. This procedure enables power to be maintained with little or no interruption.

→ New Site Access

Work will begin in late May/June on the 'bellmouth' forming the entrance to the new access road from the A826. This new entrance will be located just to the north of the existing site access. A826 Traffic will be controlled and we apologise for any delay that might occur as a result of this work. The construction will require additional stone to be brought to the site. The remainder of the new track will be completed prior to main construction beginning in the summer.

→ Tree Felling

We have now appointed contractors to begin the keyhole tree felling on site. Trees felled during this time will be stacked on site, in preparation for future removal. If you visit the area, please do not climb on the log stacks and be aware of works being carried out near to you. All works will have appropriate warning signs. Please also be aware that normal forestry operations continue in other areas of the forest and timber from this work may be removed by the forestry managers.

→ Wind Turbine Selection

We have now selected the Wind Turbines that will be used on site. Siemens, who supply Turbines to a number of SSE sites, are our chosen supplier and we will be using 2.3MW machines meaning the site has an installed capacity of 156.4MW.

→ Traffic

Construction traffic along the A822 and A826 will increase over the next month or two, with works continuing on the new pylon, the new access and forestry. We do not anticipate any significant delays during this time, but residents should be aware that construction vehicles will be travelling slower than normal vehicles and this may extend your journey time.

Work relating to the new pylon will require welfare facilities, plant, materials and concrete to be delivered. Forestry works will require initial machinery deliveries and occasional fuel deliveries.

Work on the bellmouth will require aggregate, plant and welfare deliveries.

Griffin Wind Farm – Community Benefit Fund / Energy Efficiency Fund

Once main construction begins in the summer, we will launch the Griffin Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund. Local community groups and organisations will be able to apply for funding so that they can continue to make a real difference to those around them. The Fund will receive an annual payment of around £310,000 along with an additional annual payment based on the performance of the Wind Farm.

We have appointed The Scottish Community Foundation to help administer the Fund, and they in turn are working with local Community Councils in readiness for the launch in the summer. They will also assist in setting up a Community Panel who make important decisions about how the Fund should be spent based on the applications received.

More information will become available nearer the launch of the Fund, but if you wish to find out more please visit the Foundation website (www.scottishcf.org) to see how successful similar schemes are.

In addition to the Community Fund, we will also be launching an Energy Efficiency Fund which will comprise of a single payment to be used to identify 'energy inefficient' properties and for measures that reduce those inefficiencies.

Further information about both Funds will become available over the coming months.

For an electronic copy of this update, please request by email from noel.cummins@sserenewables.com or visit the SSE website (www.sse.com) clicking on 'Project Portfolio' and then 'Griffin'.

Griffin Wind Farm – Communication Preference Form

Please complete the information below and return this form in the enclosed pre-paid envelope.

I **do / do not** (delete as appropriate) wish to receive communications from SSE Renewables regarding the Griffin Wind Farm project.

Name : _____

Address : _____

Postcode : _____

Telephone : _____ (optional)

My preferred method of communication is (please tick only one) :

Newsletter (please ensure your full postal address is above)

Email (please print your email address below)

Email address :

The information you provide will only be used to communicate with you in relation to the Griffin Wind Farm project. It will not be passed or sold to any other part of the SSE Group or external agency.

Signed : _____

Date : ___ / ___ / 2010

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