



3<sup>rd</sup> March 2026

Dear Resident

We would like to invite you to a meeting on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 7.30pm at The Auld School, Main Street, Pinwherry KA26 0RN. We are organising this meeting in conjunction with Pinwherry and Pinmore Community Council to discuss the proposed Knockodhar windfarm. This development will potentially have significant consequences for our community and surrounding areas and the purpose of this meeting is to provide you with more details about this and gather your views on the proposal.

The meeting will be chaired by David Hall, PPCC Vice Chair and we have asked Cllr Alec Clark and Cllr Alan Lamont to attend. We are expecting to cover the following points:

### **1) Overview of Application**

REG Power Management have proposed the development, which consists of 14 turbines at 180m / 200m height and two at 149.9m height. The site will be located 3.5km SW of Barr, extending eastwards from two access points in Pinwherry village (the closest village to the development). The closest property to the development is Mark Farm, at 850m from Turbine 12, along the Muck Road.

### **2) Site Access for Normal and Abnormal loads**

The main HGV access route will be at Hallowchapel, opposite the B734 turn off to Colmonell. This will be for delivery of construction materials and a staff entrance. The Abnormal Loads route will access the main road directly opposite Pinwherry Bridge (when heading from Barrhill) to the left of the Auld School. This will require tree-felling and the removal of a significant amount of soil. The road will be widened before the bridge and incorporate the verge currently used for resident parking.

We believe the construction period will be 20 months and the number of construction journeys throughout this period ranges from 17 per day to 163 per day, with an average of 116 per day. These vehicles will be travelling along the A714 in both directions.

### **3) Borrow pits, blasting. Soil removal and extra stone being brought in.**

At the start of construction a combined 21,382m<sup>3</sup> of aggregate (wearing course plus subbase materials) will be required to build new track (approximately 5.1km), upgrade existing tracks (approximately 3.7km) and provide passing places to the Borrow pit locations. It is assumed that 100% of this material will be imported to the site from an off-site source or sources.

There are two borrow pits in the Application site. Most of the proposed extraction materials will require drilling and blasting depending on the rock mass properties (strength and fracture state) of the underlying bedrock.



#### **4) Pinwherry, Colmonell and Barr – Landscape and visual**

The turbines will be clearly visible from many locations throughout Pinwherry, Pinmore, Barr and Colmonell. You can find images from various viewpoints on the ECU website, and we will show some during the meeting.

#### **5) Residential Amenity – Private water supplies, shadow flicker, visual effects and noise**

The private water supplies of several properties in the Pinwherry and Pinmore area have been identified as potentially being at risk due to this development. In addition, properties within 2.5km of the development are likely to be affected to varying extents by noise, visual impact and shadow flicker. The worry for residents is the size of these turbines. Mark Hill turbines are 110m high and the noise can be heard from 2km away. These turbines are 180m to 200m and a lot nearer to many properties.

#### **6) Turbine lighting at night**

The proposed lighting strategy for the Knockodhar Wind Farm includes six aviation warning lights on turbines T2, T3, T10, T12, T15, and T16. As we are seeing, the Killgallioch lights are strongly visible at 20km and the applicant has indicative representations that show that these lights will be easily visible for that distance.

#### **7) Compounds and Electricity Sub station**

As well as the turbines there is the associated infrastructure to consider which will be:

- a) Site security and compound, 1km along the access track at Grid Ref: NX 20513 87550;
- b) Three temporary construction compounds 100m x 75m;
- c) one Energy Storage System (ESS) and compound;
- d) one 132 kilovolt (kV) substation compound and control building, and
- e) the Overhead Transmission line and pylons to Mark Hill.

The Applicant says “For security reasons, the compounds will be fenced off with lighting and CCTV installed. Power for temporary construction services will be derived from conventional site generators.”

#### **8) Environmental impacts – peat, tree felling, wildlife**

The site is within the transitional zone for the Galloway Forest Park and the Galloway Dark Sky Park in addition to being within the UNESCO Biosphere. The effect to the landscape and visual aspect in this area is stated as being significant and adverse

Felling amounting to 118.3a is required to facilitate the proposed development and the trees will be transported out using the Access route. The total indicative volume of peat that will need to be excavated for the development is 107,723m<sup>3</sup> – this will be stored on site or removed.

This area has recently become popular with hen harriers and Red Kite are seen between Newton Stewart and here. South Ayrshire have requested goshawk survey as they are known to be in the area. Bats are also a victim of blade strike as are most birds.



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Red squirrels are a frequent sight up the Muck Water and as they are also seen in Barr it is likely that they are in between in the Knockodhar forests.

## **9) Effects on tourism and visitors**

The cumulative effect of windfarm developments in this area is already damaging the once unspoilt countryside surrounding Pinwherry and Pinmore. This area attracts walkers and cyclists, who do not come to rural areas to look at wind turbines. There is the possibility that further development will reduce the number of visitors and impact the earnings from local holiday accommodation.

## **10) Effects on house prices**

There is mixed evidence of the impact of windfarm developments on house prices, with some views being that house prices might drop during the construction phase and recover afterwards. However, we understand from local estate agents that whilst property values may not change, many people are not willing to live in close proximity to a windfarm and this reduces the potential saleability of local properties, particularly during the construction phase.

## **Further information**

If you are unable to attend the meeting, you can find further information on REG Power Management's website <https://www.knockodhar.co.uk/> or the Energy Consent Unit's website <https://www.energyconsents.scot/ApplicationDetails.aspx?cr=ECU00002153>. There is a great deal of information available and we hope that our summary above gives you a better idea of how you and the local area might be affected. If you are concerned about the proposals, we encourage you to attend the meeting and/or object to the proposal via the ECU's website.

REG Power will also be holding a drop-in consultation at the Auld School on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March, afternoon – early evening. This will also give you the opportunity to put your questions and concerns directly to the developer.

We hope to see as many of you as possible at the meeting.

Yours sincerely

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