

Dunside Wind Farm
Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report
Volume 2: Main Report

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Preface

This Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIA Report) has been prepared in support of an application by EDF Energy Renewables Ltd (EDF-ER) ('the Applicant') to the Scottish Government Energy Consents Unit (ECU) for Section 36 consent to construct and operate Dunside Wind Farm (the 'Proposed Development'). The proposed site (the Site) is located approximately 6 km north of Westruther and 7 km west of Longformacus in the Scottish Borders Council (SBC) administrative area. The Proposed Development will comprise up to 15 wind turbines with battery storage and other associated infrastructure.

The EIA Report comprises the following volumes:

- Volume 1: Non-Technical Summary (NTS);
- Volume 2: Main Report (this volume);
- Volume 3a: Figures;
- Volume 3b: Visualisations;
- Volume 4: Appendices; and
- Volume 5: Confidential Documents.

In addition to the above, the application is accompanied by a standalone Planning and Energy Policy Statement, a Design and Access Statement, a Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) Report and a Socio-Economic and Tourism Assessment.

A hard copy of the EIA Report will be available for public viewing during the application consultation period at the following address:

Haddington Library	Scottish Borders Council Office	Westruther Village Hall
15 Lodge St,	Council Headquarters,	6 Edgar Road,
Haddington	Newtown St. Boswells, Melrose,	Westruther, Gordon,
EH41 3DX	TD6 0SA	TD3 6ND

A copy of the NTS can be requested free of charge. A hard copy of the EIA Report is available on request for £500. All documents are available to download from the project website (dunsidewindfarm.co.uk) or can be posted upon request in electronic format on USB free of charge.

The EIA Report will also be available for public viewing online via the Scottish Government ECU planning portal (<https://www.energyconsents.scot/ApplicationSearch.aspx>).

Any public representations to the application may be submitted via the ECU website at www.energyconsents.scot/Register.aspx; by email to the Scottish Government, Energy Consents Unit mailbox at representations@gov.scot; or by post to the Scottish Government, Energy Consents Unit, 4th Floor, 5 Atlantic Quay, 150 Broomielaw, Glasgow, G2 8LU, identifying the proposal and specifying the grounds for representation. The Applicant will advertise the submission of the Section 36 application in the local and national press and on the dedicated project website. The advert will state the deadline for submitting representations to Scottish Ministers.

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