ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT



An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) screening request has been submitted to the Highland Council. The decision is expected shortly and will determine whether an EIA is required for this application.

Asessments to support the planning application have been commissioned for the Limekiln BESS Proposed Development. This extensive study will form part of the formal planning application to be made to The Scottish Government.

The assessment and reporting process will include:

- Consultation with the local planning authority, key stakeholders and the public to identify specific concerns and issues;
- Determining the existing conditions at and around the Proposed Development 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.

The on-going assessments will provide data on the following:

- Landscape and visual impact;
- Carbon rich soils and priority peatland habitats;
- Ecology;
- Ornithology;
- Hydrology;
- Noise;
- Traffic and Transport;
- Archaeology/Cultural Heritage;
- Forestry

Other desk-based assessments will include appraising the impacts of the proposed development on health and safety, fire risk and mitigation, and socio-economics.

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THE LOCAL COMMUNITY


Limekiln Wind Farm

Following the completion of the Limekiln Wind Farm, Boralex will continue to 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 the Limekiln BESS proposal receives approval.

The opportunities available would include:

- 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, cranage, 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 can require a number of temporary workers from outside the area, who will require local accommodation and catering facilities.

Community Benefit

Whilst not generating electricity, which is the basis for onshore wind community benefit, Boralex will deliver a 'community benefit' sum per year and is currently looking at the options around calculating that figure.

Discussions around how this fund could be used will be had with the Caithness West Community Council.

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NEXT STEPS



We hope to submit the planning application for the Limekiln BESS proposal to The Scottish Government in the summer of 2025.

An Environmental Report including all the results from the surveys will be submitted with the planning application. All the submitted documents will be uploaded to the project specific page on our website: www.limekilnwwindfarm.co.uk

If you would like to receive a CD/USB stick containing all the planning application documents or a hard copy of the Non-Technical Summary (NTS) (a summary of the Environmental Report), please request this in the 'Voice your opinion' comment form available at the reception desk. The CDs/USB sticks and the NTS are provided free of charge for as long as stock last.

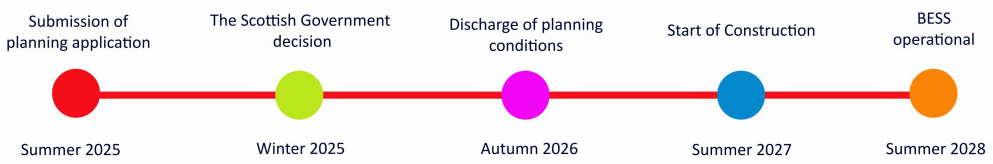
Once the planning application submitted, professional bodies in the fields of ecology, noise, landscape, cultural heritage, transport etc. will be formally consulted.

In assessing the proposal, the Scottish Government will not only consider the application material, but also the views of local residents and a range of consultees, including:

- The Highland Council
- Caithness West Community Council
- NatureScot
- SEPA
- The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
- RSPB
- Historic Environment Scotland
- Transport Scotland

The timeline shown below gives a likely indication of the timescale should the proposal be deemed acceptable (subject to change depending on the planning process).

Indicative Timeline



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