



Statement of Community Involvement

Scout Moor II

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1 Executive Summary

1.1 Context and Approach

- 1.1.1 Scout Moor II is the first onshore wind farm in England to come forward following the lifting of planning restrictions that had, in effect, placed a moratorium on new development for nearly a decade. As such, it marks not only a significant milestone for the UK's transition to clean energy, but also a test of how the planning system, developers and communities can work together to deliver the next generation of onshore wind projects.
- 1.1.2 While recent changes to national policy have lifted the main planning barriers to onshore wind in England, the requirement for meaningful community engagement remains — a principle reinforced in the Government's Clean Power 2030 Action Plan.
- 1.1.3 From the outset, Cubico recognised that securing genuine local involvement is not just a policy requirement, but a critical enabler of project success. Good community engagement helps to build support, identify and address local concerns, shape better project outcomes, and unlock wider opportunities and benefits for the local area. This approach has underpinned our strategy for Scout Moor II from the beginning.
- 1.1.4 To support this, Cubico prepared a Community Engagement Plan before any public activity began. It set out a two-phase consultation approach, shaped by national policy, local guidance, and established best practice. The aim was straightforward:
- 1.1.5 To make sure local people were heard, that concerns could be raised early on, and that the project could be shaped with those views in mind.

1.2 Participation and Impact

- 1.2.1 Between November 2024 and April 2025, Cubico delivered a comprehensive consultation programme that aligned with national government and local authority guidance and went beyond recognised industry best practice. While the process included two formal consultation phases — each with public exhibitions and formal feedback opportunities — engagement did not begin and end there. Between these phases, the project team maintained ongoing dialogue with residents, local groups, and stakeholders, ensuring the conversation remained open and responsive throughout.
- 1.2.2 The programme was designed to engage a broad and diverse audience, ensuring that local voices were heard throughout. The infographic below summarises the scale and reach of this engagement — highlighting the multiple ways in which people could access information, ask questions, and share their views.

1.3 Breadth of Engagement

1.3.1 Between November 2024 and April 2025:

- **nine public exhibitions** were held across the Rossendale and Rochdale areas, supported by **three technical webinars**
- a dedicated website was launched, which attracted almost **30,000 visits**, and widespread social media and press outreach reaching **hundreds of thousands of people**.
- Leaflets were delivered to around **40,000 addresses** across two phases, and the consultation reach extended across diverse geographies, age groups and stakeholder interests.

1.3.2 In total, over **300 pieces of formal feedback** were received, alongside targeted discussions with elected representatives, community groups, environmental organisations and local businesses.

1.4 How Consultation Shaped the Project

1.4.1 The consultation showed strong local support for renewable energy in principle (which reflects national trends identified in government attitude trackers), alongside a clear desire for projects to be designed and delivered in close dialogue with communities. Many residents raised questions about visual impact, environmental protection, private water supplies, access and transport, and the governance of community benefit.

1.4.2 In response, Cubico made a number of changes to the Proposed Development and its engagement strategy. These include:

- Reducing the number of turbines from 21 to 17, in response to visual and environmental concerns
- Refining the layout to avoid deeper peat areas and improve separation from homes and public rights of way
- Removing a turbine near Whitworth based on local feedback
- Publishing a Community Benefit Charter, committing to £6,000 per MW per year, linked to inflation and governed by an independent local community development trust
- Reiterating that Rooley Moor Road will not be used for construction or operational access of the proposed wind farm, with a single protected crossing introduced away from heritage sections
- Hosting technical webinars and publishing detailed topic papers to clarify complex issues such as noise, shadow flicker, peatland restoration and access
- Introducing dedicated mechanisms to capture information on unrecorded private water supplies, informing the Environmental Impact Assessment

1.5 Structured and Transparent Response

- 1.5.1 To ensure a transparent account of how community feedback shaped the final proposals, Chapter 9 of this Statement of Community Involvement sets out the issues raised and Cubico’s response, using a structured typology:
- **Consultation Adaptation:** Changes made to improve accessibility, communication or participation
 - **Design Change:** Where the Proposed Development layout or parameters were revised
 - **Further Information:** Where additional technical explanation or visual material was provided
 - **Mitigation:** Where potential impacts were reduced through new measures
 - **Justification:** Where changes were not appropriate but a clear rationale is given
 - **Future Action:** Where commitments have been made to ongoing engagement or delivery
- 1.5.2 These responses are reflected throughout the planning application, either as embedded design, supporting assessments or secured commitments. They demonstrate that community feedback has not only been heard but has materially shaped the project that is now being brought forward for determination.
- 1.5.3 Through this process, Cubico has sought to set a new benchmark for how large-scale renewable energy proposals can be developed in partnership with local communities—with clarity, accountability and long-term benefit at the core.

2 Overview

- 2.1.1 This Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) has been prepared by Lexington on behalf of Cubico UK Development (Wind 1) Limited, hereafter referred to as 'Cubico' or 'the Applicant'.
- 2.1.2 This SCI forms part of a suite of reports submitted respect of a cross-boundary application for full planning permission ('the Application') relating to the construction and operation of a new onshore wind farm (to be known as 'Scout Moor II'), alongside a comprehensive moorland restoration scheme (the 'Proposed Development'), on at land at Rooley Moor ('the Site').
- 2.1.3 The Site straddles the administrative boundaries of Rossendale Borough Council ('RBC') and Rochdale Metropolitan Borough Council ('RMBC') (collectively referred to as 'the Councils'). The Councils are the Local Planning Authorities ('LPA's') responsible for the determination of the Applications. Individual duplicate applications will be submitted to RBC and RMBC.
- 2.1.4 A detailed description of the Proposed Development is set out in the Planning, Design & Access Statement (prepared by Turley), but in summary it comprises:
- 17no. wind turbines, with a maximum height to the tip of the blade of 180m AOD;
 - An onsite substation, with woodland planting for screening purposes;
 - Underground electrical cabling infrastructure;
 - A network of access tracks and track improvements;
 - Improvement and widening works to Scout Road, the existing road providing vehicular access to Scout Moor Quarry and the existing Scout Moor Wind Farm, which will also provide access to Scout Moor II;
 - A temporary construction compound and staging area;
 - Two underground cable route options to connect Scout Moor II to the national grid at the Rawtenstall Bulk Supply Point (BSP);
 - A comprehensive package of moorland restoration works, comprising habitat enhancement and restoration, as well as new fencing; and
 - A series of measures to improve outdoor access and recreation, including public right of way, footpath and cycle route improvements, directional signage, information boards, new amenity areas and enhancements to Green Booth Reservoir car park.
- 2.1.5 In parallel with the main planning applications, Cubico is also undertaking separate consultation to support a forthcoming Common Land Consent application. This process involves direct engagement with landowners, commoners, and a wide range of recreational and community groups. The feedback received through this parallel process will be documented in a separate consultation report submitted with the common land application.
- 2.1.6 The SCI is intended to set out Cubico's approach to community and stakeholder engagement and consultation in respect of the proposed development. It includes a detailed account of the activity undertaken to support the consultation and engagement, such as how the consultation was advertised, how it was administered and the format of the various engagement activities.

2.1.7 Additionally, the SCI also sets out the feedback received, how this influenced the ongoing consultation and how feedback shaped the final proposed development. It also includes Cubico's response to various matters raised by those who participated in the consultation.

3 Planning and Guidance: Role of Community Involvement

- 3.1.1 Planning guidance states that pre-application consultation with communities, local authorities and statutory consultees can bring several benefits to the process of determining planning applications. Against this background, Cubico and their consultant team have sought to consult with interested parties following policy and guidance concerning community involvement in the planning system.
- 3.1.2 As the Application is located within two local authority areas, Cubico was mindful of the guidance provided by each council.

3.2 Rossendale Borough Council

- 3.2.1 Rossendale Borough Council's (RBC) Statement of Community Involvement (adopted 2024) sets out the Council's approach for how the community will be involved in the production of planning documents and through consultation on planning applications. The SCI states:
- 3.2.2 "There is a regulatory requirement for applicants for larger or potentially contentious developments such as major housing sites or wind turbines of a certain scale to carry out their own pre-application consultation. This consultation should bring draft proposals to the attention of the public, Town Council and other affected parties and provide an opportunity for them to make comments on the proposals.
- 3.2.3 This consultation will allow information about the proposal to be presented to the community, enable potential issues to be addressed and amendments to be made before an application is submitted. Depending on the scale and likely interest in the proposals, such consultation may take a number of forms including:
- Circulation of leaflets with draft proposals;
 - On-line and / or on-site information on draft proposals;
 - Arranging public meetings or exhibitions; and
 - Requesting feedback within a specified time-scale to allow changes to be made.
- 3.2.4 Those submitting major applications are expected to submit a Consultation Statement with their planning application, which describes the community consultation that has been undertaken, sets out the comments received and whether / how they have been taken on board."

3.3 Rochdale Borough Council

- 3.3.1 As with RBC, Rochdale Metropolitan Borough Council's (RMBC) Statement of Community Involvement (adopted 2021) advises applicants on its approach to pre-application community consultation. Its SCI states:
- 3.3.2 "For significant development proposals, the Council has adopted guidance to encourage applicants/developers to consult with the local community before submitting their application. This enables the applicants to explain their proposals, receive feedback on which they might be able to act, create an atmosphere of genuine interest in the views of the local community and provide more certainty about any level of concern and the issues of concern.
- 3.3.3 The following methods are likely to be suitable and could be used if considered to be appropriate:
- Circulating a letter or statement to local residents and businesses explaining the proposals;
 - Arranging an exhibition or presentation;
 - Engagement online using social media or dedicated consultation websites; and
 - Arranging a press release in local media".

3.4 Legislation and Government Planning Policy

- 3.4.1 The Localism Act 2011 seeks to provide the local community with a voice throughout the planning process, highlighted in the former Department for Communities and Local Government's Decentralisation and Localism Bill: an essential guide, which outlines one of its principles as:
- o "Empowering communities to do things their way – by creating rights for people to get involved with, and direct the development of, their community".
- 3.4.2 Elaborating on this, the Localism Act outlines that applicants must notify the local community about their proposals to "bring the proposed application to the attention of a majority of the persons who live at, or otherwise occupy, premises in the vicinity of the land". It goes on to state that the publicity must explain how the applicant can be contacted by those "wishing to comment on, or collaborate...on the design of, the proposed development" and that applicants must consider the feedback received by having "regard to any responses to the consultation".

3.5 National Planning Policy Framework

- 3.5.1 In December 2024, the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government released its updated National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). The document seeks to achieve sustainable development with three overarching objectives: an economic objective; a social objective; and an environmental objective.
- 3.5.2 The NPPF sets out guidance in relation to pre-application engagement and front-loading. Paragraph 40 sets out how early engagement in the planning process has significant potential to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the planning application system for all parties involved in planning applications. The ambition of this guidance, therefore, is to enable better coordination

between public and private resources and create improved outcomes for the community and developer.

- 3.5.3 The policy goes on to state that “the more issues that can be resolved at pre-application stage, including the need to deliver improvements in infrastructure and affordable housing, the greater the benefits”.
- 3.5.4 The Draft Overarching National Policy Statement for Energy (EN-1) reiterates the legislative requirement to consult on onshore wind projects (outlined in section 3.7).
- 3.5.5 Additionally, a number of Government publications have reiterated the emphasis on meaningful consultation with the local community. The *NESO Clean Power 2030 Action Plan* is clear that benefits of clean energy must be seen by the local community and that communities must be engaged meaningfully. Furthermore, the Policy Statement on Onshore Wind (July 2024) states that the Government will ‘empower’ local communities to participate in decisions on local infrastructure. Cubico has adopted this approach to its consultation.

3.6 National Planning Practice Guidance

- 3.6.1 The National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG) is intended to make planning guidance more accessible and easier to keep up to date. With regard to consultation and community engagement, the NPPG notes:
- 3.6.2 “Early and timely engagement between developers, statutory consultees and local authorities at the pre-application phase is important in helping to address issues and opportunities early on and avoid delays occurring at the formal application stage”. (para. 15-013-20190722).
- 3.6.3 The guidance states that this can be achieved by consulting the local planning authority, statutory and non-statutory consultees, elected members and local people, with the level of engagement proportionate to the nature and scale of the proposed development.

3.7 Onshore Wind – Consultation Requirements and Guidance

- 3.7.1 Article 3 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) (Order) 2015 sets a legal requirement to undertake pre-application community consultation on any onshore wind developments where there are more than two turbines or where the hub height exceeds 15 metres.
- 3.7.2 Article 4 of the above Order sets out the requirements to be undertaken. These include publicising the proposals, set out details for how feedback can be provided and demonstrate the consultation undertaken.

3.8 Best Practice Principles for Community Engagement in Onshore Wind

- 3.8.1 In 2021, the Government published good practice guidance¹ on community engagement in relation to onshore wind.
- 3.8.2 This document sets out recommendations from the Government on how applicants should engage with the wider community in relation to onshore wind developments. Applicants are recommended to align with the principles of the guidance as well as adhering to the spirit of ongoing, deep and meaningful engagement. This includes starting early, reaching the whole community and reporting back. It also recommends ongoing engagement.
- 3.8.3 The comprehensive nature of Cubico's consultation exercises across two distinct phases of engagement (and ongoing engagement throughout), coupled with the tangible changes made to the scheme demonstrate that it has exceeded the requirements set out in the guidance to set new industry standards.

3.9 The Applicant's Approach

- 3.9.1 Cubico believes Scout Moor II will set new standards for the next generation of onshore wind in England. It has taken this approach to its consultation programme, seeking to exceed requirements outlined by various authorities.
- 3.9.2 The Applicant has sought to ensure that the engagement with the local community on the plans has adhered to the guidance outlined in the Localism Act 2011, the NPPF, the NPPG and the host Councils' SCIs, as well as industry best practice.

¹ Community engagement and benefits from onshore wind developments: good practice guidance for England, accessible here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/community-benefits-and-engagement-guidance-for-onshore-wind>

4 Consultation

4.1 Overall Consultation Approach

- 4.1.1 Cubico's consultation strategy for Scout Moor II was designed to go beyond formal requirements, placing meaningful, early, and sustained engagement at the heart of the project. The first phase of consultation in autumn 2024 introduced the proposals, invited local feedback, and opened a broad conversation with the community about how the development could deliver the greatest benefit. This early visibility allowed residents and stakeholders to raise issues, suggest ideas, and influence key aspects of the design before plans were finalised.
- 4.1.2 Engagement did not end with the close of the initial consultation. Instead, Cubico entered a period of active dialogue, reviewing all feedback received and using it to inform technical assessments and refine the design. In parallel, the project team maintained regular contact with key stakeholders, including local councillors, statutory consultees, and community groups. Additional discussions were held with others, including interested parties and extending opportunities to meet with those raising objections.
- 4.1.3 This sustained engagement led directly to meaningful changes. These included reducing the number of turbines, improving the layout to minimise environmental impact, and enhancing the consultation materials with clearer visualisations and technical information. In response to community priorities, Cubico also published a Community Benefit Charter, confirming governance, transparency and long-term support for local initiatives.
- 4.1.4 When formal consultation resumed in March 2025, it reflected the continuation, not the relaunch, of the process. The revised proposals were shaped by what had been heard across both formal and informal engagement. By adopting a phased, responsive model, Cubico ensured that community feedback played a genuine role in shaping Scout Moor II and that residents remained at the centre of the development journey.

4.2 Community Engagement Plan

- 4.2.1 In line with UK Government guidance on good practice, Cubico prepared a Community Engagement Plan (CEP) at the outset of the Scout Moor II project. The CEP was agreed with Rochdale and Rossendale councils and published on Cubico's project website to ensure transparency and accountability.
- 4.2.2 Preparing the CEP early in the development process reflects the Government's recommendation that engagement should be "*early, continuous and open*," with the plan setting out clear objectives, identifying key stakeholders, and outlining the techniques that would be used to reach and involve the community (Good Practice Topic 1, p. 8–9).

4.2.3 The CEP provided a structured and evolving framework for:

- **Explaining the purpose of each engagement activity**, including helping people understand the proposed development and inviting feedback on both the development and community benefit proposals;
- **Identifying key stakeholder groups**, including local residents, statutory consultees, and harder-to-reach audiences;
- **Outlining the techniques used**, including exhibitions, drop-ins, roundtables, webinars, leaflet distribution, and one-to-one discussions;
- **Providing a transparent timeline**, so the community could understand when to expect updates and when they could contribute;
- **Monitoring engagement**, including reviewing feedback between Phase One and Phase Two, adapting our approach, and updating materials accordingly.

4.2.4 This structured approach not only helped build trust, but also ensured the community had meaningful opportunities to shape the proposals — as reflected in design changes, new technical assessments, and the refinement of the benefit offer. Cubico's use of the CEP exemplifies good practice by demonstrating how engagement can be locally tailored, transparent, and responsive throughout the project lifecycle.

4.3 Phase One Consultation

4.3.1 The first phase of consultation ran from Tuesday 5th November to Tuesday 26th November, providing a three-week period for the community to participate.

4.3.2 The consultation was designed to accommodate the diverse needs of various audiences by removing barriers to participation, enhancing accessibility, and providing clear, digestible explanations that addressed common concerns directly. To ensure inclusivity and engagement across all interested parties and groups in the area, a range of methodologies, as outlined below, were employed.

4.4 Stakeholder notification

4.4.1 Before the consultation launch, a letter was issued to a range of political, community and stakeholder groups and organisations. Letters were issued on Monday 4th November ahead of the consultation launch. A total of 93 letters were issued to the following categories of stakeholders:

- Political representatives (Members of Parliament, Councils, Government etc)
- Business Groups
- Secondary and Primary Schools
- Further Education Facilities

- Community Groups; and
- Others

4.4.2 An example copy of the correspondence sent to political stakeholders is provided in Appendix A.

4.5 Stakeholder Meetings

4.5.1 As part of the community and stakeholder engagement, Cubico undertook a series of meetings with key groups and representatives. These meetings included:

- Rochdale Council
- Rochdale Council's Cabinet
- Rossendale Council
- Rossendale Council's Cabinet
- Department for Energy Security and Net Zero.
- Greater Manchester Combined Authority
- Norden Area Forum
- Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Forum
- Edenfield Neighbourhood Forum
- Norden Neighbourhood Forum
- Greater Manchester Police, Rochdale District Commander
- Rossendale Valley Energy
- Elsie Blundell MP
- Andy MacNae MP
- Natural England

4.5.2 These meetings took place pre- and post-launch of consultation. This is not an exhaustive list of meetings that have taken place as the technical team is in constant engagement with various bodies and organisations.

4.6 Consultation Launch

4.6.1 The consultation launched on Tuesday 5th November 2024 and various methods were used to notify the community.

4.6.2 The methods used to promote the consultation and how the details of the plans were shared are outlined in the following sections.

4.7 Consultation Website

4.7.1 On the launch day of the consultation, Cubico launched scoutmoor2.co.uk, a dedicated project website, which was subsequently updated throughout the whole consultation programme. For the first round of consultation, the website contained the following sections:

- Welcome
- The Proposals
 - Including an interactive map of the proposals and wider considerations
- Community Wealth Fund
- Maximising Local Benefit
- Project Timeline
- News and Updates
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Feedback
- About Cubico

4.7.2 During the Phase One consultation, the website was **viewed by 8,978** visitors. Images of the website can be viewed in Appendix B. The online feedback form **received 100 submissions**.

4.8 Consultation email and postal address

4.8.1 A dedicated email address, scoutmoor2@havingyoursay.co.uk was established to receive feedback and answer enquiries from the public regarding the plans. Alternatively, respondents were also able to post their comments to a dedicated address. During the public consultation, **35 emails and one letter were received**.

4.9 Community Information Line

4.9.1 A community information line (0333 358 0502) was available throughout the consultation to enable people to speak with members of the development team. It was established from the start of the consultation and was staffed from 09:00am to 5:30pm, Monday to Friday. An answerphone

facility was available outside of office hours. **Four calls were received during the consultation period.**

4.10 Social Media

- 4.10.1 Social media was utilised to advertise the consultation across the wider Greater Manchester area. During the consultation, the adverts **reached 87,635 users, with 4,671 individuals clicking through to the consultation website**. Copies of the social media adverts can be found in Appendix C.
- 4.10.2 A map of the distribution area can be seen in Appendix D. The adverts encouraged users to click the advert and be directed straight to the consultation website.

4.11 Leaflet to residents and business

- 4.11.1 To announce the public consultation, leaflets were delivered to 19,242 residential and business addresses situated near the site on Tuesday 5th November. The distribution area was chosen to ensure those most likely to have an interest in the proposals, i.e., those closest to the site, were made aware of the public consultation and had the opportunity to submit their feedback on the plans.
- 4.11.2 The leaflet provided an overview of the proposals and the planning rationale for the Proposed Development. It also included details of how people could view the plans in greater detail and provide their feedback via the following methods:
 - 4.11.3 Visiting the website and submitting a feedback form at scoutmoor2.co.uk
 - 4.11.4 Calling the community information line on 0333 358 0502;
 - 4.11.5 Emailing scoutmoor2@havingyoursay.co.uk
 - 4.11.6 Posting comments to Scout Moor 2, c/o Lexington, Third Floor, Queens House, Queen Street, Manchester, M2 5HT;
 - 4.11.7 And Attending the in-person public consultation events
- 4.11.8 A copy of the leaflet to residents and businesses can be seen in Appendix E. A map of the distribution area for the leaflet can be found at Appendix F.

4.12 Media coverage

- 4.12.1 To advertise the launch of the consultation, Cubico released a press release to local and regional news outlets. A selection of coverage is outlined below:
 - 4.12.2 Lancashire Telegraph ([link](#))
 - 4.12.3 Bury Times ([link](#))
 - 4.12.4 Place North West ([link](#))
- 4.12.5 Cubico also gave a broadcast interview to BBC Look North

4.12.6 Given the Proposed Development's emergence has national significance, there was additional coverage in national media:

4.12.7 The Guardian ([link](#))

4.12.8 The Telegraph ([link](#))

4.13 Public Exhibitions

4.13.1 During the consultation period, Cubico hosted five public exhibitions to give the community an opportunity to meet directly with the project team, ask questions and learn more about the Proposed Development.

4.13.2 The in-person events were attended by the project team and were hosted at the following locations:

Location	Date	Attendees
Edenfield Community Centre	12 th November 2024	71
Cowpe Community Centre	13 th November 2024	74
Crown Oil Arena, Rochdale AFC	19 th November 2024	42
The Ashcroft, Whitworth	20 th November 2024	85

4.13.3 The exhibition spaces hosted a series of exhibition boards containing information on the proposals. The same boards were on display at all exhibitions and a copy of the boards can be found in Appendix G. The exhibition was staffed by members from the project team, representing several different technical disciplines, who were available to answer questions from attendees.

4.13.4 In total, across all events, 272 people attended and 46 hard copy feedback forms were received.



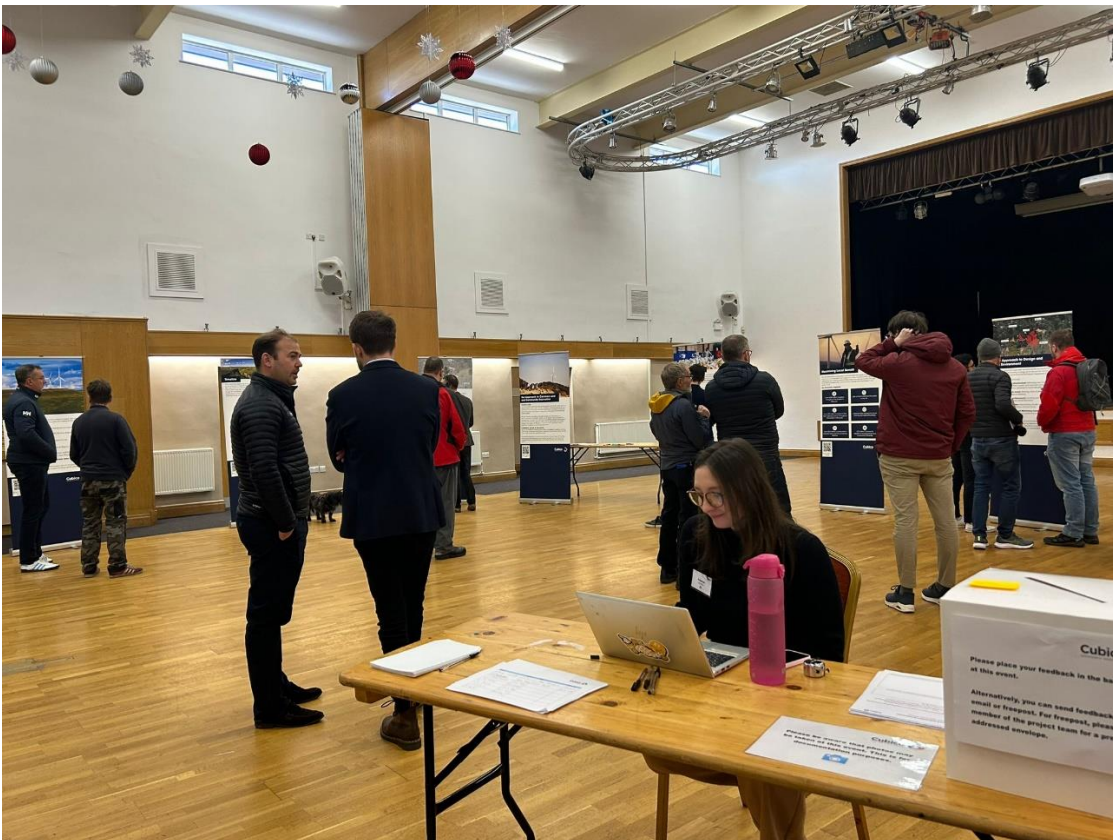
1 Exhibition at AFC Rochdale



2 Exhibition at Edenfield



3 Exhibition at Cowpe



4 Exhibition at Whitworth

5 Phase One Feedback

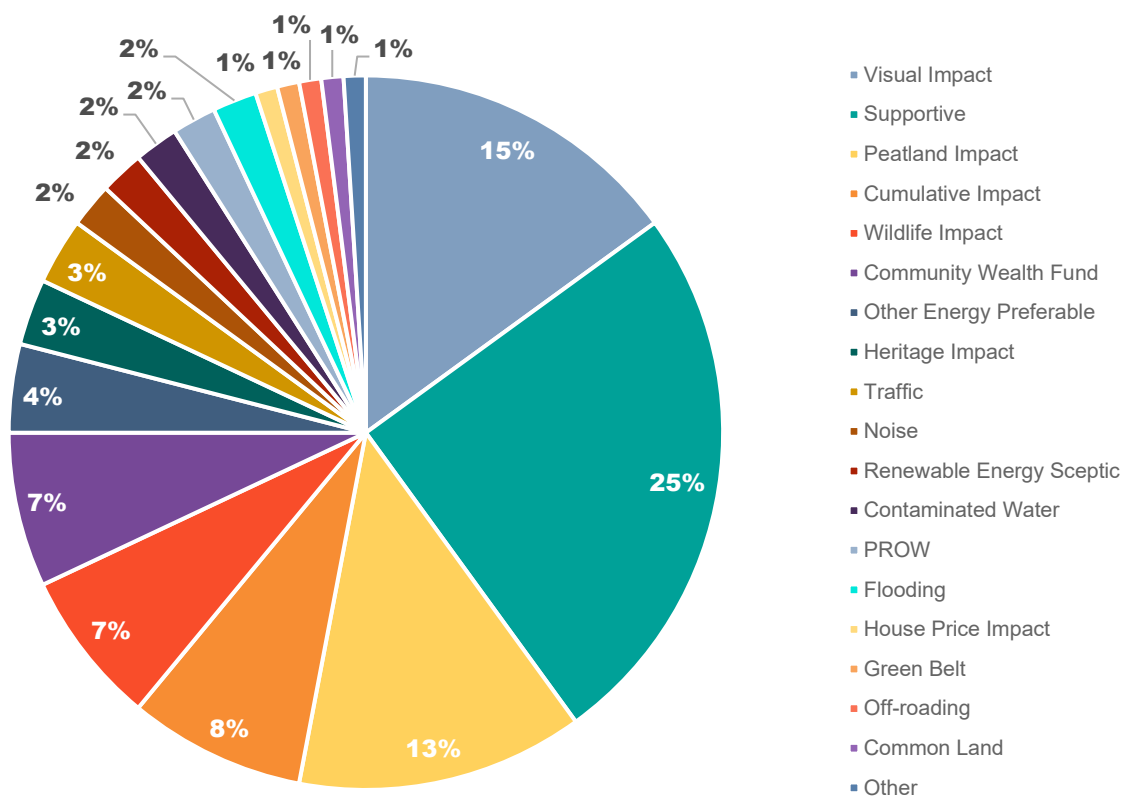
5.1 Summary of feedback from round one of consultation

5.1.1 In total, 146 feedback forms were received during the first round of public consultation. The table below provides a summary of the methods used by the public to provide their feedback or contribute to the consultation, followed by a summary of the feedback received:

5.1.2 Method	5.1.3 Number of Responses
5.1.4 Email	5.1.5 34
5.1.6 Telephone	5.1.7 2
5.1.8 Post	5.1.9 1
5.1.10 Online Feedback Form	5.1.11 100
5.1.12 Physical Feedback Form at Public Exhibition	5.1.13 46

5.2 Feedback Form Response Breakdown

5.2.1 The feedback across all channels has been summarised into recurring themes. The pie chart below summarises the amount of times key concerns and themes across the proposals were raised from all forms of feedback received.



5.2.2 Detailed results:

Visual Impact	15%
Supportive	25%
Peatland Impact	13%
Cumulative Impact	8%
Wildlife Impact	7%
Community Wealth Fund	7%
Other Energy Preferable	4%
Heritage Impact	3%
Traffic	3%
Noise	2%
Renewable Energy Sceptic	2%
Contaminated Water	2%
PROW	2%
Flooding	2%
House Price Impact	1%
Green Belt	1%
Off-roading	1%
Common Land	1%
Other	1%

- 5.2.3 Q1. Do you support the principle of increasing our renewable energy resources across the North West?
- 5.2.4 The majority of respondents expressed positive views towards wind farms. 46% strongly agreed and 23% agreed, meaning a combined 69% were in favour. 13% were neutral, while 4% disagreed and 14% strongly disagreed. Overall sentiment toward wind farms was strongly positive, with almost three-quarters of respondents expressing support.
- 5.2.5 Q2. Do you support increasing our renewable energy resources at Scout Moor II?
- 5.2.6 A total of 30% strongly agreed and 19% agreed, meaning almost 50% expressed support for the proposals. In contrast, 10% disagreed and 31% strongly disagreed, giving a total of 32% in opposition, while 11% were neutral. Overall, support outweighed opposition.
- 5.2.7 Q3. Respondents were asked to provide their reasoning for their response to Q2
- 5.2.8 Feedback on the proposed Scout Moor II revealed a strong level of support for the Proposed Development, particularly in the context of the climate emergency and the UK's net zero targets. Many respondents welcomed the proposal as a logical and efficient expansion of an existing wind energy site. Several noted that the moor has hosted turbines for over a decade, and that adding capacity here is more appropriate than developing untouched landscapes elsewhere. The visibility of existing turbines was not seen as a major concern by most supporters.
- 5.2.9 Respondents frequently cited Scout Moor's natural suitability for wind energy, with its high elevation and consistent wind patterns making it an ideal location. The site's proximity to urban demand centres such as Greater Manchester was also seen as a key strength, enabling localised, low-carbon electricity generation. Many saw the Proposed Development as a symbol of progress, with some expressing pride at the idea of their area contributing visibly to the UK's clean energy future.
- 5.2.10 Cubico acknowledges that some residents raised concerns. These included potential visual impact and effects on moorland ecology. Cubico sought to provide greater information on these matters in the second round of consultation and has taken these views into consideration in refining the design and layout of the Proposed Development.
- 5.2.11 Concerns were outweighed by broader enthusiasm for renewable energy development. Several responses welcomed the proposed community benefits and environmental enhancements, viewing these as important elements of a responsible and forward-thinking proposal.
- 5.2.12 Q4. Do you have any further comments on the proposals for Scout Moor II?
- 5.2.13 The further comments ranged from strong support to opposition. Participants welcomed the potential for renewable energy expansion, recognising its role in addressing climate change. There was support for the Proposed Development, specifically around delivering genuine local

benefits, such as job creation, apprenticeships, and meaningful investment in the community through the proposed wealth fund. Others suggested enhancing recreational access to the moor and expressed interest in initiatives like improved footpaths, cycling routes, and even local events such as a “Scout Moor Marathon.” Further details on this matter can be found in the accompanying Outdoor Access Enhancement and Management Plan.

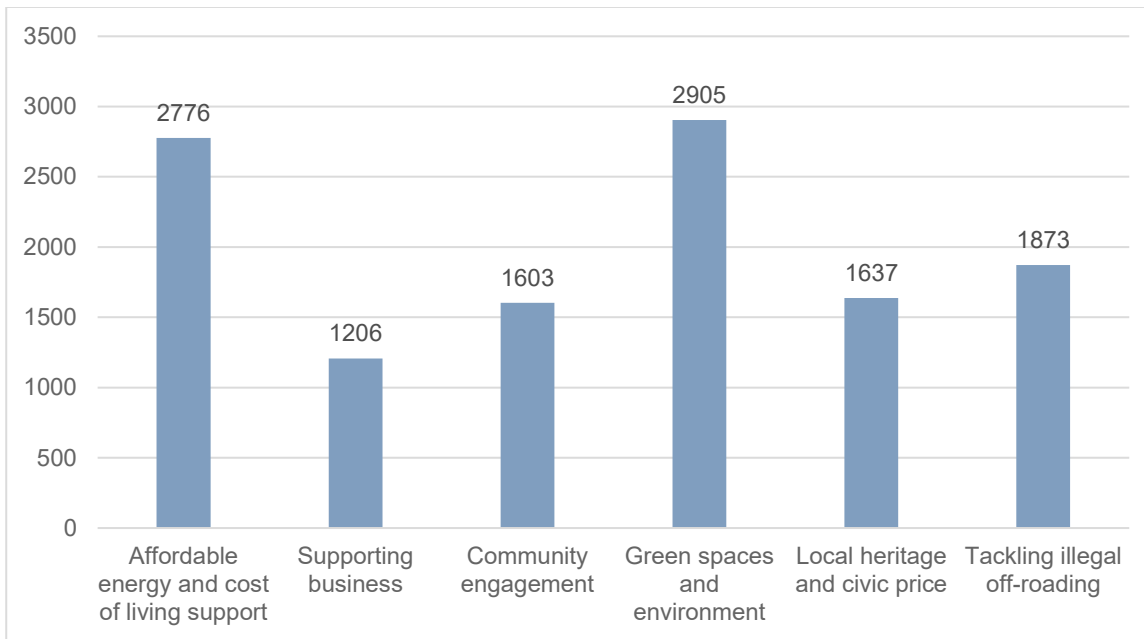
- 5.2.14 Some noted the potential environmental impact, particularly the disturbance of protected peatland habitats, risks to biodiversity, and the disruption of spring water sources and the visual impact of taller turbines. The Applicant has sought to address these matters by reducing the overall number of turbines and amending the site layout to bring the turbines closer into the site to reduce visual impact. Further matters are addressed in the accompanying Environmental Statement.
- 5.2.15 A number of respondents felt that previous commitments made during the Scout Moor I development were not upheld, leading to scepticism about promises of community benefits in this next phase. Cubico was not involved in Scout Moor I. Cubico has heard the feedback from the community and is committed to delivering on its commitments and is determined to be a positive and constructive neighbour to the wider community.

5.3 Feedback Form Response Conclusion

- 5.3.1 Overall, the feedback received had a substantial amount of support for the Proposed Development. Around half of respondents supported the expansion of renewable resources in this location, with fewer than one in five expressing the view that further renewables were not needed in the North West.
- 5.3.2 Cubico acknowledged the matters raised and was mindful of these when developing its detailed plans and proposals for the Phase Two consultation.

5.4 Feedback sliders – Community Wealth Fund

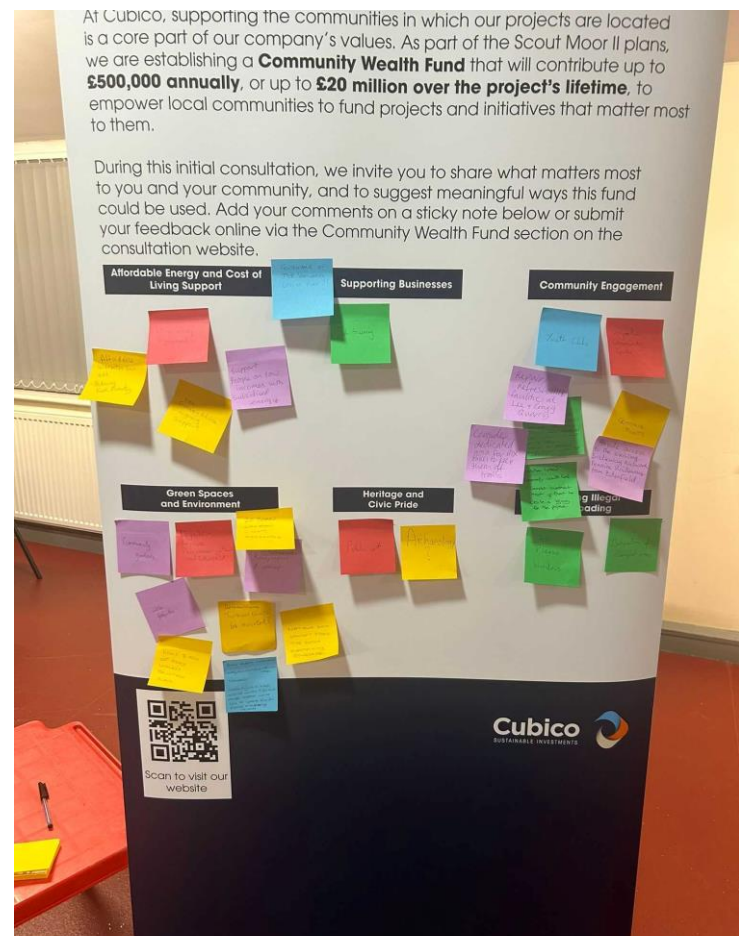
- 5.4.1 As an exercise to understand the priorities of local residents in relation to what could benefit from the Community Wealth Fund, Cubico developed an interactive tool. Through the website, which can be seen in Appendix B, people were given 100 tokens to choose how they would like the community wealth fund to be spent. In total, 120 people submitted responses to the sliders. The results can be seen in the chart below. The category given the most amount of tokens to was green space and environment (24%), very closely followed by measure to support affordability and the cost of living.



5.5 Feedback post it notes

5.5.1 Further to the sliders, through both the website and at the exhibition events, residents were asked to put forward ideas for the Community Wealth Fund. At the exhibition events, people were asked to put post it notes on boards with ideas, and a virtual whiteboard was built for the website.

5.5.2 A selection of the responses can be viewed through the table below, where the responses have been categorised under themes.



5 Example of post-it notes at an exhibition.

1. Affordable energy & cost of living support	2. Supporting businesses
Provide community access to the renewable energy generated to keep local costs down	Are there options for locals to invest & benefit - like Ripple Energy?
Investment for local residents that can apply for energy efficient home grants to reduce energy use locally. Or projects related to reducing energy consumption locally	Rochdale rotary support for funds/community funding
Funds to reduce fuel poverty	
3. Community engagement	4. Green space & the environment
Open forum Q&A sessions and Engagement with heritage, community & local interest groups	I would like nature-based organisations to receive funding, particularly in mitigating biodiversity loss and in educational event
Help support local children's charities e.g. Rochdale Children's Moorland Home, who provide free holidays for children from Rochdale & Rossendale valley from under privileged backgrounds	
5. Heritage & civic pride	6. Tackling illegal off-roading
Make an endowment to Cowpe Community Hall to ensure the maintenance of the buildings	People have no regard for livestock, wildlife or the environment. Who will police this??
Would welcome supporter of Cowpe Community Hall	Reduce damage being done to moorland by off road bikes

5.5.3 Through the online whiteboard, similar themes were raised such as moorland access (14%), cheaper energy (11%), community focussed projects (7%) and off-roading (7%).

5.6 Community Wealth Fund Feedback

5.6.1 The feedback received from the 'whiteboard' and 'sliders' informed the development of Cubico's Community Charter which was available for review in the second round of consultation and can be viewed on the project website. This will also be submitted as part of the Application, included in the Socio-Economic Benefits Report.

6 How the Phase 1 Consultation Feedback Shaped our Approach

- 6.1.1 The first phase of consultation in November 2024 provided valuable insights into local priorities, concerns and aspirations. This chapter explains how that early feedback shaped the journey of the project — guiding both the evolution of the design and improvements to the consultation approach ahead of Phase Two.
- 6.1.2 It shows how initial engagement helped us listen more effectively, respond more clearly, and adapt the project as it developed. Chapter 9 builds on this by setting out, in detail, how feedback from both consultation phases is reflected in the planning application itself through design changes, additional technical work, and secured commitments.

6.2 Consultation Adaptations

- 6.2.1 Feedback from Phase One highlighted areas where the consultation process itself could be improved — particularly in terms of reach, accessibility, and clarity of communication. In response, Cubico made a number of important adjustments:
- **Leaflet Distribution:** Some residents reported not receiving consultation leaflets during Phase One. In response, Phase Two materials were delivered both by GPS-tracked hand delivery and via Royal Mail to maximise coverage and reliability.
 - **Event Accessibility:** Feedback indicated a need for more accessible venues and wider geographic coverage. A new event was held in Bacup, and the planned exhibition in Rochdale was relocated to a more suitable venue in Norden which was more accessible to those interested in the proposed development.
 - **Engaging Objectors:** The project team held targeted roundtables and meetings with individuals and groups who had expressed opposition, creating space for more focused dialogue and mutual understanding.
 - **Expanded Communications:** Additional written responses and topic-led materials were provided to answer common questions around visibility, environmental impact, and infrastructure use.

6.3 Clarifications and Information Provided

- 6.3.1 Following the Phase One consultation, we recognised that a number of recurring issues required clearer technical explanation to build public understanding. In response, we structured the Phase Two consultation to provide more accessible, detailed information across key topics of interest:
- 6.3.2 **Technical Webinars:** A series of webinars were hosted on peatland restoration, noise, shadow flicker, and access, giving residents the opportunity to hear directly from specialists and ask questions in real time.
- 6.3.3 **Visualisations:** To help residents assess the likely visual impact, we commissioned new photomontages, CGI footage from key local locations. and drone fly-throughs, based on community-suggested viewpoints. These were shared online and displayed at public exhibitions.
- 6.3.4 **Private Water Supplies:** Given concerns about unrecorded water sources, a dedicated form was added to the project website during Phase Two, allowing residents to self-report supplies and help inform the environmental assessment.
- 6.3.5 **Technical Topic Summaries:** A suite of detailed topic summaries were prepared to provide clear answers to questions raised during Phase One. These covered areas such as moorland restoration, common land, visual impact, and noise, and were made available via the project website.
- 6.3.6 Together, these tools were designed to support informed engagement and reflect our commitment to listening, explaining, and responding transparently.

6.4 Design Process

- 6.4.1 Although design decisions are outlined in more detail in Chapter 9, Phase One feedback directly influenced a number of layout changes, including turbine reduction and relocation:
- Concerns about peatland disturbance and visual prominence prompted a reduction in turbine numbers and a reconfiguration of their placement.
 - Requests to safeguard Rooley Moor Road led to early reiteration that it would not be used for construction or operation traffic.
 - Calls for more detailed environmental proposals informed the design of restoration, access and protection measures.

6.5 Community Wealth Fund

- 6.5.1 One of the most discussed topics in Phase One was the proposed Community Wealth Fund. Residents asked for greater clarity, independence, and long-term value. This feedback guided the development of a draft Community Benefit Charter, outlining governance, inflation linkage, and local oversight through an independent trust. Full details are set out in Chapter 9.

6.6 Summary

6.6.1 The actions described above reflect the first step in turning feedback into tangible outcomes. Chapter 9 sets out in detail how community input shaped the final proposals — whether through design changes, technical clarifications, or future commitments. This structured approach ensures transparency and shows how local voices remain central to the project.

7 Ongoing Consultation and Phase Two

- 7.1.1 Following the evolution of the proposals, Cubico launched a second phase of community consultation on Tuesday 25th March 2025. This period of consultation was much longer than the first phase, running for five weeks, closing on 29th April. This was to take account of the Easter holidays and to ensure people had a long period of time to review the materials.
- 7.1.2 Whilst maintaining the accessible and interactive approach to the first round of consultation, Cubico sought to draw on its experience to enhance its inclusive approach to engagement. The approach to consultation is outlined below.

7.2 Ongoing Engagement

- 7.2.1 The conclusion of the first formal consultation phase in November 2024 did not mark a pause in Cubico's engagement activity, but rather the beginning of a deeper and more iterative process. As soon as the initial consultation closed, the project team reviewed all feedback received through the various channels, including feedback forms, emails, telephone calls and letters submitted to the dedicated consultation postal address. This information played a central role in informing the ongoing evolution of the proposals as outlined in Chapter 6.
- 7.2.2 Importantly, engagement did not stop between the two consultation phases. Throughout the months that followed Phase One, Cubico remained in active dialogue with a broad range of stakeholders. This included further meetings with local political representatives, community organisations, environmental groups and statutory consultees. The development team also took part in regional policy discussions, and held direct conversations with groups who had expressed opposition or concerns about the project. These meetings provided an opportunity to explain key aspects of the proposed development, listen to alternative views and ensure that all voices continued to shape the direction of the proposals.
- 7.2.3 In several instances, Cubico provided written responses to specific questions or concerns raised by stakeholders, and made updates to the consultation website to reflect areas of interest or clarification. This continuous two-way communication meant that when the formal consultation re-opened in March 2025, it did so not as a restart, but as the natural next step in a process of shared development. The Phase Two materials reflected a more developed and more responsive set of proposals, shaped by what had been heard both during and after the initial consultation.
- 7.2.4 This iterative approach ensured that the community remained at the centre of decision-making, and that the consultation process was not simply a one-off exercise, but a sustained and evolving dialogue.
- 7.2.5 Over the course of this period, this engagement included, but was not limited to, the following:
- Mayor of Greater Manchester, Andy Burnham

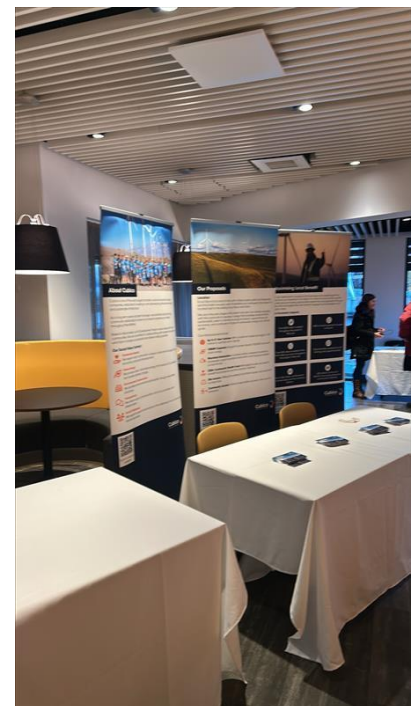
- Andy MacNae MP and Elsie Blundell MP
- Northern Powerhouse Partnership
- Norden Area Forum
- Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Forum
- Prickshaw & Broadley Fold Conservation Area Committee
- Edenfield Neighbourhood Forum
- Edenfield Residents Association
- Rochdale and Rossendale Council
- Lancashire County Council
- GB Energy
- Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce and East Lancashire Chamber of Commerce

7.3 GM Green Summit

7.3.1 On **Monday 9 December 2024**, Cubico presented the Scout Moor II Wind Farm proposal at the Greater Manchester Green Summit, held at The Lowry Theatre in Salford Quays. Hosted by the Mayor of Greater Manchester, Andy Burnham, the summit is an annual event that brings together local authorities, businesses, community groups, and environmental organisations to discuss and advance the region's environmental goals. The 2024 summit featured over 1,500 attendees, including 110 speakers and 70 exhibitor stands, focusing on themes such as sustainable green growth, community engagement, and connecting with nature.

7.3.2 Cubico hosted an exhibition stand throughout the day, providing attendees with information about the Scout Moor II project, including its contributions to renewable energy generation, moorland restoration, biodiversity enhancements, and improved public access. Members of the project team engaged directly with stakeholders to discuss how the proposal aligns with local and regional environmental priorities.

7.3.3 Additionally, the project was featured in a main auditorium session, highlighting its role in supporting Greater Manchester's decarbonisation strategy and national efforts to advance onshore wind energy in England. This platform allowed Cubico to reach a broad audience of policymakers, industry leaders, and environmental advocates, fostering greater understanding and support for the project beyond the immediate local area.



7.4 Consultation Launch

- 7.4.1 The consultation launched on Tuesday 25th March and various methods were used to notify the community. Community organisations and senior political stakeholders were informed via email. In total 143 individual stakeholders or organisations were written to, in addition to the community leaflet, media and social media promotion. An example of a letter can be found in Appendix H.
- 7.4.2 The methods used to promote the consultation to the wider public and how the details of the plans were shared are outlined in the following sections.

7.5 Media

- 7.5.1 Ahead of launch, the consultation was promoted to a number of local news outlets, including:

- BBC Radio Lancashire
- BBC Radio Manchester
- Manchester Evening News
- Lancashire Telegraph
- Lancashire Lead
- Lancashire Business View
- Lancashire Live
- Place North West
- Insider
- The Business Desk

- 7.5.2 The consultation launch was covered extensively by local and regional media outlets. A selection of coverage is provided below:

- Place North West ([link](#))
- Lancashire Business View ([link](#))
- Lancashire Evening Post ([link](#))
- Manchester Evening News ([link](#))
- Lancs Live ([link](#))

- Insider ([link](#))

7.5.3 A member of the project team was also interviewed on BBC Radio Manchester and BBC Radio Lancashire.

7.6 Consultation Website

7.6.1 The project website that was created for the first phase of consultation was maintained and updated between the consultation with latest news stories and information relating to the submission of the EIA Scoping Report (including links to where users could see this information).

7.6.2 For the start of the second phase of consultation, the website was refreshed and relaunched on the 25th March 2025. The website contained a significant amount of detail about the Proposed Development. The sections of the website were as listed below and further detail is provided on how information was communicated and displayed in an engaging and innovative manner:

- Welcome
 - Including welcome video from the project team, detailing the consultation approach.
 - As webinars (see below for more information) were held, recordings were added to this section
- The Project
 - Including clickable site layout plan
- Our Community Offer
 - Including downloadable version of the Community Charter
- Why Wind?
 - Expandable sections demonstrating the value of wind energy and an animation showing how wind energy works and how it contributes to climate and energy security
- Landscape and Visual
 - Including an interactive map showing videos of viewpoints as well as a series of viewpoint images
- Moorland Restoration
 - Significant detail on the proposed approach to moorland and peatland restoration and why this is important
- Access and Recreation

- Rooley Moor Road
 - Including a layered ‘slider’ image to allow users to compare and contrast the existing road with the new proposed crossing point.
- Common Land
 - Including an infographic of how the process of releasing Common Land rights works
- Planning Application & EIA
 - Including expandable, detailed topic papers on the technical details of the proposals
- Managing Construction
- Maximising Local Benefits
- Development Process and Timeline
- Have Your Say
 - Including feedback form and contact details
- News and Updates
- Resources
- About Cubico

7.6.3 The content of the website was designed to provide detail on the Proposed Development and to cover more information on matters raised during the first phase of consultation, such as viewpoints and moorland restoration.

7.6.4 The website was kept under review to ensure people had access to the information they needed. For example, a number of residents wanted to raise their private water supplies with Cubico to help inform the technical work. As such, a dedicated feedback form was added to the website to allow users to raise this matter specifically and directly.

7.6.5 During the second phase of consultation, the consultation website was viewed over 20,000 times. The second phase website can be found in Appendix L.

7.7 Communications Channels

7.7.1 Ever since the launch of the first phase of consultation, and throughout the second phase of consultation, the dedicated community information line (0333 358 0502) and the email address (scoutmoor2@havingyoursay.co.uk) was in operation. During the second phase of public consultation we received one telephone enquiry and 24 emails.

7.7.2 The emails covered a range of themes. An overview of the key themes, ordered by frequency, of these emails is listed below. Respondents tended to cover multiple areas within their comments.

Key Themes	Number of mentions
Shadow flicker	4
Peatland and Moorland restoration	4
Environmental concerns	3
Public Rights of Way for walkers, horseriders and cyclists	1
Noise pollution	3
Community Benefit Charter	4
Viewpoints and visual impact	3
Wildlife and animal impact	2

7.8 Social Media

7.8.1 Social media was utilised to advertise the consultation across the wider area, replicating the distribution area for the first phase of engagement (Appendix D). During the consultation, the adverts reached 75,489 users, with 6,366 individuals clicking through to the consultation website. Copies of the social media adverts can be found in Appendix I.

7.9 Leaflet to residents and business

7.9.1 To announce the public consultation, leaflets were delivered to around 20,000 nearby properties. The distribution area was chosen to ensure those most likely to have an interest in the proposals, i.e., those closest to the site, were made aware of the public consultation and had the opportunity to submit their feedback on the plans. This distribution area matched the leaflet dissemination area for the first phase of consultation. Leaflets were hand-delivered and GPS tracked to ensure delivery and accuracy.

7.9.2 As noted above, Cubico took on board feedback received during the first round of engagement. A number of local residents suggested they did not receive a leaflet notifying them of the phase one consultation. As such, for Phase Two, Cubico posted copies of the leaflet direct via Royal Mail.

7.9.3 The leaflet provided an overview of the proposals, details of how people could view the plans and provide their feedback, and advertised the various team contact events that were planned. A copy of the leaflet to residents and businesses can be seen in Appendix J. A map of the distribution area for the leaflet can be found at Appendix E.

7.10 Consultation Events

7.10.1 During the second phase of consultation, Cubico and the wider project team held a series of events to allow the public to learn more about the proposals, meet the project team and ask questions direct. In total, across the exhibitions and webinars (further details below), over 30 hours of events took place.

7.10.2 Cubico hosted five in person exhibitions during the second round of consultation. This was an increase on the four undertaken in Phase One. Cubico had been asked to consider an exhibition in Bacup, which it was happy to do.

Location	Date and Time	Venue	Attendees
Bacup	Tuesday 1 st April (1:30pm-7pm)	Bacup Cricket Club	10
Norden	Wednesday 2 nd April (1pm to 6:30pm)	Norden Methodist Church	35
Whitworth	Thursday 3 rd April (1:30pm-7pm)	The Ashcroft, Whitworth	69
Cowpe	Wednesday 23 rd April (1:30pm-7pm)	Cowpe Community Hall	48
Edenfield	Thursday 24 th April (1:30pm-7pm)	Edenfield Community Centre	61

7.10.3 The exhibitions hosted a series of exhibition boards containing information on the proposals. A copy of the boards can be found in Appendix K. The exhibition was staffed by members from the project team, representing several different technical disciplines, who were available to answer questions from attendees.

7.10.4 Across the events, a number of people came to more than one exhibition, but in total, 223 visitors attended.



6 Exhibition in Edenfield



7 Exhibition at Cowpe Community Centre



8 Exhibition at The Ashcroft, Whitworth



9 Exhibition at Norden



10 Exhibition at Bacup

7.10.5 Owing to the number of exhibitions held and the multitude of technical disciplines involved in the development of the proposals, it was not possible to have all represented at all events. As such, Cubico hosted a series of technical webinars (advertised from the launch of the consultation). These allowed the public to view a short presentation on a technical matter followed by a question-and-answer session. The webinars were on the following topics:

Topic	Date and Time	Attendees
Noise and Shadow Flicker	Thursday 10th April (6pm to 7pm)	11
Protecting Peatland and Delivering Effective Moorland Restoration	Thursday 17th April (6pm to 7pm)	8
Access and Infrastructure	Friday 25th April (6pm to 7pm ²)	2

² The Access and Infrastructure webinar was advertised for this time. Owing to no more questions being received from attendees, it concluded at 6:30pm.

7.10.6 All webinars were recorded and are available to view on our project website and Cubico's YouTube channel.

8 Educational Outreach and Engagement with Local Schools

- 8.1.1 As part of its commitment to inclusive and meaningful consultation, Cubico partnered with EcoVida Routes to develop an educational resource for use with secondary school pupils in Years 9–11. The pack was designed to support classroom discussion around climate change, renewable energy, and the proposed Scout Moor II Wind Farm. It also introduced students to the concept of community consultation and how they could contribute their views.
- 8.1.2 The resource pack was made available for download via the Scout Moor II website and was distributed to schools across both the Rochdale and Rossendale local authority areas, as well as to schools in Greater Manchester. The following schools signed up to participate:
- Whitworth Community High School (Rossendale)
 - The Derby High School (Bury)
 - Falinge Park High School (Rochdale)
 - Rossendale School (Rossendale)
 - Connell Co-op College (Manchester)
- 8.1.3 In total, seven pupils submitted responses. Feedback was collected via an online platform, and reflected a high level of awareness around environmental and social issues relevant to the project.
- 8.1.4 In addition to distributing the materials, members of the Cubico project team visited Whitworth Community High School and Rossendale School, where they delivered interactive sessions, presented information about the project, and answered questions. These visits gave pupils the opportunity to engage directly with the developer and to provide their views as part of the consultation process.
- 8.1.5 Summary of Pupil Feedback
- 8.1.6 This engagement formed a valuable strand of Cubico’s consultation approach and helped to ensure that younger voices from across the area were heard and reflected as part of the planning process.

8.2 Post-Consultation Engagement Activity

- 8.2.1 Since the close of the formal consultation period and in the lead-up to submission, Cubico has continued to engage with local stakeholders to refine elements of the proposal and respond to community concerns.

8.2.2 This has included:

- A meeting with representatives from the British Horse Society and the Norden, Bamford & Heywood Bridleway Association
- A roundtable discussion with members of the Say No to Scout Moor group
- Attendance at the Norden Area Forum on 3 June, including participation in an open Q&A session

8.2.3 In parallel, we are also undertaking focused engagement to support the separate **Common Land Consent** process. This includes direct discussions with:

- Landowners and active graziers
- Whitworth & District Commoners' Association (WPCA)
- Rossendale Harriers
- Friends of Lee Quarry
- The British Horse Society
- The Ramblers
- Open Spaces Society (OSS)
- Green Lane Association (GLASS)
- Holcombe Hunt
- Lanehead Stables and Tong End Farm Stables
- Local Bridleway Associations

8.2.4 This engagement will continue over the coming months and will be reported in full as part of the consultation report accompanying the common land application.

9 Summary of Phase Two feedback

9.1 Summary of feedback from round two of consultation

9.1.1 In total, 107 feedback forms were received during the second round of public consultation. The table below provides a summary of the methods used by the public to provide their feedback or contribute to the consultation, followed by a summary of the feedback received:

Method	Number of Responses
Email	24
Telephone	1
Post	2
Feedback Form	107

9.2 Feedback Form

9.2.1 As part of the feedback channels available, for the second consultation, Cubico provided a feedback form for residents to complete. This was available on the consultation website and available in hardcopy format at the public exhibition. In total, 107 feedback forms were received.

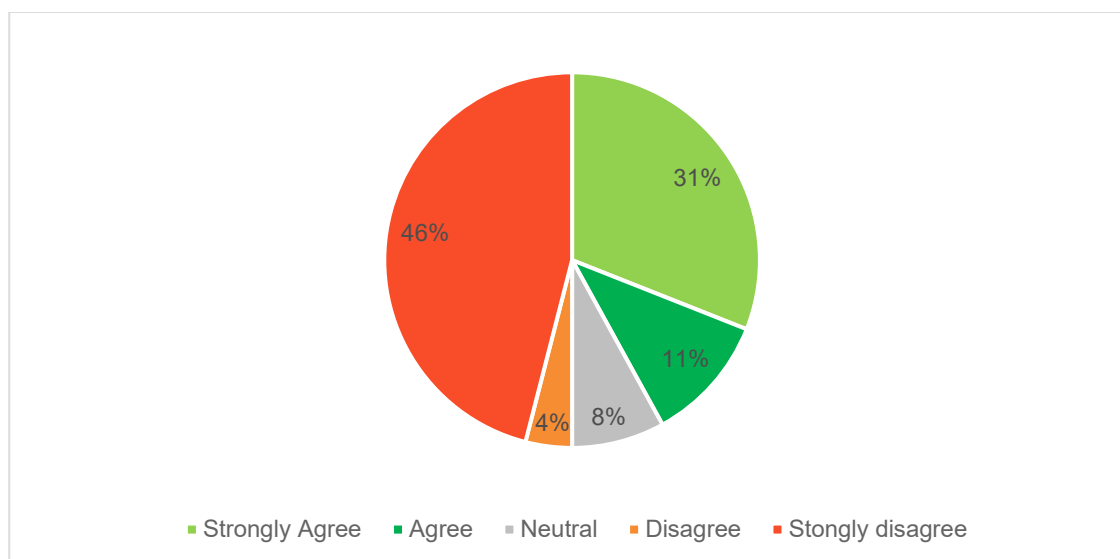
9.2.2 The feedback form had 13 key questions, the responses to which have been summarised

9.3 Feedback Form Response

9.3.1 Q1. Do you agree with Scout Moor II's ambition to boost renewable energy?

9.3.2 This question asked respondents to select a response ranging from: strongly agree; agree; disagree; strongly disagree; neutral. This question received answers in the strongly disagree (46%) and strongly agree (31%) categories the most.

9.3.3



9.3.4 Q2. What aspects of the project do you either like or dislike?

9.3.5 A wide range of responses highlighted the strong community interest in the proposed wind farm extension, with many individuals engaging constructively to share their views. While some questioned the need for further development in an already active energy landscape, others used the opportunity to suggest alternative locations that could balance renewable energy goals with local sensitivities.

9.3.6 Environmental considerations featured prominently, reflecting the community's commitment to protecting local habitats and addressing climate change responsibly. Respondents showed a keen interest in peatland conservation, carbon storage, and biodiversity, and many offered suggestions to strengthen restoration plans and monitoring efforts. Cubico feels passionately about this issue and has robust plans in place.

9.3.7 Respondents also brought attention to the importance of landscape character, recreational access, and property impacts. Feedback included a desire to see turbine height and visibility carefully considered, and many emphasised the value of safeguarding popular walking routes and scenic views.

9.3.8 Q3. What aspects of the project can be improved?

9.3.9 Many responses to question 3 offered constructive ideas and suggestions for how the proposal could deliver greater local benefit. There was a strong emphasis (24 mentions) on making the Community Wealth Fund more immediate and impactful. Suggestions included front-loading the fund to bring visible improvements sooner. This included prioritising investment in youth training, job opportunities, and improving local mountain bike and recreational trails. Respondents also encouraged stronger local economic inclusion through use of local labour and businesses.

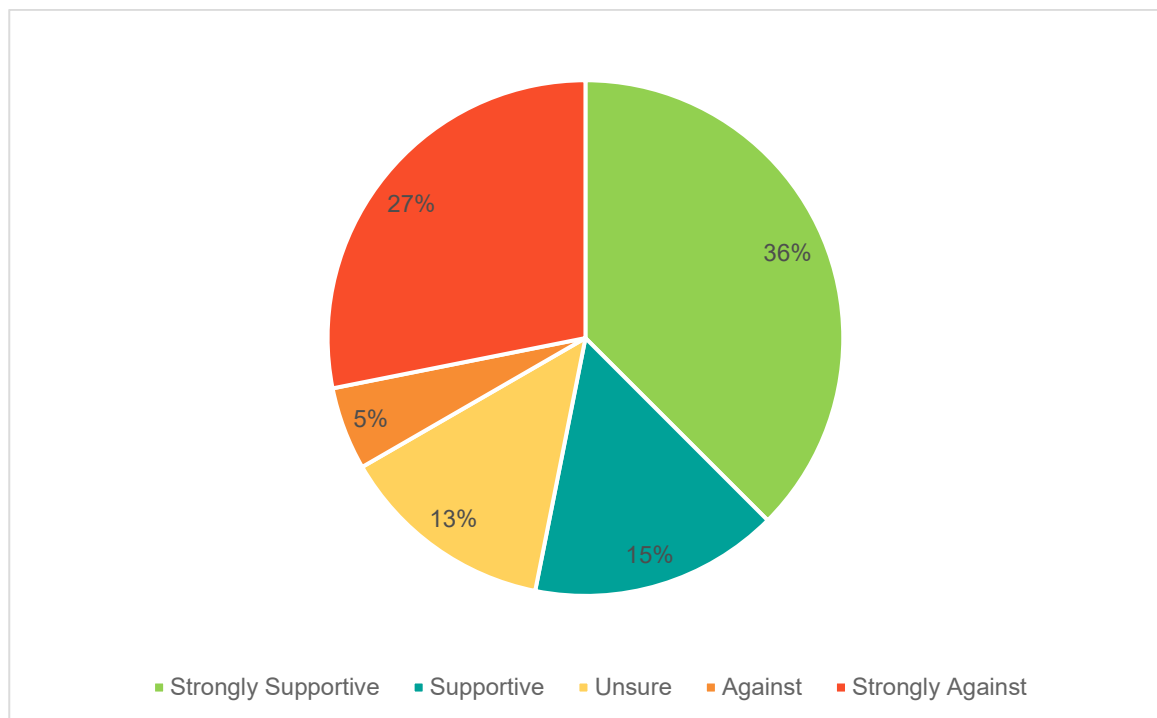
9.3.10 Environmental care and stewardship emerged as a priority for many, with 38 mentions focused on ensuring high standards in peatland protection and ecological restoration. People called for commitments on how the natural environment would be safeguarded long term.

9.3.11 The importance of transparency and accountability was highlighted in 17 responses, with people seeking reassurance that promised benefits and mitigations would be delivered as planned.

9.3.12 Visual impact and protection of bridleways and national trails was also raised by respondents.

9.3.13 Q4. What are your thoughts on the moorland restoration plan?

9.3.14 This question asked respondents to select a response ranging from: strongly agree; agree; disagree; strongly disagree; neutral. This question received 105 responses, of which, the majority of respondents (36%) selected that they were very supportive of the moorland restoration plan.



9.3.15 Q5. Are there specific elements of the restoration plan that you think should be improved or emphasised?

9.3.16 Many responses questioned the overall feasibility and credibility of the restoration plan, with over 40 comments raising questions regarding the moorland, particularly peatland, and how it could be restored after construction. Respondents pointed to the slow natural regeneration of peat (noting growth rates of around 1 mm per year), the cumulative effects of past and proposed development, and concerns that restoration efforts would not offset the scale of disturbance from construction, particularly due to reinforced concrete foundations and access routes.

9.3.17 Peatland protection and carbon considerations was a key focus for respondents. Several called for further information on how peat will be avoided, excavated, stored and reused. Others emphasised the need to restore hydrological systems, manage carbon emissions from peat disturbance, and demonstrate how habitat continuity would be maintained.

9.3.18 Access, enforcement and long-term stewardship were also raised by respondents. These stressed the desire to control off-road motorbike use, noting that without restrictions and enforcement, restoration work may be undermined. Others asked for further information on managing public access, protecting wildlife corridors, and ensuring non-motorised recreation is preserved. Some wanted the approach to Common Land replacement, access rights and stewardship to be co-designed with local communities.

9.3.19 Q6. Do you have any comments on the proposed improvements to footpaths, tracks, and routes for walkers, cyclists, and horse riders?

9.3.20 This question had a free text box for submissions of comments. Below is a summary of how many mentions each theme received.

Theme	Number of Mentions
General support for improvements	18
Existing paths are sufficient/no need	16
Concern about off-road vehicles	14
Scepticism with the approach outlined	13
Concern about heritage/preserving character	9
Concern about horses/equestrian safety	8
Requests for collaboration with local groups	6
Concern about increased footfall/erosion	6
Concern about parking/traffic impacts	5
Need for long-term management/mapping	4
Concern about visual/noise impact on enjoyment	4
Suggestions for accessibility/inclusivity	3
Questions about implementation/materials	3
Positive economic/community opportunities	2

9.3.21 Q7. Do you have any additional comments about the Scout Moor II project (turbine locations, moorland restoration, access, job and training opportunities etc)? Please share any thoughts or suggestions you may have.

9.3.22 This question had a free text box for submissions of comments. Below is a summary of how many mentions each theme received.

9.3.23 The responses to question 7 reveal a strong desire for balanced development, with many participants acknowledging the potential environmental and economic benefits of the Proposed Development, such as job creation and moorland restoration, while emphasising the importance of careful turbine placement, community engagement, and thoughtful integration with local landscapes to ensure long-term positive outcomes.

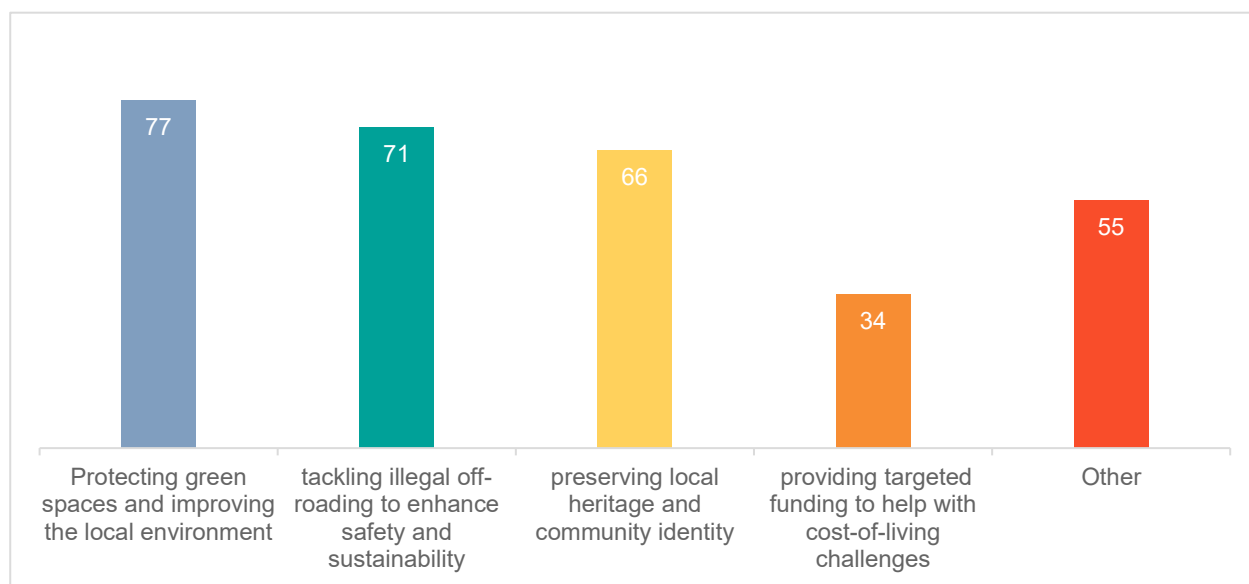
Theme	Summary of responses	Number of mentions
Turbine Locations	Turbines proximity to residential areas, impacting views, and causing shadow flicker.	10
Moorland Restoration	Mentions of peat bog destruction, loss of wetland, impacts on biodiversity, and public access to these areas.	7
Jobs and Training	Desire for more local employment, job training, apprenticeships, and scepticism about the vnumber of jobs created.	7
Community and Social Concerns	Belief the Proposed Development will bring no real benefit to the local community.	8
Moorland Access	Support for improving access to the moorlands, including better paths, cycling hubs, and enhanced local infrastructure for tourism.	5
Water and Environmental Concerns	Raising potential water contamination, specifically regarding the proximity of turbines to fresh water sources like Waugh's Well.	3
Alternative Suggestions	Suggestions to move turbines offshore or to more suitable locations away from the valley and residential areas.	5
More information	Requests for more information about the Proposed Development, including turbine locations, job creation, and environmental impacts.	6

Other Suggestions	Visual impact of turbines, with some suggesting they should be painted to blend in with the landscape, and proposals for noise mitigation.	6
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9.3.24 Q8. Which of the following priorities do you think the Community Wealth Fund should focus on?

9.3.25 This question allowed participants to select multiple options, with no limit on the number of selections. The priorities listed were protecting green spaces and improving the local environment; providing targeted funding to help with cost-of-living challenges; tackling illegal off-roading to enhance safety and sustainability; preserving local heritage and community identity and a final option to select other following a free text box for people to specify.

9.3.26 Respondents primarily selected protecting green spaces and improving the local environment followed shortly by tackling illegal off-roading. The results can be seen in the bar chart below.



9.3.27 For those who selected 'Other' and completed the free text box, the feedback has been analysed into the themes raised, seen in the table below.

Theme	Responses
Environmental Protection	- Protecting green spaces, moorlands, and biodiversity. - Tackling illegal off-roading and its impact on the environment. - Preserving local heritage sites and landscapes.

Local Community Development	- Funding for local businesses and community facilities (e.g., village halls). - Supporting local sports clubs and education initiatives. - Investments in community events.
Sustainable Land Use & Restoration	- Focus on moorland restoration and preventing further degradation. - Ensuring that development doesn't harm local biodiversity.
Off-road Vehicle Management	- Addressing the illegal off-roading issue on moors. - Funding initiatives to combat off-road biking and protect green spaces.
Transparency & Accountability	- Reservations about the fund's accessibility and transparency. - Ensuring that the funds are distributed equitably and benefit local communities.
Renewable Energy & Infrastructure	- Support for renewable energy projects, including wind turbines, but with questions about location and environmental impact. - A desire for offshore turbines rather than onshore.
Economic & Job Opportunities	- The importance of job creation, especially linked to sustainability, engineering, and local businesses. - Development of apprenticeships and training linked to renewables.
Health & Wellbeing	- Importance of addressing mental wellbeing, physical and digital connectivity, and overall community health.
Public Education & Awareness	- Support for climate change education, awareness of renewable energy, and sustainable practices.

9.3.28 Q9. Do you support the idea of sharing additional wind farm revenues with the community?

9.3.29 The responses to the question regarding sharing additional wind farm revenues with the community reveal a clear division in opinion. A total of 28 respondents expressed strong support for the idea, with many advocating for a significant portion of the wind farm's profits, such as 90%, to be directed to the local community. A recurring sentiment was that local residents, especially those living near the turbines, should benefit directly from the revenues generated.

9.3.30 Conversely, 13 respondents expressed doubts or opposition to the idea. Some questioned whether the amount of revenue shared with the community would be meaningful, with concerns that it would be a token sum, such as a few pounds per household.

Q10. What would give you the confidence that the fund is being distributed fairly and transparently?

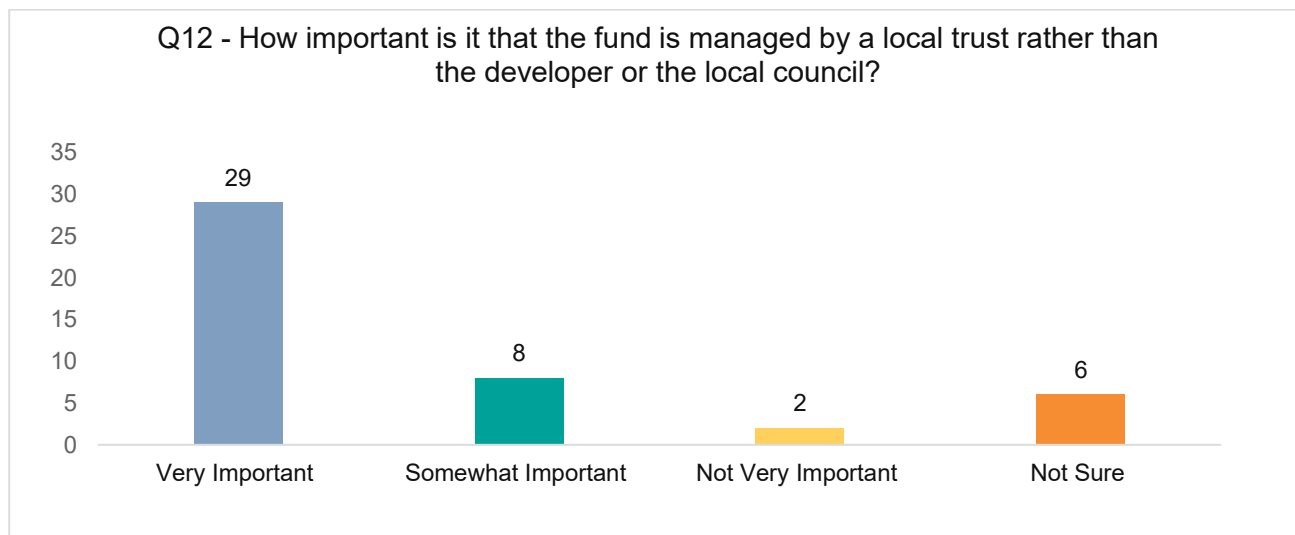
- 9.3.31 24 respondents emphasised the need for independent management, with many suggesting the fund should be administered by a third-party organisation, such as a community trust or a non-political body. A key recurring theme was the need for transparent and open processes, with 15 respondents advocating for annual reports and clear, publicly available accounts to ensure accountability. In addition, several responses called for independent audits, with 9 individuals recommending regular, independent reviews of the fund's allocations.
- 9.3.32 Local involvement in the decision-making process was also a priority for 14 respondents, who felt the community should have a say in how the funds are used. Many suggested creating a local committee or board, comprised of community representatives, to ensure that the fund reflects the specific needs and priorities of local residents. The importance of clear, consistent, and accessible information regarding how the funds are allocated and spent was reiterated by 9 respondents, who argued that transparency in decision-making is essential to building trust within the community.
- 9.3.33 However, 9 respondents expressed that the fund should not be administered by the local authorities or by the Applicant.
- 9.3.34 Finally, a smaller group of 5 respondents emphasised the need for clear funding criteria and governance structures, with an emphasis on long-term sustainability and a focus on projects that benefit the broader community.
- 9.3.35 Q11. What long-term legacy should the fund aim to leave for the community?
- 9.3.36 The responses to the question of the long-term legacy the fund should aim to leave for the community reveal a strong desire for lasting environmental, social, and economic benefits. A significant number of respondents (14) expressed a wish for improvements to the local landscape, with suggestions ranging from the restoration of moorland and peat bogs, to better access to green spaces and wildlife conservation efforts. A common sentiment was the hope for the creation of a well-managed, accessible environment that would continue to benefit the local community for generations. Some respondents specifically mentioned the need to restore the moorland and mitigate flooding, which was raised as an urgent issue.
- 9.3.37 Another popular theme was the potential for the fund to invest in long-term community projects that could provide economic opportunities and improve local infrastructure. A total of 12 individuals called for investments in projects that could generate sustainable employment, skills training, and stronger local economies. There was a particular focus on improving public spaces, cycleways, footpaths, and recreational facilities, with suggestions for developing MTB trail centres and other outdoor amenities that could boost tourism and local engagement. A few respondents even envisioned the fund supporting local enterprises, fostering pride and confidence within the community through such projects.

9.3.38 Some responses reflected a strong desire for transparency and accountability, with 9 respondents emphasising that the fund’s legacy should be visible and measurable. There were calls for clear criteria, published annual reports, and regular updates on how the funds were spent and the impact they had on the community. These responses reflect a broader desire for the fund to create a legacy that is not only environmentally and socially positive, but also one that people can feel connected to and proud of, seeing tangible benefits in their local area.

9.3.39 Some noted that the preference would be for no development to take place.

9.3.40 Q12. How important is it that the fund is managed by a local trust rather than the developer or the local council?

9.3.41 A total of 74 people responded to the question which allowed for the selection of choices between very important; somewhat important; not very important and not sure. The below bar chart displays that the majority of respondents (39%) selected very important.



9.3.42 Alongside the boxes, there was a free text box for further comments allowing people to explain their answers. The majority of respondents (39%) emphasized the importance of the fund being managed by a local trust, citing transparency, accountability, and the belief that local people are better placed to understand community needs.

9.3.43 Many expressed distrust towards developers and councils. A smaller group (11%) acknowledged the value of a local trust but suggested that some involvement from the council or developer might be necessary for practical reasons, advocating for a balanced approach. A further 8% were unsure about the trust’s role, with some raising concerns about its effectiveness or the overall viability of the Proposed Development. Finally, 3% felt that local control over the fund was less important, either believing the council or developer could manage it transparently.

9.3.44 Q13. Do you have any additional comments or suggestions about the Community Wealth Fund?

- 9.3.45 The responses to question 13 reveal a strong desire for the Community Wealth Fund to be managed in a transparent, inclusive, and accessible way, with many respondents suggesting practical solutions to ensure its success. A common theme was the need for a simple and straightforward application process, allowing local clubs, societies, and community groups to easily access funding. Additionally, several respondents proposed that the fund be structured for long-term impact, with dedicated funding strands for key areas like green infrastructure, community wellbeing, and skills development. This would help ensure a balanced legacy, addressing the social, environmental, and economic needs of the community.
- 9.3.46 There was also a clear call for strong governance and independent oversight, with many respondents stressing the importance of community representation in decision-making. Suggestions included regular public meetings, transparent financial reporting, and an inclusive process that gives local people a voice in how the fund is allocated. These measures were seen as essential for building trust and ensuring that the fund delivers meaningful, long-lasting benefits to the community.
- 9.3.47 Furthermore, respondents highlighted the importance of learning from past successes, with requests for clear documentation on previous successful projects and their impact. There was a shared belief that by working together and maintaining open communication, the fund could act as a catalyst for positive change, driving both community resilience and environmental sustainability. Overall, while some expressed concerns, the majority of feedback reflected optimism and a strong sense of shared responsibility, with many eager to see the fund support local projects that benefit the wider community.

10 Key Issues from Consultation and Project Response

10.1.1 This chapter sets out how Cubico has listened and responded to the issues raised during both phases of community consultation. It summarises what we heard, how the proposals evolved as a result, and the specific steps taken to address the matters raised — whether through changes to the proposed development, provision of further detail, technical mitigation, or a clear justification. It also highlights future actions and signposts where further information can be found in the planning application.

10.1.2 A wide range of feedback was received from local residents, groups, and statutory consultees. The most consistently raised themes included:

- Design and Landscape Impact
- Amenity and Technical
- Environment and Heritage
- Access and Construction
- Public Access and Recreation
- Community Benefit and Economic Impact
- Trust, Transparency and Delivery

10.1.3 To support transparency, a comprehensive appendix (Appendix N) has been prepared which groups the key issues raised under these themes and sets out Cubico's response. Each response falls into one or more of the following categories:

- **Consultation Adaptation** – Where we revised or enhanced our engagement methods in response to feedback, to improve transparency, accessibility, and public understanding.
- **Design Change** – Where we amended the proposed development layout or technical design in direct response to feedback.
- **Mitigation** – Where we introduced or strengthened measures to reduce potential impacts.
- **Further Environmental Information** – Where we provided clearer, more detailed, or additional material to address concerns.
- **Justification** – Where we considered the issue but concluded a change was not appropriate and have explained why.
- **Future Action** – Where we have committed to further engagement or measures as the project moves forward.

10.1.4 This structured approach provides a transparent account of how feedback shaped the final proposals and how these are secured through the planning application. It also demonstrates that the consultation process has directly led to a number of tangible outcomes. These include:

a) Consultation Adaptation

- Expanding Phase Two consultation venues to include Bacup and Norden, responding to feedback about geographical accessibility.
- Attending the Norden Area Forum to take part in open Q&A sessions and reach a wider local audience.
- Holding roundtable discussions with community groups to enable more focused and constructive dialogue.
- Delivering targeted leaflet drops to hard-to-reach properties, ensuring broader awareness and participation.
- Creating expert-led webinars to explain complex technical topics like peatland restoration and shadow flicker in accessible terms.
- Publishing additional visual materials — including CGI videos and drone fly-throughs — to help residents better understand potential impacts.
- Providing clearer topic-based information boards at events to improve legibility and help people navigate key issues.

b) Design Changes

- Reducing the total number of turbines from 21 to 17 by selecting taller models, lowering overall landscape and peatland disturbance.
- Refining the layout to avoid deep peat areas, informed by detailed peat depth surveys.
- Removing a turbine near Whitworth to improve separation from homes and address landscape concerns.
- Excluding Rooley Moor Road from all construction and operational access, with only a single protected crossing retained.
- Revising the aviation lighting scheme to reduce visual impact, including agreeing removal of mid-tower lights with the CAA.
- Adapting access and crossing designs to protect heritage features and improve safety for walkers and riders.

b) Further Environmental Information Provided

- Producing additional photomontages and night-time visuals to aid understanding of visual impact.

- Publishing a detailed noise assessment, with explanation of the ETSU-R-97 methodology and commitment to update assessment if methodology changes prior to determination.
- Sharing a technical note on shadow flicker effects on horse riders, appended to the Planning Statement.
- Hosting public webinars with technical experts on peatland, ecology, and other key topics.
- Mapping and assessing private water supplies based on resident feedback.
- Providing detail on turbine decommissioning, blade recyclability, and long-term site restoration.
- Publishing supporting strategies including the Outdoor Access and Enhancement Plan and Local Economic Impact Statement.

c) Mitigation Measures Introduced

- Installing a shadow flicker control system to automatically shut down turbines under conditions where effects could occur.
- Minimising peat excavation through micro-siting and floating road design.
- Limiting aviation lighting to reduce night-time landscape impact.
- Committing to retrofit turbines with technology such as Aircraft Detection Lighting Systems (ADLS) to enable the removal of aviation lighting, should such systems gain CAA approval.
- Managing construction traffic via defined routes, secured by planning condition.
- Introducing safety measures such as signage and route separation for public users of the moor.

e) Commitments to Future Action

- Establishing a Community Liaison Group to ensure ongoing local engagement.
- Creating an independent Community Trust to govern and deliver the Community Wealth Fund.
- Developing a Local Skills and Employment Strategy to maximise local benefits.
- Continuing engagement on detailed design matters such as signage, bridleway crossings and heritage-sensitive features.
- A commitment to meet regularly with key local groups post submission to keep them informed as the proposed development progresses.

10.1.5 Taken together, these actions demonstrate Cubico's commitment to meaningful engagement and responsive design. From layout revisions and technical improvements to clearer communication and future commitments, the project has evolved significantly in direct response to community

feedback. The result is a proposed development that not only delivers vital renewable energy, but also reflects the values, priorities and concerns of the people who live and work in the area. Through this open and transparent process, Cubico has sought to build trust, demonstrate accountability, and ensure that Scout Moor II can be delivered in a way that respects its landscape, supports local communities, and contributes positively to the UK's energy future

11 Conclusions

- 11.1.1 The consultation process for Scout Moor II has been extensive, inclusive, and iterative. Cubico has gone well beyond minimum policy requirements to ensure that local voices have been genuinely heard — and, crucially, that they have shaped the final proposals. The two-phase approach allowed for early engagement, detailed feedback, and then a clear demonstration of how that feedback had been acted upon.
- 11.1.2 Across both phases, Cubico has reached hundreds of thousands of residents, held more than a dozen events and meetings, and adapted its consultation strategy in response to feedback — including attending area forums, adding venues, producing topic-led materials, and running expert webinars. The team also undertook additional technical work and visualisation to address key questions raised during engagement.
- 11.1.3 This process has directly led to a range of tangible changes and improvements to the proposed development. These include the removal of a turbine near Whitworth, refinement of the layout to avoid deep peat, enhanced visual and shadow flicker assessments, and a more transparent approach to community benefit delivery. Commitments have also been made around future governance, construction access management, and continued community liaison.
- 11.1.4 Through this approach, Cubico has demonstrated not just compliance with consultation best practice, but a genuine commitment to local involvement and responsible development. The proposals now submitted are stronger — environmentally, technically, and socially — as a direct result of that process.
- 11.1.5 Alongside the main planning application, Cubico is also preparing a Common Land Consent application, which follows a separate statutory process. A dedicated programme of engagement is underway with relevant stakeholders, including landowners, commoners, user groups, and local organisations. While there is some overlap with the main consultation, this parallel process includes targeted discussions with the Whitworth and District Commoners' Association (WPCA), active graziers, recreational users, and environmental interest groups. This engagement will continue, and a full summary of activity will be provided in the separate consultation report submitted with the Common Land application.

Appendices

Appendix A – Example Letter to Political Stakeholders



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Councillor Alyson Barnes
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Rossendale
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Monday 4th November 2024

Dear Councillor Barnes,

RE: Scout Moor II - Driving the North's Clean Energy Agenda

Thank you for taking the time to meet with us recently to discuss the plans for Scout Moor II. As we progress with this exciting project, we are keen to continue engaging with local representatives like yourself and to hear your insights on how the development can best benefit the community.

Additionally, we will be consulting on our plans for Rossendale Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), with an 85MW capacity. While the Rossendale BESS and Scout Moor II Wind Farm are independent projects, their proximity allows us to streamline the consultation process and enhance community engagement by addressing both projects simultaneously.

Both consultations will take place from **Tuesday 5th November to Tuesday 26th November**. We would greatly appreciate the opportunity to meet with you again during this period to address any questions you may have.

About Scout Moor II

Scout Moor II is a pivotal project for the North, marking a major step in transforming the region into a renewable energy hub. Our proposals aim to generate up to **100MW of clean electricity (c. 21 turbines)**, enough to power **100,000 homes annually**, reducing the reliance on fossil fuels and offsetting significant carbon emissions. This makes Scout Moor II one of the first major onshore wind developments in the UK following the lift of the onshore wind ban, presenting a crucial opportunity to contribute to the UK's ambitious net-zero targets.

Local Community Consultation

We are committed to ensuring this project is developed in a way that reflects the needs and priorities of the community. The consultation is designed to seek the local community's feedback on how Scout Moor II can best serve the area and enhance local benefits.

We will be engaging the community through a combination of leaflet drops, social media outreach, and public exhibitions, where residents will have the chance to meet directly with the project team. These events will be held at the following locations:



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- Edenfield Community Centre –Tuesday 12th November, 2pm to 6:30pm
- Cowpe Community Hall – Wednesday 13th November, 12:30pm to 7pm
- Rochdale AFC – Tuesday 19th November, 12:30pm to 7pm
- The Ashcroft, Whitworth – Wednesday 20th November, 12:30pm to 7pm

To make sure everyone has access to the information, we will launch a dedicated project website at www.scoutmoor2.co.uk, which will **go live on Tuesday 5th November**. The website will serve as the central hub for all project-related details and allow residents to submit their feedback directly through the online consultation form.

Alternatively, feedback can be submitted by:

- Phone: **0333 358 0502** (Mon–Fri, 9am–5:30pm)
- Post: **FREEPOST SHAPE TOMORROW** (No stamp needed)
- Email: scoutmoor2@havingyoursay.co.uk

About Rossendale BESS

We are advancing plans for Rossendale Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), situated on Rochdale Road near Cheesden. This project proposes an 85MW BESS designed to strengthen the local grid infrastructure by efficiently storing and balancing energy to meet demand.

As this is a separate application, we will distribute leaflets specific to the scheme within a 2km radius of the site and will launch a dedicated website for the project. This site will also provide separate channels for local residents to share their feedback: www.rossendalebatterystorage.co.uk.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please feel free to contact Frances Cosby at frances.cosby@lexcomm.co.uk.

We look forward to working with you and hearing your thoughts on how we can make Scout Moor II a project that not only supports the UK's clean energy goals but also brings meaningful benefits to your community.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R P Tate".

Rob Tate
Head of Development UK
Cubico UK Ltd

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We are introducing our vision for Scout Moor II Wind Farm and we invite you to participate in the consultation process. Your feedback is crucial as we shape our detailed proposals, which we'll present for further input early next year.

Our proposal is for a new onshore wind farm, adjacent to the existing Scout Moor site, aiming to provide sustainable homegrown energy that helps lower energy bills, boosts energy security and supports the UK's transition to a clean energy economy.

A central feature of the project is the provision of a best-in-class Community Wealth Fund offering up to £20 million over the project's lifespan. The project will also include a significant moorland restoration and management scheme to enhance biodiversity, improve carbon storage, reduce flood risk and improve water quality.

Please take a moment to review the information provided and let us know what you'd like to see in our plans. Visit our website for more details, join us at one of our exhibitions, and share your thoughts through any of our feedback channels. All input will be carefully considered and will play a key role in shaping our detailed proposals.

We are in the early stages of this project and are now actively engaging with the community to develop a design that prioritises environmental sustainability, seeks to minimise ecological impact, supports the local economy and contributes to England's renewable energy and climate goals.

Our initial proposals include:

 Up to 21 wind turbines with a maximum blade tip height of 180m	 Capacity to generate up to 100MW, powering up to 100,000 homes	 A long-term moorland restoration scheme to enhance on-site biodiversity	 \$20 million Community Wealth Fund managed locally to ensure the community benefits	 Site access via the existing scout moor quarry and wind farm access track
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To explore the key components of the scheme, please use the interactive map below. This map highlights the site location and main features of the proposed development, including our design approach, emerging turbine development areas, the access, the possible moorland restoration areas, and key public rights of way. Scroll down to learn more about each aspect of the scheme.

Site Context

Key

- Scout Wind Farm
- Scout Moor II Wind Farm

Scout Moor is located on upland to the north of Manchester within the Rossendale and Rochdale boroughs, east of Edenfield and northwest of Rochdale. It's an ideal site for wind energy as exhibited by the existing wind farm. The map opposite shows the proposed development area alongside the current wind farm.

Our new, unified scheme aligns with current renewable energy policies, delivering more energy on a smaller footprint than previous proposals. Positioned close to local demand centres, it provides homegrown energy that lowers bills, enhances energy security, and advances the UK's transition to a clean energy economy.

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Access

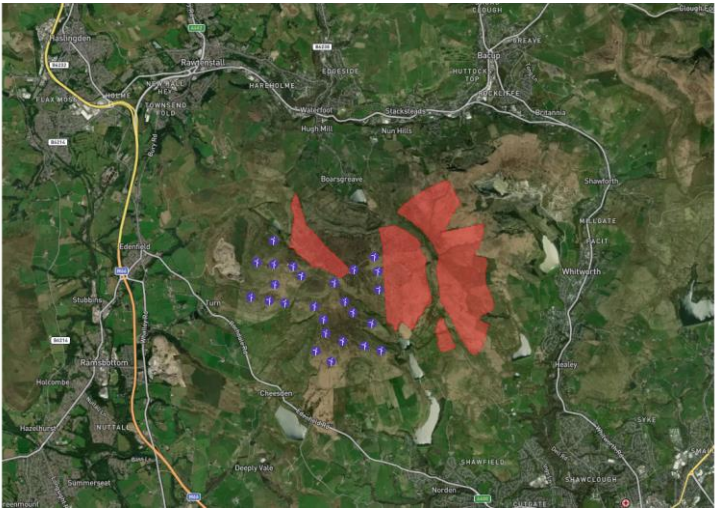
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- Existing Scout Moor Quarry and Wind Farm Access Track

The best access to the site, for both construction and operation, is via the existing Scout Moor Quarry route, also used by the current wind farm.

We recognise there could be potential traffic implications for Edenfield during the construction phase. To address this, Cubico will prepare an Abnormal Load Assessment to outline how our turbine parts will be delivered with minimal local disruption - we would welcome any suggestions to help refine the plan.

Once operational the site traffic will be minimal, similar to the existing wind farm, with only occasional visits for maintenance purposes.



Common Land

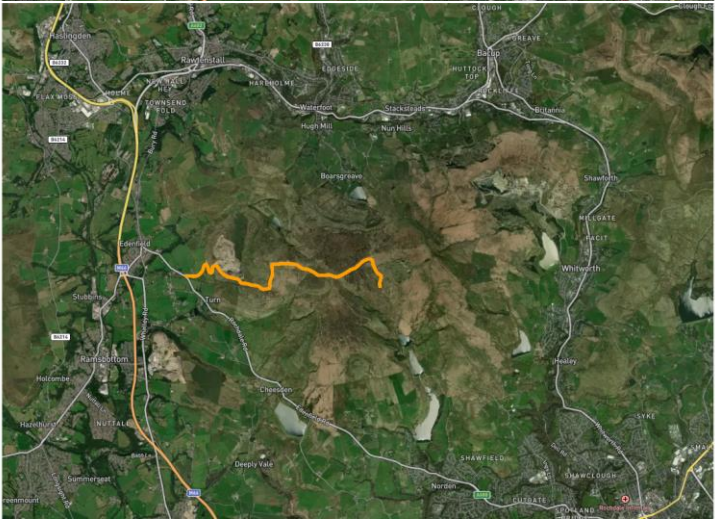
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- Common Land Units Potentially Affected by the Proposal

Common land is collective land in which all persons have certain common rights, such as grazing livestock or other traditional uses, making areas of Common Land a valuable recreational resource for all.

Our proposals will involve adjustments to portions of common land and we are committed to handling the process with full respect for the current rights holders. We are working closely with the relevant stakeholders to uphold these rights as we look to develop the wind farm proposal whilst ensuring we enhance the land's natural environment for future generations.

In the next consultation phase, we will specify the common land areas proposed for declassification to facilitate the construction and operation of the new wind farm. We will also identify suitable replacement common land locally that offers equal or greater value for both rights holders and the public. Once our plans are refined, we will submit a formal Common Land Application alongside our Planning Application.



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Moorland Restoration

Key

 Degraded Blanket Bog

Scout Moor's peatlands, essential for biodiversity, carbon storage, and water quality, have been degraded by historical land use and ongoing off-road activity.

Our proposal aims to restore these areas through a regionally significant Moorland Restoration and Management Plan.

Project Goals:

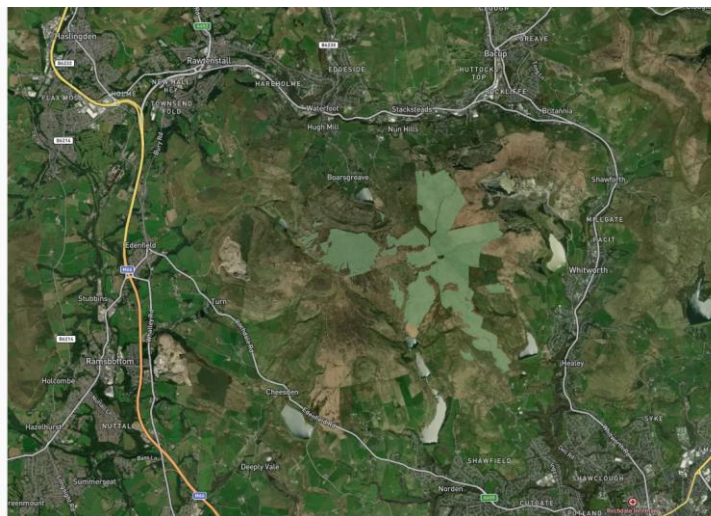
- **Biodiversity:** Achieve over 10% net gain, focusing on irreplaceable habitats.
- **Carbon Storage & Water Quality:** Repair degraded peat to improve carbon capture and water filtration.
- **Visitor Experience:** Enhance and stabilise the landscape for all to enjoy.

Following a comprehensive National Vegetation Classification survey, we identified extensive degraded blanket bogs classified as "poor." Restoration will target eroded areas to improve conditions where feasible from "poor" to "good."

We welcome your feedback—please share your thoughts on restoring this valuable landscape in our feedback section.



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Community Access

Key

 Public Rights of Way

 Rosendale Way

 Pennine Bridleway

 Cragg Quarry

 Lee Quarry

 Green Booth Reservoir Car Park

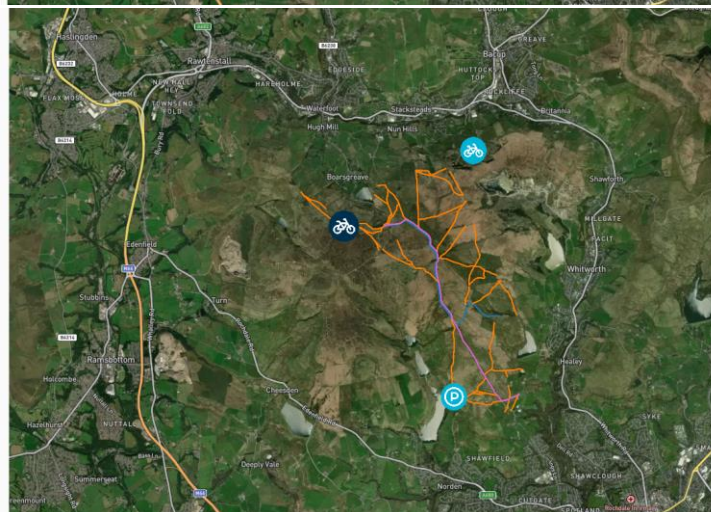
We aim to enhance responsible access to the moors for everyone, ensuring they remain enjoyable for walking, biking, horse riding, and taking in the views. Cubico is committed to working with moorland users to promote sustainable access while reducing illegal off-roading that harms the landscape and biodiversity.

We're considering new circular walking routes with rest areas, improved surfaces, and dedicated paths for mountain bikers and horse riders. A countryside warden and expanded resources to deter unauthorised access are also under review, potentially supported by the Community Wealth Fund. Additionally, digital tools, such as an interactive app, could enhance the experience by offering guidance on responsible use and providing activities for all people to learn about and enjoy the moor.

We welcome your input on improving access and look forward to sharing more in the next consultation.



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Community Wealth Fund

As part of the Scout Moor II Wind Farm, Cubico is creating a Community Wealth Fund to ensure local communities benefit directly. The fund could provide up to \$500,000 annually, or up to \$20 million over the project's lifetime.

We're committed to working with residents, local groups, and stakeholders to shape the fund based on your input, ensuring it supports what matters most to you. Whether it's education, infrastructure, environmental conservation, or welfare services, this fund aims to make a lasting, positive impact.

We want your feedback to help guide how the fund is used, and below are some potential themes to consider:

Potential Funding Themes

Click each one to expand

Affordable Energy and Cost of Living Support

Affordable energy and cost of living support helping reduce fuel poverty and making energy more affordable.

This could include:

- Home energy improvements
- Support for low-income households

Supporting Business

Supporting local businesses and providing job training and upskilling opportunities.

This could include:

- Grants for start-ups
- Apprenticeships
- Job training

Community Engagement

Strengthening connections across all ages, from youth to elderly residents.

This could include:

- Youth Clubs
- Senior Support Services
- Intergenerational Events

Green Spaces and Environment

Enhancing local green spaces and promoting environmental sustainability.

This could include:

- Green Space Improvements
- Rebuilding Walls
- Conservation Projects
- Community Gardens

Heritage and Civic Pride

Preserving local heritage and fostering community pride.

This could include:

- Local History Projects
- Public Art
- Community Events

Tackling Illegal Off-Roading

Scot Moor faces ongoing challenges from illegal off-roading, which damages sensitive peatland and poses safety risks. Through the Community Wealth Fund, we aim to collaborate with local residents, police, and other organisations to develop long-term solutions to this problem.

This could include:

- Collaborating on protection strategies
- Funding for preventative measures
- Restoration of damaged areas

Your input is welcomed as we work together to protect the moors.

We want to know the community's priorities for the Community Wealth Fund. If you had 100 tokens, how would you allocate funding from the Community Wealth Fund to boost initiatives in your local area?

You have 100 tokens remaining.

Affordable Energy and Cost of Living Support		0
Supporting Business		0
Community Engagement		0
Green Spaces and Environment		0
Local Heritage and Civic Pride		0
Tackling Illegal Offroading		0

Email:

Once you have allocated 100 tokens, you will be able to submit.

Share Your Ideas

Your input is essential in prioritising what matters most to your community. Share your ideas to help shape the future of the Community Wealth Fund by responding to our feedback questions on the themes below or suggesting ideas here. For example, this could be an unmet local need, a charity in need of support, or a community problem that needs a solution.

Use the form below to share your ideas and see what other people have been suggesting.

Email address:

Suggestions:

What are people saying?

Below is a selection of suggestions from the community. Add yours using the form.

Your suggestions will appear here! Share your views

I love the sight of windmills turning providing affordable energy

Any scheme that helps the nations green energy has to be a must for the future.

If we must have more wind farms then the wildlife must come first when planning this.

Connect with local community groups and charities and establish how they can be supported.

Improved play park Supporting local waterfront plan to get a hotel with private leisure facilities (e.g. pool and gym).

Improve the local cycleway

As well as Biodiversity Net Gain, there should be Recreational Net Gain

Keep it local within a 10mi radius of the moor.

Maximising Local Benefit

Cubico is dedicated to ensuring local businesses and residents gain the most from the project's investment. Our mission is to drive local economic growth, create jobs and training opportunities, inspire the next generation through educational programmes and actively engage local businesses in our supply chain.

We encourage local businesses and contractors to express interest in working with us, directing investment into the local economy to ensure the project's benefits are felt across the region. By focusing on these key areas, we aim to deliver lasting, positive impacts on the community.

Are you a local business or contractor that would be interested in joining our supply chain? Please provide your details below?

Email: Business Name:

About Your Services:

Over £200 million invested throughout the project's lifecycle.

60% of total investment focused in the UK.

Over £30 million invested throughout the project in the North West economy.

Opportunities created for local training and apprenticeships.

Up to \$56 million contributed in business rates over the scheme's lifetime.

\$20 million Community Wealth Fund supporting local community initiatives.

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ridge of existing Scout Moor Wind Farm

Project Timeline

Explore our project timeline to see the key stages of our consultation and planning process, from initial consultation and EIA scoping through to planning decisions, construction, and final commissioning.

Consultation

Consultation



Application & Planning



Construction and Commissioning



Frequently Asked Questions

How does wind energy work?

Scout Moor II will generate electricity by harnessing the natural power of wind. As one of the windiest locations in the UK, it's perfect for producing enough clean energy to power up to 100,000 homes. The process starts when wind blows against the blades of the turbines, causing them to spin. These blades are connected to a rotor, which then turns a generator inside the turbine. As the rotor spins the generator, mechanical energy is converted into electrical energy through a process called electromagnetic induction. This electricity is then sent through cables to a substation, where it is adjusted to the right voltage before being fed into the electricity network. From there, the electricity flows to homes and businesses, providing a clean and renewable source of power. Wind energy plays a crucial role in enhancing our energy security by providing a home-grown, sustainable source of power that reduces our reliance on fossil fuels and helps stabilize energy costs for consumers.

Have there been previous applications to expand Scout Moor?

In the mid-2010s, Peel Wind Energy proposed an expansion of the Scout Moor wind farm, which was supported by both Rossendale and Rochdale Councils. However, the plan was eventually rejected by the government due to changes in national planning policies. This change in policy also saw the cancellation of plans for Rooley Moor Wind Farm. The Rooley Moor scheme was put forward by Coronation Power and included up to 17 turbines and a substation.

How many turbines will there be?

At this initial stage, Cubico is consulting with the local community to discuss our vision for Scout Moor II, including its potential to deliver renewable energy, tackle climate change, boost energy security and outline the benefits for the community. We will also present the project's boundaries during this consultation. Once we gather your feedback, we'll be in a position to determine the exact number and locations of the turbines. In the new year, we will consult further on the placements and number of turbines based on your input, responding to community feedback.

How tall will the turbines be?

The exact turbine heights are still being determined, but they will not exceed 180 metres to the blade tip. There may also be options for varying hub heights to better integrate with the landscape and topography. We're conducting detailed visual assessments to understand the potential landscape impact, aiming to balance minimal visual impact with optimal energy production. We look forward to sharing more and consulting with you on this next year.

How long will the turbines be operational?

The turbines are expected to operate for about 40 years.

Are there plans to expand Scout Moor II with more turbines?

Currently, there are no plans to add more turbines beyond what's proposed. Our main focus is on developing and implementing this project successfully.

Why expand Scout Moor and not focus on boosting offshore wind?

To meet national climate change goals, we need a variety of renewable energy sources. Onshore wind can be built and become operational much faster than offshore wind farms. Given the urgency of the climate crisis and the need for energy security in the UK, it's essential to deploy renewable solutions quickly.

When will you finalise the site layout?

We'll decide on the final layout after extensive public consultation. Once we gather community feedback and complete our initial assessments, we'll submit our final design to the Rossendale and Rochdale councils for approval. We aim to submit this application around Q2 2025, after consulting on the detailed layout.

How will the site be accessed when operational?

During operation, we plan to use the existing route via Scout Moor Quarry, which is already used by the current wind farm. This will minimise the need for additional infrastructure and reduce disruption. It's worth noting that the operational traffic will be light, typically involving occasional maintenance vans.

How will the site be accessed during construction?

For construction access, we'll use the established route via Scout Moor Quarry. We will produce an Abnormal Load Assessment, a technical document that outlines how we will deliver turbine parts from the port to the site with minimal impact on the local area. At this stage, we welcome any ideas and suggestions to help shape this plan and reduce disruption as much as possible.

Have you considered the impact on highways and traffic?

We understand the potential impacts on local roads and traffic, especially in Edenfield Village during delivery. As part of our planning, we will conduct an Abnormal Load Assessment to ensure turbine parts are delivered with minimal disruption. We're committed to working with the community to create a strategy that manages these deliveries effectively, minimising traffic impacts and supporting local businesses. We'll provide more details as we develop these plans with local stakeholders.

What about birds?

As part of the application process, Cubico has conducted extensive surveys over a two-year period to assess the types of birds in the area. This research has been instrumental in understanding and mitigating any potential impacts on local bird populations. The data gathered from these surveys will inform decisions regarding appropriate turbine height and location to minimise risks to birds.

What about when it isn't windy?

Wind turbines generate electricity when there's enough wind to turn the blades. They are designed to work efficiently across a range of wind speeds. If the wind is too weak, or too strong, the turbines may temporarily stop generating power. However, wind farms are connected to a larger electricity network that includes other power sources like solar, hydroelectric, and traditional power plants. This setup helps ensure that electricity is always available, even when it's not windy. Additionally, advancements in energy storage allow excess electricity produced during windy periods to be stored and used later when the wind isn't blowing.

Have you secured a grid connection?

Cubico has an agreement with Electricity North West to connect to the substation in Rawtenstall by 2030, allowing the wind power generated to feed into the local electricity network. Currently, we are assessing various options for the connection route, which will be determined after planning permission has been granted.

Is the Scout Moor II Wind Farm part of the same project as Rosendale BESS? Why are they being consulted on together?

No, Scout Moor II Wind Farm and Rosendale BESS are separate projects, though they're located near each other. To ensure a streamlined consultation process and transparent community engagement, both projects are being consulted on simultaneously for clarity. For more information about the Rosendale BESS, please visit Rosendale BESS.

Will Scout Moor I and Scout Moor II be managed together?

Scout Moor II will be independently managed by Cubico as a distinct wind farm from Scout Moor I. Although owned and operated separately, Cubico remains committed to ongoing engagement with MEAG, the owners of Scout Moor I, to maintain open communication and coordination across the sites.

Consultation Process

Cubico is committed to engaging with the community through two rounds of consultation. Our approach is outlined below:

First Round of Consultation

The first round aims to share the vision for the project and gather initial feedback on how the development can best serve the community. This phase also provides an opportunity for us to introduce Cubico and highlight our track record in developing flagship onshore wind projects globally.

Feedback from the community is crucial and will be used to refine and enhance the plans to better align with community needs.

Second Round of Consultation

Cubico will carefully review and reflect on the feedback received. A second consultation will then be conducted to present the more refined plans for the project.

This round will provide details on the final turbine heights, exact locations, the total number of turbines and additional information on the peat and wildlife restoration measures, which are critical to the project.

Following the second round of consultation, applications will be submitted to the local authorities to be determined. During that process, members of the public can continue to give their views.

Consultation Events

We are excited to meet with you at our public exhibition events, where you can view the project plans in more detail and meet members of the development team. Join us at any of the following locations:

1. Edenfield Community Centre - **Tuesday 12th November, 2pm to 6:30pm**
2. Cowpe Community Hall - **Wednesday 13th November, 12:30pm to 7pm**
3. Rochdale AFC - **Tuesday 19th November, 12:30pm to 7pm**
4. The Ashcroft, Whitworth - **Wednesday 20th November, 12:30pm to 7pm**

We hope to see you there!

Your Views

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about the plans for Scout Moor II. We invite you to share your thoughts and join the conversation. You can provide feedback by filling out the online form, reaching out to us via phone, email, or post (contact details are in the 'Contact Us' section).

Please make sure to submit your comments by Tuesday 26th November to ensure they are considered in the first consultation.

Name:

Email:

Postcode:

Q1 - Do you support the principle of increasing our renewable energy sources across the North West?

Strongly Agree ☐

Agree ☐

Neutral ☐

Disagree ☐

Strongly Disagree ☐

Q2 - Do you support increasing our renewable energy sources at Scout Moor II?

Strongly Agree ☐

Agree ☐

Neutral ☐

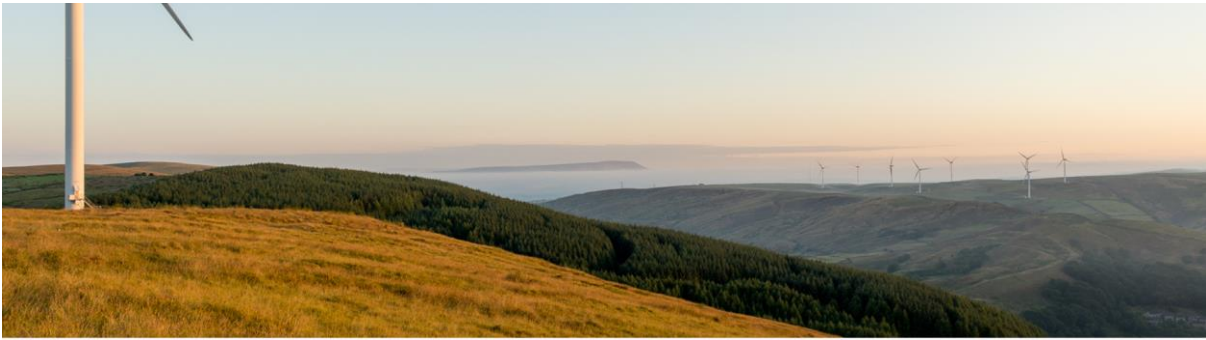
Disagree ☐

Strongly Disagree ☐

Q3. Please explain your answer

Q4 - Do you have any further comments on the proposals for Scout Moor II?

Would you like to stay informed about Scout Moor II's progress? If yes, please tick below and provide your contact details: ☐



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Based in Manchester, our UK Development Team is passionate about collaborating with residents around the wind farm to shape our proposals and deliver lasting benefits.



Cubico's Commitment to You

Cubico is committed to open engagement with the community at every project stage—development, construction, and operation. We will maintain this project website to provide regular updates, and our team will be available for any questions.

We're keen to meet local groups to incorporate community feedback into the project. If we succeed in gaining planning permission, we'll provide a dedicated contact within our delivery team and a considerate contractor to minimise disruption.

Once operational, our asset management team will maintain positive community relations and oversee the Community Wealth Fund, ensuring benefits are shared locally and support long-term community wellbeing.

Community Engagement Plan

You can download our draft Community Engagement Plan (CEP) [here](#), this document outlines our approach to consultation and will be updated as we progress. We welcome your feedback on our proposed approach to consultation under Q4 of the feedback form.

Cubico's Social Value Contract

Cubico's Corporate Social Responsibility strategy aims to create lasting, positive impacts in the communities we serve, guided by these principles:

- **Community Identity:** We respect each community's unique character and support local economic and social development.
- **Clean Energy:** We provide clean, affordable energy that reduces CO₂ emissions and tackles climate change.
- **Environmental Conservation:** We prioritise environmental sustainability through responsible practices.
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- **Social Wellbeing:** We support projects that enhance the wellbeing of our communities and employees.

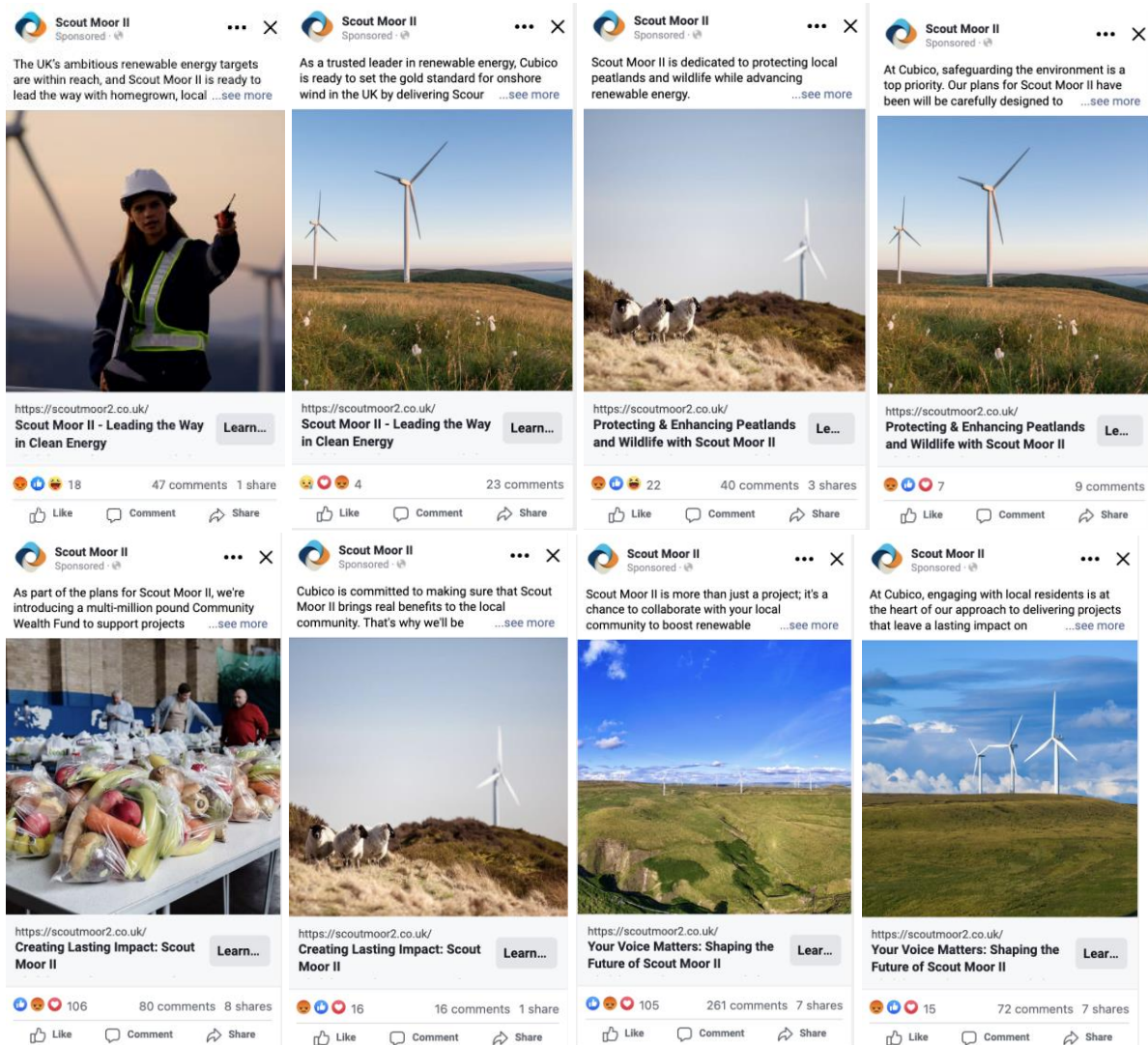
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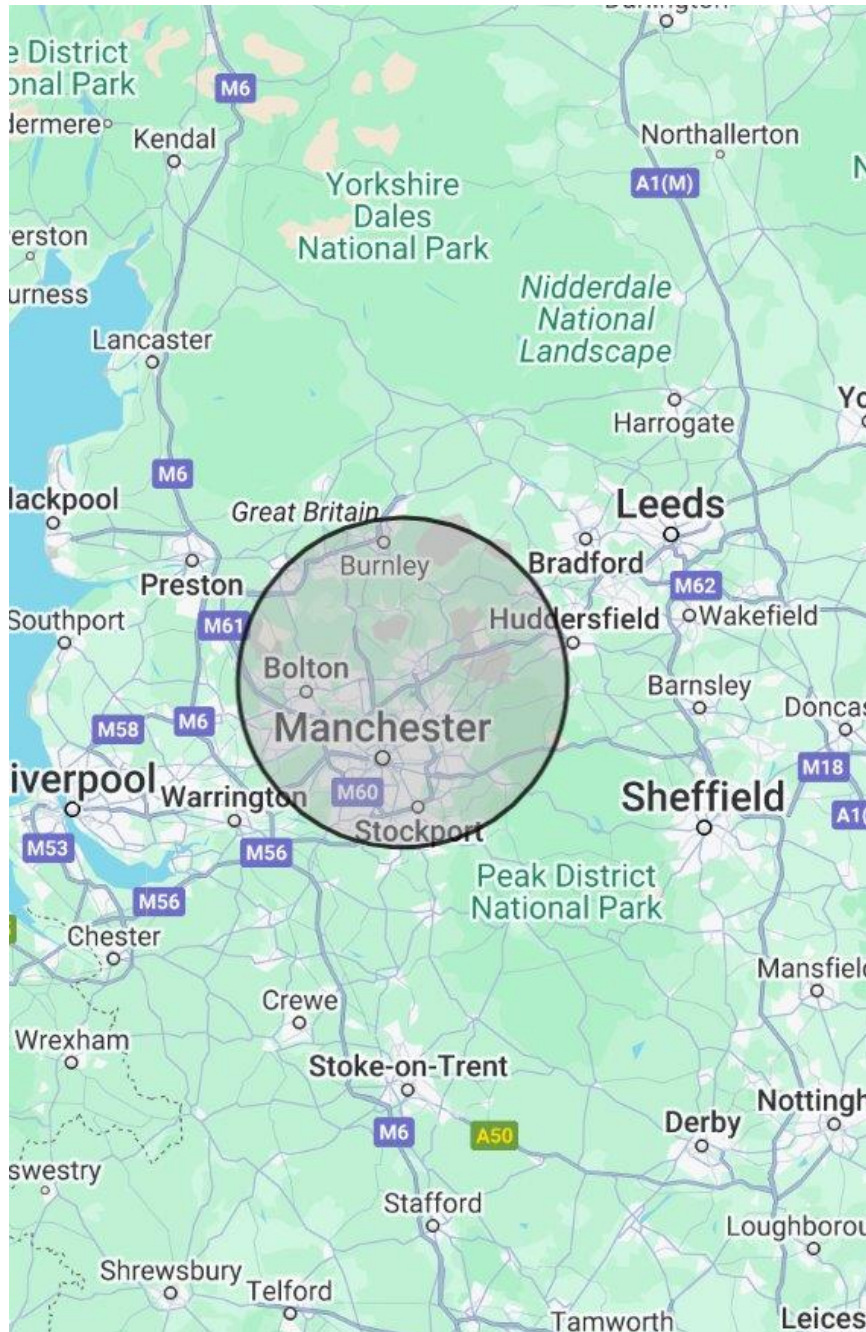
Contact Us

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- ✉️ Email us at scoutmoor2@havingyoursay.co.uk
- ✉️ Send a letter to FREEPOST SHAPE TOMORROW.

Appendix C – Social Media Adverts (Phase One)



Appendix D – Social Media Adverts Distribution Area (both Phases)



Appendix E – Leaflet (Phase One)

How You Can Engage

Cubico is dedicated to engaging with communities and listening to your ideas and suggestions. We believe this approach can create meaningful and lasting benefits for local residents. We want to discuss all aspects of our proposals with you, but your feedback on the following areas would be especially helpful at this stage:

Community Wealth Fund:

We want to hear your thoughts on effectively targeting and deploying these funds.

Addressing Local Issues:

We know illegal off-roading is a significant concern. How can the Community Wealth Fund help tackle this problem?

Local Partnerships:

We aim to collaborate with local businesses, schools, and charities. Visit our website to register your interest.

Understanding Moorland Use:

How do you use the moor? Let us know your suggestions for enhancing your experience.

Join the Conversation

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Please share your views by 26th November. We will review your feedback to shape our plans. We'll be undertaking a further consultation in Spring 2025 to continue the conversation.



Introducing Scout Moor II Wind Farm

Help shape our vision

Invitation to Our Public Consultation

5th to 26th November 2024



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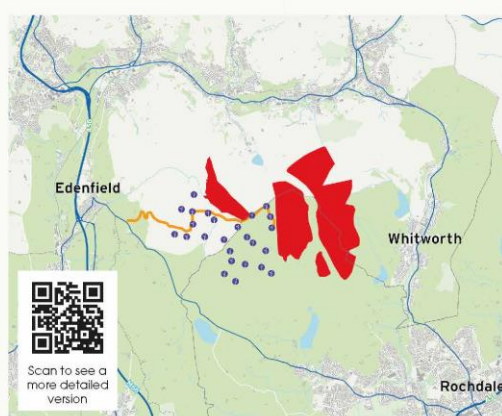
We are introducing our vision for Scout Moor II Wind Farm and a Community Wealth Fund. Community engagement is crucial to us, and we invite you to participate in this consultation.

We are committed to listening to your feedback to shape our detailed proposals, which we will present for further consultation early next year.

Our Proposals

- Up to 21 wind turbines generating up to 100MW of clean, affordable, zero-carbon energy.
- Powering up to 100,000 homes—nearly 80% of households in Rochdale and Rossendale.
- A long-term moorland restoration project and enhancing onsite biodiversity.
- A Community Wealth Fund worth £20 million over the project's lifetime, curated by the community.
- Over £180M total economic output contributing to regional and national growth.

Site Location



- Key:
- Potential Wind Turbine Locations
 - Existing Wind Turbines
 - Site Access
 - Local Authority Boundary

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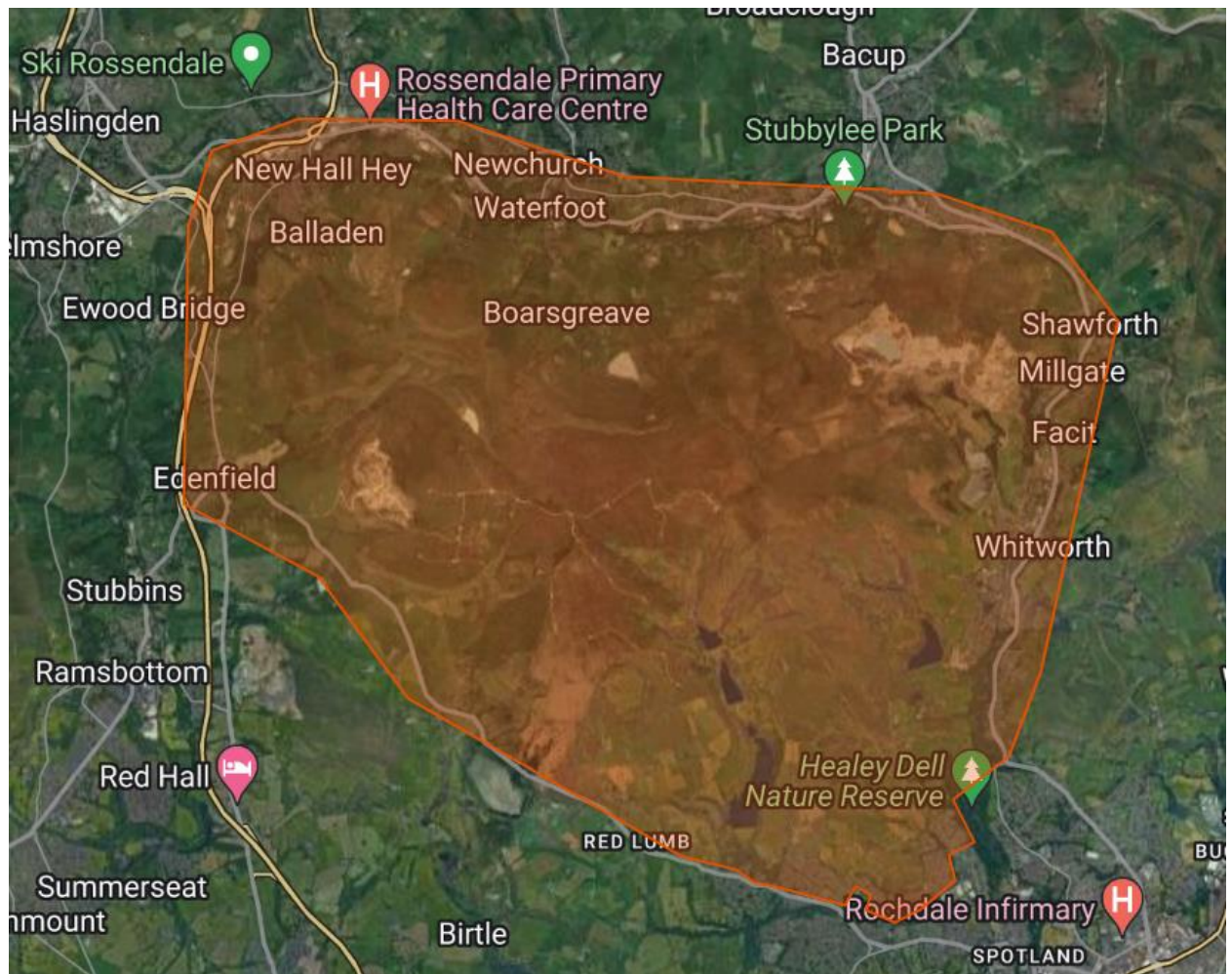
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We look forward to seeing you!



Appendix F – Leaflet Distribution Area (Both Phases)



Appendix G – Exhibition Banners (Phase One)



Welcome

Thank you for joining us at this first step in our engagement process. We are here to introduce Cubico, share our initial ideas for Scout Moor II Wind Farm and invite your input, suggestions, and any thoughts you may wish to share.

Please take your time exploring the exhibition boards, and feel free to speak with our team about any questions or feedback.

Public Consultation

This is the first round of our two-part public consultation, running from **Tuesday 5th November to Tuesday 26th November 2024**. In early 2025, we will hold a second consultation where we will present more detailed plans based on the feedback received. Following this, we plan to submit planning applications and a common land application later in 2025.

How to Provide Your Feedback

Your insight is essential in helping us shape the final proposal. Please share your comments by completing the feedback form or use one of the other methods listed in the "Get Involved" exhibition board. Please ensure that all feedback is submitted by **Tuesday 26th November 2024**, so it can be carefully considered during this first phase of consultation.



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Our Proposals

Location

Scout Moor II is located to the north of Manchester within the Rossendale and Rochdale boroughs, east of Edenfield and northwest of Rochdale. It is located next to the existing Scout Moor wind farm.

We are in the early stages of this project and are now actively engaging with the community to develop a design that prioritises environmental sustainability, seeks to minimise ecological impact, supports the local economy, and contributes to England's renewable energy and climate goals.

Our initial proposals include:

-  **Up to 21 New Turbines:** With a maximum blade tip height of 180 metres to optimise wind capture.
-  **100MW Capacity:** Enough to power around 100,000 homes with clean energy.
-  **Moorland Restoration:** A scheme will be created to enhance biodiversity, support peatland restoration and improve habitats across the site.
-  **£20m Community Wealth Fund:** Managed locally and used to benefit local projects over the scheme's lifetime.
-  **Site Access:** Utilising the existing Scout Moor quarry and wind farm access track.
-  **Community Access:** Enhance responsible access to the moor for everyone.



Moorland Restoration

Peat not only locks up carbon but should also provide valuable habitats for diverse wildlife, improve water quality, and help to reduce flood risk. However, our surveys reveal that much of the peatland on Scout Moor is degraded due to historical land use, and is lacking the habitats that should naturally be present.

Degraded peatlands release greenhouse gases, whereas healthy peatlands store carbon and have a cooling effect on the climate, making them crucial for mitigating climate change.

The proposed wind farm offers an opportunity to reverse this degradation and deliver a regionally significant restoration project. As part of this effort, we are committed to the following measurable outcomes:

- **Peat Balance:** Ensure no net loss of peat material.
- **Peat Restoration:** Repair areas of bare, eroding peat.
- **Habitat Improvement:** Where feasible, upgrade degraded peatland from "poor" to "good" condition.
- **Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG):** Exceed the statutory 10% biodiversity gain requirement.

Inspired by successful restoration projects, particularly in Scotland, this plan aims to deliver lasting environmental benefits over the lifetime of the project that align with community and ecological priorities.



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Maximising Local Benefit

We are dedicated to ensuring local businesses and residents gain the most from our investment. Our mission is to drive local economic growth, create jobs and training opportunities inspire the next generation through educational programmes, and actively engage local businesses in our supply chain.

Key Economic Impacts:

 Over \$200 million invested throughout the project's lifecycle.	 60% of total investment focused in the UK.
 Over \$90 million invested in the North West economy throughout the project's lifecycle.	 Opportunities created for local training and apprenticeships.
 Up to \$56 million contributed in business rates over the scheme's lifetime.	 \$20 million Community Wealth Fund supporting local community initiatives.



Community Wealth Fund

At Cubico, supporting the communities in which our projects are located is a core part of our company's values. As part of the Scout Moor II plans, we are establishing a **Community Wealth Fund** that will contribute up to **\$500,000 annually**, or up to **\$20 million over the project's lifetime**, to empower local communities to fund projects and initiatives that matter most to them.

During this initial consultation, we invite you to share what matters most to you and your community, and to suggest meaningful ways this fund could be used. Add your comments on a sticky note below or submit your feedback online via the Community Wealth Fund section on the consultation website.

Affordable Energy and Cost of Living Support	Supporting Businesses	Community Engagement
Green Spaces and Environment	Heritage and Civic Pride	Tackling Illegal Off-Roaded



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Our Approach to Design and the Environment

We have appointed specialist environmental and technical consultants who are currently conducting a range of on-site surveys and studies to inform the scheme design and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).

Key design priorities include:

- **Utilising Existing Infrastructure:** Minimising new infrastructure by using the existing Scout Moor quarry and wind farm access track, and carefully managing abnormal deliveries to avoid disruption to the community.
- **Avoiding Sensitive Areas:** Steering clear of deep peat and watercourses to preserve ecological balance.
- **Thoughtful Turbine Placement:** Locating turbines on moorland tops, away from valleys and residential areas.
- **Historical Preservation:** Maintaining a buffer along Rooley Moor Road to preserve the historic 'Cotton Famine Road'.
- **Residential Setbacks and Minimising Construction Impact:** Ensuring turbines are at least 1km from homes and avoiding steep slopes to reduce construction impact.

We envisage that the site could accommodate up to 21 turbines, reaching heights of up to 180m. An EIA Scoping Report will be submitted in November 2024, and detailed plans with visualisations, including turbine locations and access, will follow in the next phase of consultation.



Our Approach to Common Land and Community Recreation

Common Land

Common land is communal land where people hold certain rights, such as grazing livestock and public access, making it a valuable resource for the community. Our proposals will require adjustments to portions of common land, and we are committed to respecting existing rights and enhancing where possible.

We are currently consulting with rights holders and developing our plans. In the next consultation phase, we will specify areas proposed for deregistration to support the wind farm and identify suitable replacement land that offers equal or greater value for both rights holders and public access. Once plans are finalised, a common land application will be submitted alongside our planning application.

Community Access & Recreation

We are committed to keeping Scout Moor accessible for walking, cycling, horse riding, and scenic enjoyment. Proposed improvements could include new circular routes and dedicated trails.

We have an aspiration to work with partners to reduce illegal off-roading which harms the landscape and ecology. We welcome your ideas and suggestions on how the wind farm can further enhance this community space.



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Timeline

This marks the beginning of our six-month, two-stage community consultation as we prepare to submit planning and common land applications next year. We welcome your feedback on our proposals and the Community Wealth Fund, which we will carefully review and consider. Early next year, a second stage of consultation will present refined project plans before the planning application is submitted, followed by further statutory consultation led by local planning authorities.



Get involved

Thank you for taking the time to review our Scout Moor II plans. We welcome your feedback to help shape the project to meet the needs of the local community.

There are several ways you can provide your feedback and speak with us:



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Fill out the feedback form: Visit our website at www.scoutmoor2.co.uk to share your thoughts.

The consultation will run until Tuesday, **26th November 2024**. Please ensure we receive your feedback by this date.

If you have any questions, need more information about our plans, or would like to arrange a meeting to discuss the project in more detail, please feel free to reach out at any time.



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Appendix H – Letter to Political Stakeholders (Phase Two)



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Councillor Alyson Barnes
Leader of Rossendale Council and Lead Member for Economic Development
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Monday 24th March 2025

Dear Councillor Barnes,

Scout Moor II Wind Farm – Round 2 Consultation

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that a second round of consultation for the Scout Moor II Wind Farm will be open from **Tuesday, 25th March to Tuesday, 29th April**. This consultation will provide further information on the proposed development and offer an opportunity for you to review the latest plans, speak to the development team, and provide feedback.

During the first round of consultation, we received valuable feedback from local people and organisations. Since then, we have listened carefully and worked to refine the design, drawing on technical surveys, assessments and feedback from local residents and stakeholders. Our updated proposals include up to 18 turbines, generating up to 100MW of clean electricity; enough to power 100,000 homes annually.

Why we're getting in touch

Now we want to update you on how we have improved the proposals and seek your views on the refreshed plans.

We are keen to ensure you are fully briefed as the project progresses into its next phase. We would welcome the opportunity to update you on the current proposals, explain how we have responded to earlier feedback, and discuss how the project can support wider local priorities, including climate action, peatland restoration, community benefit, and economic growth and supply chain opportunities.

As part of this consultation, we are hosting a series of public exhibitions and online webinars to share the latest plans, including new visualisations and key project updates. We want to ensure that you have the opportunity to review the proposals and make your voice heard.

How to Get Involved

- The online consultation will be available at www.scoutmoor2.co.uk, where you can access all project materials, including maps, visualisations, and further information
- Public exhibitions will take place in Bacup (1st April), Norden (2nd April), Whitworth (3rd April), Boarsgreave (23rd April) and Edenfield (24th April) —full details are available on our website.
- Online webinars will cover key topics such as noise and shadow flicker, peatland restoration, and access/infrastructure.



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Your submission to the consultation can be made until the end of Tuesday 29th April. We would love to hear from you. If you would like to discuss the project further, we would be happy to arrange a meeting or call.

If you have any questions, please contact Ben Miller at ben.miller@lexcomm.co.uk.

We look forward to hearing your thoughts.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Rowe".

Peter Rowe
Development Manager
Cubico UK Development Limited

Appendix I – Social Media Adverts (Phase Two)

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Have your say on Scout Moor II

The second round of consultation is now live. This is your chance to shape the future of the wind farm and we want to hear from you 🗣️



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Click here to learn more and share your views

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Attend our Public Exhibitions

We are re hosting in-person events across Rossendale and Rochdale. Meet the team, learn more, and share your views.



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Powering a Green Future 🌱

Scout Moor II represents a crucial opportunity to advance the country's net-zero commitments and strengthen energy security. Take part in our consultation today.



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Protecting and Restoring our Moorland

Alongside generating renewable energy, we are working to restore damaged peatlands. Find out more about our moorland restoration plan.



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Investing in the Community - The Scout Moor II Community Wealth Fund

Scout Moor II will deliver more than just clean energy. Our Community Wealth Fund ensures financial benefits from the wind farm will stay in Rossendale and Rochdale. Help decide how this funding is spent.



Delivering more than just clean energy
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Delivering Local Benefits through Renewable Energy

We have listened to community feedback and improved our community benefit offer for Scout Moor II. We want to know what you think.



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Scout Moor II Wind Farm

Shaped by You

Join the Conversation
25th March to 29th April



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Learn More

Cubico is inviting you to take part in the next phase of consultation on Scout Moor II, a proposed onshore wind farm in Rossendale and Rochdale. This is your opportunity to share your views and help shape the future of the project.

In-Person Events

Tuesday, 1st April – Bacup Cricket Club: 1:30pm – 7pm

Wednesday, 2nd April – Norden Methodist Church: 1pm – 6:30pm

Thursday, 3rd April – The Ashcroft, Whitworth: 1:30pm – 7pm

Wednesday, 23rd April – Cowpe Community Hall: 1:30pm – 7pm

Thursday, 24th April – Edenfield Community Centre: 1:30pm – 7pm

Online Webinars

Thursday, 10th April – Noise & Shadow Flicker: 6pm – 7pm

Thursday, 17th April – Protecting Peatlands & Moorland Restoration: 6pm – 7pm

Friday, 25th April – Access & Infrastructure: 6pm – 7pm

Sign up to attend at www.scoutmoor2.co.uk

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 **Deadline for Feedback: 29th April 2025**

Appendix K – Exhibition Banners (Phase Two)



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Community Consultation

Scout Moor II



Cubico is developing proposals for an onshore wind farm in Rossendale and Rochdale, adjacent to the existing Scout Moor site.

Our first consultation took place in November 2024, where we shared some early ideas and gathered feedback from local communities.



Since then, we have conducted further environmental and technical assessments and engaged with key stakeholders to refine our plans.

This second consultation presents more detailed proposals, including updated plans, visualisations, and videos showing how the windfarm would look from different viewpoints.

We are also seeking further feedback on our Community Wealth Fund to ensure local communities benefit directly from this project.

The consultation will run from
**Tuesday 25th March till
Tuesday 29th April.**

Please complete a feedback form today at the end of the exhibition or visit our website to complete the online form.



As promised, we are also sharing the feedback from our first consultation – scan the QR code to visit our website.



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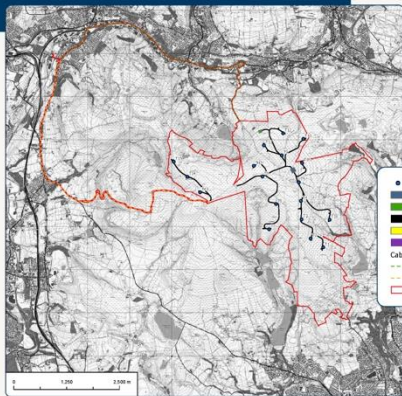
The Project

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Scout Moor II is a major step in making the North a clean energy hub, supporting the UK's net-zero goals and the Government's Clean Power 2030 ambitions.

The project would generate up to 100 megawatts (MW) of clean electricity – enough to power around 100,000 homes each year – and help cut carbon emissions by reducing reliance on fossil fuels.



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Our Community Offer

Community Benefit Charter – Our commitment to you

We are committed to ensuring Scout Moor II delivers real, long-term benefits for the communities of Rossendale and Rochdale.

Our Community Benefit Charter will set out a clear commitment to investing in the local area, engaging meaningfully with residents, and creating opportunities for local people and businesses throughout the project's lifetime.

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We are committed to open, honest engagement, ensuring that local voices help shape the project and guide key decisions.

Commitment 2: Investing in the Community



We will establish a Community Development Trust, an independent charity that will manage and administer the Community Wealth Fund, directing long-term financial support into the local communities most impacted by the wind farm.

Commitment 3: Creating Local Opportunities



From supporting local businesses to providing apprenticeships and training, we're focused on making sure Scout Moor II delivers jobs and economic growth close to home.

The Community Wealth Fund

We have listened to community feedback and refined our offer to ensure that the Community Wealth Fund delivers greater certainty, fairness and long-term impact.

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Increased starting contribution

Raising the guaranteed minimum contribution to £6,000 per MW per year to provide a stronger foundation for community investment and delivering £24 million over the project's lifetime.

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Why Onshore Wind?

Onshore wind is one of the most affordable, efficient, and accessible forms of renewable energy.

It plays a key role in the UK's transition to a clean, secure, and low-cost energy system.



UK Energy Targets

The UK Government's Clean Power 2030 plan aims to:

- Increase onshore wind capacity from 14GW (2023) to 27GW by 2030
- Double the UK's overall clean energy capacity

Onshore wind is essential to meeting these goals quickly and cost-effectively.



Why this location?

Scout Moor and Rooley Moor are among the windiest areas in the UK – ideal for efficient, consistent wind energy generation.

The site also benefits from:

- **Proximity to homes and businesses** – reducing transmission losses and costs
- **Nearby grid connection** – avoiding expensive new infrastructure
- **Existing access routes** – speeding up delivery using Scout Moor I infrastructure



Benefits include

Cheaper electricity

Lower and more stable bills than fossil fuels or offshore wind

Faster to deliver

Projects can be built and connected in just a few years

Energy security

Reduces reliance on imported gas

Grid resilience

Supports a diverse energy mix with solar, offshore wind, and storage

How it Works and Why Turbine Height Matters



Wind turbines convert kinetic energy into electricity. Stronger and steadier winds at higher altitudes mean more power.

At Scout Moor II:

- Turbines will be placed in the highest wind areas (subject to environmental constraints)
- Turbines up to 180m tip height will access stronger winds

Fewer turbines will produce more power – 18 turbines = ~100MW, enough to power 100,000 homes.

Compared to Scout Moor I (26 turbines, 65MW), this reflects huge efficiency gains and a smaller overall footprint.

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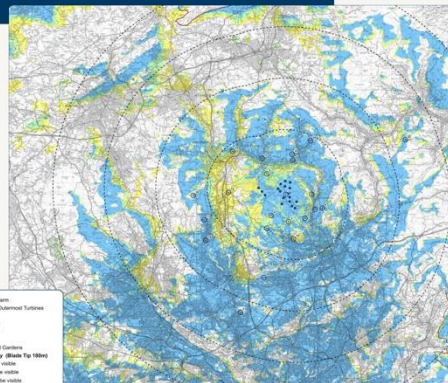
Landscape and Visual

Since our last consultation, we have refined turbine locations and assessed their potential impact on the landscape and heritage.

While more visualisations are in progress, this consultation offers a first look at our evolving plans.

Where will the wind farm be visible?

To understand where turbines may be seen, we use a Zone of Theoretical Visibility (ZTV) map. This shows maximum potential visibility based on landform and turbine height, but not features like buildings or trees – so it reflects a worst-case scenario.



What will the wind farm look like?

Viewpoints have been selected in consultation with councils, statutory bodies and feedback from local residents. All visuals follow national guidance to ensure fair and accurate representation.

This consultation includes preview images from key viewpoints, offering an early indication of the wind farm's appearance. We have also produced verified videos from local viewpoints to show how the turbines may look in motion and at human scale.

By the time of the planning application, a full suite of viewpoints will be available for consideration, offering a comprehensive visual assessment of the project.

Turbines over 150 metres tall require visible aviation lighting. A detailed lighting strategy will be included in the planning application, following NatureScot guidance to reduce visual impact.



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Moorland Restoration

We are working to restore damaged peatlands alongside generating renewable energy.

At Scout Moor II, we have a big opportunity to fix degraded peat, which is important for storing carbon, managing water, and supporting nature.

As a part of this effort, we are working with experts to use the best restoration methods, which will include:

1. Avoiding Damage to Peatland

- We will map peat depths and plan carefully to avoid disturbing sensitive areas.
- We will place infrastructure where it has the least impact on deep peat zones.

2. Using Low-Impact Building Methods

- Floating tracks will be used in deep peat areas to reduce digging and protect natural drainage.
- Where disturbance is unavoidable, we will use landscaping to help the land recover.

3. Repairing the Peatland

- We will reuse excavated peat to stabilise damaged areas and stop further erosion.
- Native plant species will be reintroduced to encourage natural regrowth.

Boosting Biodiversity

As well as fixing the peatland, we will improve biodiversity by delivering at least a 10% net gain in natural habitats on and around the moorland.

As part of the wind farm project, some poor-condition grassland will be lost. To make up for this, we will implement the plan below.



Our Plan for Better Biodiversity

Improving Grasslands

Around 90 hectares of modified grassland will be improved to offset habitat loss and deliver a 10% biodiversity gain.

Improving Habitats

The low-quality grassland will be turned into a healthier, more diverse natural habitat.

Nurturing Wildlife

We will plant a mix of wild grasses and flowers to help insects, birds, and small mammals thrive.

Better Habitat Management

The grassland will be regularly checked and maintained to ensure it stays in good condition.



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Access & Recreation

The moorland is a valued green space with trails for walking, cycling and horse riding, linking to the Pennine Bridleway and mountain bike centres at Lee and Cragg Quarries.

Much of the area is Open Access or Common Land, with public rights of way and permissive routes connecting local communities.

Safer Public Access During Construction

We will maintain safe access wherever possible, keeping the construction footprint small and reopening routes quickly.

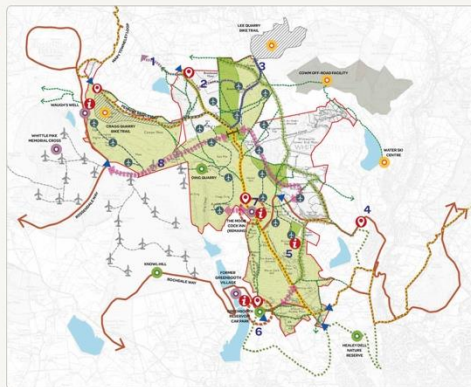
Where temporary restrictions are needed, we will provide:

- Clearly marked diversions.
- Dedicated crossing points.
- Controlled access to protect all users.

Rooley Moor Road will be safeguarded and there are further details on a subsequent banner.

We have presented some ideas on our draft masterplan, which could include:

- Upgraded and new wind farm tracks to support lawful access.
- Enhanced parking facilities for responsible visitors.
- Additional track sections and circular routes to improve connectivity.
- New rest areas for walkers, cyclists, and equestrians.
- Better links between Cragg Quarry and Lee Quarry.
- Clearer wayfinding and signage to support responsible use.
- Interpretation opportunities to enrich the experience for local users.



Tackling Illegal Off-Roading

Illegal off-roading damages the moor and disrupts responsible access. We're working with landowners, United Utilities, local authorities, and the police to deliver long-term solutions. The wind farm can support efforts to protect the landscape and reduce anti-social behaviour.

Our approach could include:

- Dedicated Ranger and CCTV monitoring.
- Fencing and barriers to block unauthorised access.
- Clear signage to support responsible use.
- Better legal access with new gates and entry points.



Rooley Moor Road

Rooley Moor Road, also known as the Cotton Famine Road, is a non-designated heritage asset with significant historical and social importance.

Built during the 1860s cotton famine, it reflects the resilience of local communities and remains a valued route for walkers, cyclists, and equestrians. We fully recognise its importance and are committed to protecting and respecting this much-loved asset.

No Construction Traffic on Rooley Moor Road

A previous scheme proposed using Rooley Moor Road for construction access, which was highly controversial. We are not taking this approach. Instead, there will be no construction traffic on Rooley Moor Road.

All construction access will be via Scout Moor Quarry. This can be secured by a binding planning condition.

Crossing Rooley Moor Road

We need to cross Rooley Moor Road as part of our plans, but we have carefully chosen a location that avoids the cobbled section to minimise any impact.

To protect the road during construction:

- Protective measures will shield the road at the crossing point from damage.
- A temporary bridging structure will spread the weight of construction vehicles, preventing pressure on the original surface.
- Once construction is complete, the bridging structure will be removed, and the road will be fully reinstated to its original condition.

Long-Term Protection and Design

Once the wind farm is operational, we will install a permanent crossing while ensuring:

- The operational traffic will only cross at this point and not traverse along Rooley Moor Road.
- The historic bridleway remains the dominant feature.
- The crossing blends with the surrounding landscape.
- The route remains safe and accessible for walkers, cyclists, and horse riders.

This approach ensures that Rooley Moor Road is protected, reinstated, and remains fully accessible for future generations.



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Common Land

Common Land is a valuable public asset, providing open space for walking, cycling, horse riding, and recreation.

It plays a key role in local heritage, biodiversity, and access to the countryside, while supporting traditional grazing and other commoners' rights.



Common Land Changes

As part of Scout Moor II, some Common Land will be affected. We are committed to ensuring that public access and commoners' rights are fully protected and enhanced. All lost Common Land will be replaced with land of equal or greater size and quality, and public access will be maintained or improved throughout.

Our Approach

- Replacing any lost Common Land with Replacement Land of equal or greater size and quality.
- Reinstating public access rights to all access tracks, hardstandings, and temporary construction areas once construction is complete.
- Ensuring commoners can continue to exercise their rights without disruption.

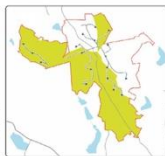
Legal Process

The legal process for these changes is addressed through separate Common Land applications, which are independent of the planning application.

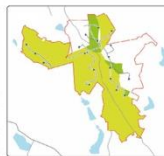
Existing Common Land ▶ The Release Land ▶ The Replacement Land ▶ Regrant of Access Rights



This map shows the existing Common Land within our site boundary.



We will formally apply to deregister the areas of Common Land required for infrastructure, both temporary and permanent.



To compensate, we will provide like-for-like replacement land adjacent to the existing common, ensuring continued availability for grazing and public access.



Once the wind farm is complete, we will regrant rights over the access tracks, allowing the public to use them as if they were Common Land. This will result in a net increase in land available for grazing and public access.

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Planning and Environmental Assessment



We will submit duplicate planning applications to both Rossendale and Rochdale Councils, as the site spans two authority boundaries.

These will be reviewed alongside reports assessing the potential effects of the project.

A key part is the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), which looks at how the wind farm could affect the environment and how those impacts could be reduced.

We've already submitted an EIA Scoping Report and received valuable feedback from statutory consultees and local people, helping shape the detail of our submission.

The full planning application will include:

- **A Planning Statement** explaining the project's purpose and compliance with national and local planning policies.
- **An Environmental Statement** with detailed EIA findings and other technical reports, such as aviation, flood risk, and socio-economics.
- **A Design and Access Statement** outlining the site layout and design approach.
- **A Statement of Community Involvement** detailing how we have consulted with communities and responded to feedback.
- **An Integrated Plan for Peat and Habitat Restoration** outlining our approach to moorland restoration and habitat enhancement.
- **An Outdoor Access Management and Enhancement Plan** setting out how we will manage impacts on recreation users and improve lawful access.



Once the application is submitted, there will be an opportunity for the public to review it and share their views before a decision is made.



We will also apply for consent under the Commons Act 2006 for works on common land a separate legal process to protect public access and provide suitable replacement areas.



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Managing Construction and Turbine Deliveries

Environmental Management

A Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) will ensure best practice throughout the build, including:

- Pollution control for watercourses
- Wildlife and habitat protection
- Noise and dust management
- Sustainable construction and waste reduction
- Traffic and site safety measures



Turbine Delivery and Traffic

Abnormal Indivisible Loads (AILs) include blades, tower sections, and turbine parts that can't be broken down. These will follow the same route as the original Scout Moor Wind Farm, which remains the safest and most suitable option.

We will work closely with residents, especially those with experience from the previous project, to reduce disruption and respond to concerns.

Key Measures

- Convoys of three turbines with police escorts
- Deliveries spread over 3-4 months, avoiding peak times
- Detailed schedule shared in advance
- Traffic management contractors in place at key points
- Emergency services involved in planning
- Temporary parking restrictions only where essential
- Alternative parking options can be provided if needed

Minimising Local Impacts

Where possible, we will:

- Source stone from local quarries – to reduce vehicle trips
- Keep delivery distances short – to lower environmental impact
- Use local suppliers and contractors – to support local jobs

Community Support

We recognise the particular impact on Edenfield. A Community Wealth Fund could be structure to provide funding in recognition of the disruption. We will also work with our contractors to create social benefits for local people during construction.

Staying Informed

We will provide regular updates and offer ways to give feedback.

Join our transport webinar if you would like to speak to one of our experts from our transport consultants.



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Next Steps & Have Your Say

We are consulting on our draft plans before submitting planning applications to Rossendale and Rochdale Councils.

Your feedback is important and will help shape the final proposals.

Join us for our webinars

Hear directly from the team and ask questions in our live Zoom webinars:

Thurs 10 April, 6pm

Noise & Human Health

Thurs 17 April, 6pm

Peatland Protection & Moorland Restoration

Fri 25 April, 6pm

Access & Infrastructure

To register:

- Email: scoutmoor2@havingyoursay.co.uk
- Sign up via our website using the QR code
- Or speak to a member of our team today — we can sign you up on the spot

What Happens Next?

We are carrying out a multi-stage consultation to ensure local communities, landowners, and stakeholders can help shape the plans before we submit a formal application. Your feedback during this stage will play an important role in refining our proposals.

The anticipated project timescales are shown opposite.

A full timeline is available on our website – visit www.scoutmoor2.co.uk to find out more.

The consultation closes on Tuesday 29th April 2025.

Please complete a feedback form today or fill it in online. You can also get in touch via:



BY PHONE

0333 358 0502
(Mon–Fri, 9am–5.30pm)



BY EMAIL

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Thank you for engaging with the consultation process and we look forward to receiving your feedback.



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Appendix L – Website (Phase Two)

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Scout Moor II Wind Farm

Shaped by you

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Our consultation has now come to a close. We are grateful that so many people took part. You can still use our website to learn about our plans. Our dedicated email address and community information telephone line are still available if you have any questions or would like to learn more.

Welcome to our website for Scout Moor II Wind Farm.

Cubico is developing proposals for an onshore wind farm in Rossendale and Rochdale, adjacent to the existing Scout Moor site. An initial public consultation was held in November 2024 where we presented some high level information about our vision and gathered feedback from local communities.

Next Steps in the Scout Moor II Consultation

Since our previous consultation, we have been undertaking more environmental and technical assessments as well as meeting with key stakeholders and community groups to help refine our proposals. The purpose of this second round of engagement is to consult on more detailed information about the scheme and share updated plans, including visualisations and videos showing how the wind farm would look from a range of different viewpoints.

Following discussions with stakeholders and the local community, we are also keen to seek further feedback on our Community Wealth Fund. We are committed to ensuring that local communities benefit directly from this project.

We also promised that we would share the feedback received during the first round of consultation. You can download a copy of this [here](#).

Have Your Say

The consultation will run from Tuesday 25th March until Tuesday 29th April. Please be sure to complete your feedback before the deadline.

This consultation is your opportunity to help shape the final plans for Scout Moor II before a planning application is submitted. Click [here](#) to view more details about the public exhibitions and webinar events we are holding.

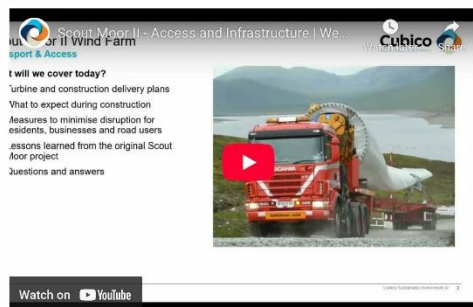
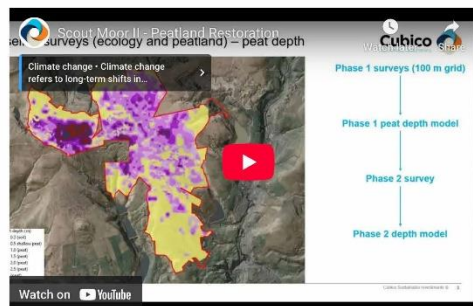
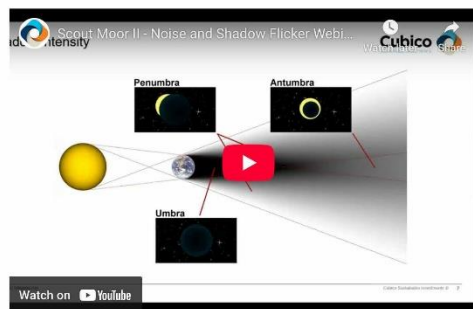
We are Listening

As part of the consultation process, people have been asking us for a process to tell us about their private water supplies. As a result of this, we have created a new online form for local residents to complete.

[Click here to complete the form.](#)

Webinars

As part of the consultation process, the project is hosting a series of webinars. You can register for these in the Having Your Say section. Following the webinars, recordings will be made available here.



The Project

About the Proposal

We are bringing forward plans for a new onshore wind farm called Scout Moor II, located in the Scout Moor and Rooley Moor area. It would build on the existing wind farm and make use of the strong wind resource, established access routes, and a nearby grid connection.

Scout Moor II is a pivotal project for the North, marking an important step in

The Wind Farm

You can view the proposed layout on the site plan below. Scout Moor II would consist of:

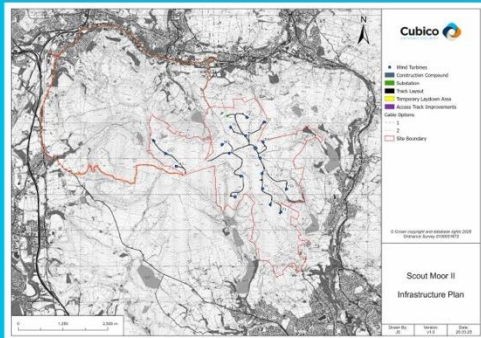
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turning the region into a hub for clean, homegrown energy. It supports the Government's Clean Power 2030 ambitions and the UK's wider net-zero goals.

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As one of the first major onshore wind projects to come forward since planning rules changed, Scout Moor II is a vital opportunity to support energy security, climate targets, and local green investment.

The proposed site lies outside areas designated for international or national landscape, heritage, or nature conservation protections, making it well suited to responsible development. It also presents opportunities to restore extensive areas of degraded peatland, which have been affected by historical land use and natural erosion.



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All temporary construction areas will be fully restored once construction is complete.

Moorland Restoration and Biodiversity

The project includes a major programme of over 100ha moorland restoration and over 90ha of biodiversity enhancement. This will improve degraded peatland, enhance habitats, increase carbon storage, and support natural water management.

Access and Construction

We are committed to protecting and improving public access across Scout Moor. Construction and maintenance access will be taken from Scout Moor Quarry via Scout Road. There will be no construction access via Rooley Moor Road, apart from one protected crossing point where the surface and historic character will be safeguarded. We are also committed to work with partners – including local MPs, the police and the existing wind farm operator – to help tackle illegal off-roading.

Decommissioning

We are applying for a 40-year planning permission for Scout Moor II. At the end of this period, there are two potential pathways: extending the site's operation or decommissioning and restoring the land. If the project continues to provide significant benefits, an application could be made to extend its lifespan or redevelop the site with updated technology. Alternatively, if the wind farm is decommissioned, all turbines and infrastructure will be removed, and the land will be restored to its original condition. A decommissioning bond will be secured to guarantee that this work is fully funded and completed, regardless of any future changes in ownership.

Common Land

Where works affect registered common land, we will apply to deregister those areas and provide replacement land of equal or better quality. Once construction is complete, we will regrant public rights over access tracks and hard standings to ensure there is no long-term loss of access.



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A recent report by Biggar Economics highlights how community benefit funds can deliver substantial and enduring value for local areas, and provides valuable insight into how such benefits can be maximised. We are drawing on such learning to help shape our approach. You can read the full report here: [Community Benefit Funds - Creating a Legacy](#)



Have Your Say

This consultation draft of the Community Benefit Charter is open for feedback. We want to hear your views on how we can refine and improve our approach before finalising our commitments.

As part of this charter, our key commitments are:



Commitment 1: Listening and Engaging with Transparency

We will work closely with local communities to ensure your voices shape the project. Through open discussions, clear planning information, and regular updates, we aim to build a long-term partnership which endures beyond the planning process.



Commitment 2: Investing in the Community

We will establish the Community Development Trust, an independent charity that will manage the Community Wealth Fund. This fund will provide long-term financial support to local areas most impacted by the wind farm.



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[Read the draft Community Benefit Charter by clicking here.](#)

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The Community Wealth Fund is designed to deliver real, lasting benefits to local communities. It will be:

- Independently managed by a **Community Development Trust**, a dedicated charitable organisation.
- Focused on **local priorities**, directing funding to the areas closest to the wind farm and those most impacted.
- **Transparent and community-led**, with local representatives involved in decision-making and regular public reporting on how funds are used.

The fund could support **community projects, skills development, cost-of-living assistance, environmental improvements, and local business grants**, helping to create a lasting positive impact for Rossendale and Rochdale. However, local people will have the final say on how the fund is allocated to best benefit their communities.

Since our first consultation, we have had a number of helpful conversations with stakeholders and community groups to develop our community benefit offer, and this is a **key element of the project that we would like further feedback on**. The feedback from this consultation will inform a revised Community Charter that will be published alongside the planning applications.

Why Wind?

Why do we need onshore wind energy in England?

As the UK transitions to a cleaner, more secure energy system, onshore wind will play a critical role. It is one of the most affordable, efficient and readily available renewable energy sources. However, despite its potential, England has lagged behind in onshore wind development compared to Scotland and Wales. Projects like Scout Moor II are essential to achieving the UK's climate and energy security goals.



Here's why onshore wind is so important:

Click the boxes below to learn more:

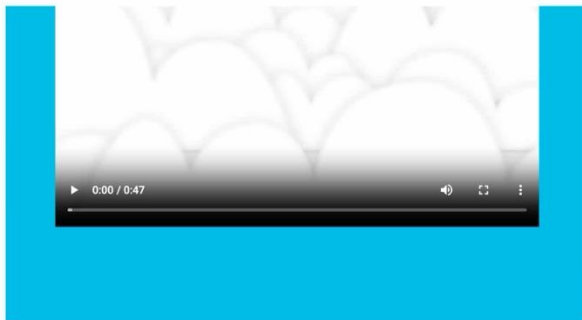
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How do wind turbines generate electricity?

Wind turbines harness the power of the wind to generate electricity. When the wind blows, it spins the turbine blades, which are connected to a rotor. The rotor turns a generator, converting kinetic energy into clean, renewable electricity. The stronger and more

Why are the turbines this height?

As a renewable energy source, wind power is clean and sustainable. Wind turbines are designed to capture the maximum amount of wind energy possible. The height of the turbines is a key factor in their efficiency. The taller the turbine, the more wind it can capture. This is because wind speed increases with height. The turbines at Scout Moor II are 100 metres tall, which allows them to capture the maximum amount of wind energy possible.



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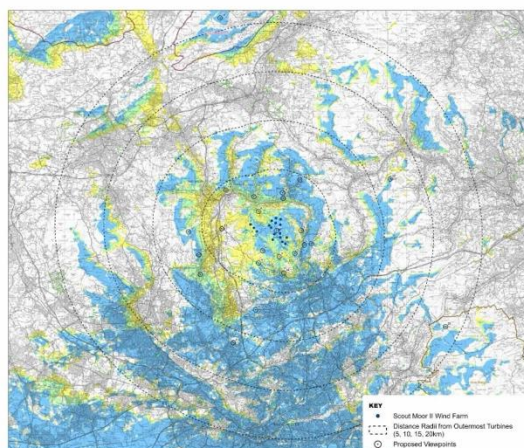
Advancements in wind turbine technology mean that modern turbines

Landscape and Visual

Understanding Visual Impact

Since our last consultation, we have been refining the potential turbine locations and assessing their impact on the landscape and heritage assets. We are still working on additional visualisations ahead of the planning submission, but we can now share a preview of our emerging plans.

Where will the wind farm be visible? To understand where the wind farm might be seen from, we use a Zone of Theoretical Visibility (ZTV) map. This shows the maximum possible visibility based on land height and turbine size. However, it does not take into account buildings, trees, or other features that may block views, so it represents a worst-case scenario rather than actual visibility on the ground.



Click to enlarge

What will the wind farm look like?

To help illustrate how the wind farm could look, we are creating photomontages—realistic images that digitally add the proposed turbines to baseline photographs of the landscape.

We are currently working on a series of viewpoints, defined in consultation with local authorities, statutory consultees, and feedback from local residents following the Stage 1 consultation. These have been selected in line with established guidance from the Landscape Institute and NatureScot to ensure an accurate and fair representation of the project's visual impact. At this stage, we have preview images from key communities around the site, providing an early indication of how the wind farm may look from different locations.

Our proposal includes wind turbines over 150 metres tall, which means visible aviation lighting is required. The planning application and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) will include a detailed lighting strategy, including measures to reduce visual impact. The effects of aviation lighting on the landscape and views at night will be assessed following NatureScot's guidance.

In addition, for this consultation we have produced verified videos from prominent locations in local towns and villages. These short clips will show how the wind farm could appear in motion, giving communities a realistic, human-scale view of how the scheme may look in everyday life.

By the time of the planning application, a full suite of viewpoints will be available for consideration, offering a comprehensive visual assessment of the project. The initial photomontages and videos can be viewed via the interactive plan below.

Various viewpoints can be seen below.

Cowpe Recreation Ground

Cowpe Recreation Ground (2)
Cowm Reservoir, Whitworth
Cowm Reservoir, Whitworth (2)
Lobden Golf Course/Rossendale Way
Maden Recreational Ground, Bacup
Rochdale Road, Edenfield
Norden Cricket Club
Haslingden Old Road, Rawtenstall

Click on different viewpoints to see how the wind farm may look from various locations. In addition to the images available above, the map below provides video viewpoints.



Moorland Restoration

We are working to restore damaged peatlands alongside generating renewable energy. At Scout Moor II, we have a big opportunity to fix degraded peat, which is important for storing carbon, managing water, and supporting nature.

Why Peatlands Matter

Peatlands cover 11% of England's land, but 87% of them are damaged. This damage releases about 8 million tonnes of CO₂ into the air every year, adding to climate change. The UK aims to restore 2 million hectares of peatland by 2040 to help nature recover and store more carbon.

How Peatlands Help

- **Storing Carbon** – They hold more carbon per hectare than forests, helping fight climate change.
- **Managing Water** – Healthy peat slows water runoff, reducing flooding and improving water quality.
- **Providing Homes for Wildlife** – Many species, like curlews, sphagnum moss, and cotton grass, rely on peatlands.

What's Damaging the Peat at Scout Moor?

The moorland has been damaged by:

- **Mining and quarrying**, which changed how water naturally drains.
- **Overgrazing**, leading to less plant cover and more erosion.
- **Illegal off-roading**, which harms fragile ecosystems.
- **Natural erosion**, exposing peat and releasing carbon.
- **Old drainage systems**, which dried out the peat and sped up carbon loss.

If left as it is, the peat will keep releasing carbon, and water runoff could make flooding worse. By restoring the peat alongside our renewable energy project, we can improve the environment for the long term.



How We Will Restore the Peatland

We are working with experts to use the best restoration methods. This will not only help the environment but also provide long-term benefits.

Key Restoration Measures:

1. Avoiding Damage to Peatland

- We will map peat depths and plan carefully to avoid disturbing sensitive areas.
- We will place infrastructure where it has the least impact on deep peat zones.

2. Using Low-Impact Building Methods

- Floating tracks will be used in deep peat areas to reduce digging and protect natural drainage.
- Where disturbance is unavoidable, we will use landscaping to help the land recover.

3. Repairing the Peatland

- We will reuse excavated peat to stabilise damaged areas and stop further erosion.
- Native plant species will be reintroduced to encourage natural regrowth.

Boosting Biodiversity

As well as fixing the peatland, we will improve biodiversity by delivering at least a 10% net gain in natural habitats on and around the moorland.

As part of the wind farm project, some poor-condition grassland will be lost. To make up for this, we will implement the following plan.

Our Plan for Better Biodiversity

Improving Grasslands

Around 90 hectares of modified grassland will be improved to offset habitat loss and deliver a 10% biodiversity gain.

Improving Habitats

The low-quality grassland will be turned into a healthier, more diverse natural habitat.

Nurturing Wildlife

We will plant a mix of wild grasses and flowers to help insects, birds, and small mammals thrive.

Better Habitat Management

The grassland will be regularly checked and maintained to ensure it stays in good condition.



Register for our Webinars

Click here to sign up for our technical webinar on 'Protecting Peatlands and Moorland Restoration'



Access and Recreation

The existing moorland is a well-used green space for residents of Rochdale, Whitworth, Boarsgreave, Bacup, and Edenfield, providing valuable connections to nature.

The moor is accessible via a network of Public Rights of Way (PROWs), permissive routes, and multi-use trails for walkers, cyclists, and horse riders. Key routes include the Pennine Bridleway, Rossendale Way, Rochdale Way, and Mary Towneley Loop, which connect local towns and offer scenic moorland access. Open Access Land under the CRoW Act 2000 and Common Land under the Commons Act 2006 allows public roaming, while Lee Quarry and Cragg Quarry are popular mountain biking hubs. Rooley Moor Road, a historic cobbled bridleway, preserves the area's industrial heritage. Together, these routes provide safe, off-road access, linking communities to this valued landscape.

Safer Public Access During Construction

We are committed to minimising disruption and maintaining safe access during construction. The construction footprint will be kept as small as possible, and access will remain open wherever feasible. If temporary closures are required for safety, they will be lifted as soon as tracks are complete.

Where temporary restrictions are necessary, we will provide:

Clearly marked diversions for alternative routes

Dedicated crossing points to ensure safe passage

Controlled access measures to protect all users

Our planning applications set out how we will manage the construction period safely, with specific protections for Rooley Moor Road and compliance with all legal requirements for diversions and closures.

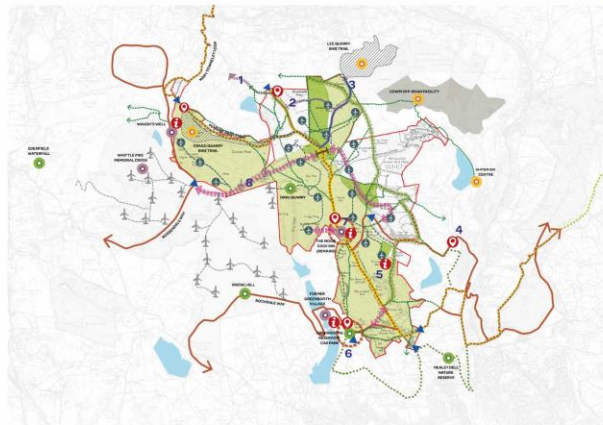
Our Vision for Improved Access

As part of the wind farm's operational phase, we have developed a draft plan to improve access and recreation for local people and existing users, ensuring the landscape remains a valued and well-managed space. This plan focuses on enhancing lawful public access, improving infrastructure for walkers, cyclists, and equestrians, and safeguarding the area from environmental damage and anti-social behaviour.

Our draft masterplan could include:

- Upgraded and new wind farm tracks to support lawful access
- Enhanced parking facilities for responsible visitors
- Additional track sections and circular routes to improve connectivity
- New rest areas for walkers, cyclists, and equestrians
- Better links between Cragg Quarry and Lee Quarry
- Clearer wayfinding and signage to support responsible use
- Interpretation opportunities to enrich the experience for local users

We want your input! [Tell us what you think](#) about these plans and help shape the future of Scout Moor's access network.



Tackling Illegal Off-Roading

Illegal off-roading is a significant issue, damaging the landscape and disrupting responsible access to the moor. To address this, we are committed to working in partnership with landowners, United Utilities, local authorities, community groups, and the police to implement effective, long-term solutions. The wind farm does not have to make things worse—in fact, it can be part of the solution. By working collaboratively, we believe the project can support efforts to improve access, protect the environment, and help tackle existing challenges on the moor.

Our approach includes:

- **Enhanced surveillance**, with a dedicated Ranger and CCTV monitoring
- **Targeted fencing and barriers** to deter unauthorised vehicle access
- **Stronger enforcement measures**, developed in collaboration with authorities and landowners
- **Improved lawful access** for walkers, cyclists, and equestrians, with well-placed gates, stiles, and designated entry points
- By taking a **coordinated approach**, we aim to protect this valued landscape while ensuring it remains accessible for responsible users.

Rooley Moor Road



Rooley Moor Road, also known as the Cotton Famine Road, is a non-designated heritage asset with significant historical and social importance. Built during the 1860s cotton famine, it reflects the resilience of local communities and remains a valued route for walkers, cyclists, and equestrians. We fully recognise its importance and are committed to protecting and respecting this much-loved asset.

No Construction Traffic on Rooley Moor Road

A previous scheme proposed using Rooley Moor Road for construction access, which was highly controversial. **We are not taking this approach.** Instead, there will be no construction traffic on Rooley Moor Road.

All construction access will be via Scout Moor Quarry. This can be secured by a binding planning condition.

Crossing Rooley Moor Road

We need to cross Rooley Moor Road as part of our plans, but we have carefully chosen a location that avoids the cobbled section to minimise any impact.

To protect the road during construction:

- Protective measures will shield the road at the crossing point from damage.
- A temporary bridging structure will spread the weight of construction vehicles, preventing pressure on the original surface.
- Once construction is complete, the bridging structure will be removed, and the road will be fully reinstated to its original condition.

Long-Term Protection and Design

Once the wind farm is operational, we will install a permanent crossing while ensuring:

- The operational traffic will only cross at this point and not traverse along Rooley Moor Road
- The historic bridleway remains the dominant feature
- The crossing blends with the surrounding landscape
- The route remains safe and accessible for walkers, cyclists, and horse riders

This approach ensures that Rooley Moor Road is protected, reinstated, and remains fully accessible for future generations.

Slide to compare the current view of Rooley Moor Road with a sketch of the proposed crossing point





Common Land is a valuable public asset, providing open space for walking, cycling, horse riding, and recreation. It plays a key role in local heritage, biodiversity, and access to the countryside, while supporting traditional grazing and other commoners' rights.

Common Land Changes

As part of Scout Moor II, some Common Land will be affected. We are committed to ensuring that public access and commoners' rights are fully protected and enhanced. All lost Common Land will be replaced with land of equal or greater size and quality, and public access will be maintained or improved throughout.

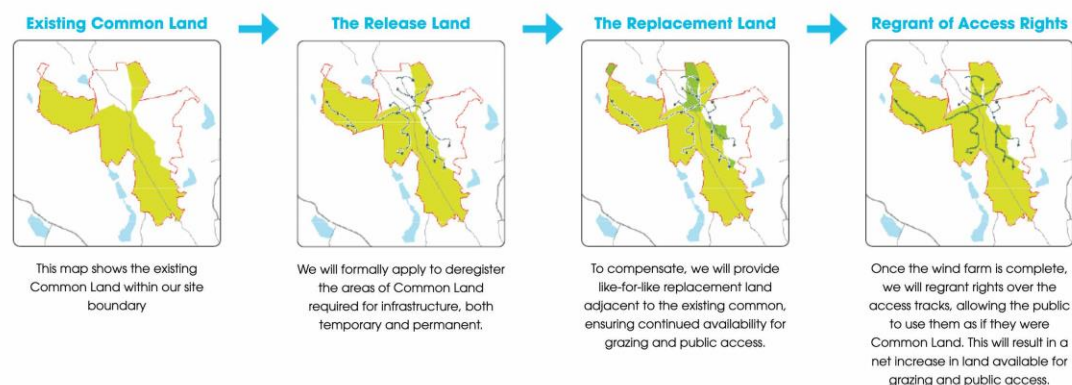
What We're Doing

- **Replacing any lost Common Land** with Replacement Land of equal or greater size and quality.
- **Reinstating public access rights** to all access tracks, hardstandings, and temporary construction areas once construction is complete.
- **Ensuring commoners can continue** to exercise their rights without disruption.

Legal Process

The legal process for these changes is addressed through separate Common Land applications, which are independent of the planning application. The following master steps provide a clear visual guide to this process.

The diagram below outlines how this will be achieved:



The Planning Application & EIA

Before the wind farm can be built, we need to submit planning applications to Rossendale and Rochdale. As the application area covers two local authority boundaries, duplicate applications will need to be submitted to both Rossendale and Rochdale Councils. This is a formal request for permission, reviewed by the local planning authority and other consultees. It includes detailed reports assessing the potential effects of the project.

A key part of this is the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), which examines how the wind farm could affect the environment, wildlife, landscape, and local communities. This process ensures that potential impacts are properly considered and managed.

To inform the scope and content of the EIA, we have submitted an EIA Scoping Request and received feedback from a range of consultees, including statutory bodies such as Natural England, as well as local people and groups. This input is invaluable in ensuring our submission is robust, comprehensive, and addresses key concerns.

The full planning application will include:

- A **Planning Statement** explaining the project's purpose and compliance with national and local planning policies.
- An **Environmental Statement** with detailed EIA findings and other technical reports, such as aviation, flood risk, and socio-economics.
- A **Design and Access Statement** outlining the site layout and design approach.
- A **Statement of Community Involvement** detailing how we have consulted with communities and responded to feedback.
- An **Integrated Plan for Peat and Habitat Restoration** outlining our approach to moorland restoration and habitat enhancement.

To make this information easier to understand, we have created an interactive table summarising the key environmental topics covered in the EIA.

- **AN OUTDOOR ACCESS MANAGEMENT AND ENFORCEMENT PLAN** setting out how we will manage impacts on recreation users and improve lawful access.

Once the application is submitted, there will be an opportunity for the public to review it and share their views before a decision is made.

Alongside our planning application, we will be applying for consent under the Commons Act 2006 to allow construction on common land. This application will include a formal proposal to deregister and replace land, ensuring there is no overall loss of accessible common land. This application will be submitted after the planning application.

Register for our Webinars

Click here to sign up for our technical webinars to learn more about the project and have your questions answered by our experts.



Technical Topic Summaries

Ecology, Biodiversity & Ornithology

Water Environment

Landscape and Visual Impact

Built Heritage & Archaeology

Noise and Vibration

Shadow Flicker

Highways, Traffic & Transport

Air Quality

Ground Conditions

Aviation & Telecommunications

Managing Construction

Subject to securing planning permission, we aim to begin construction in 2027/28. We understand that construction can impact the local area, and we are committed to managing the process carefully to minimise disruption and keep the community informed.

Environmental Management

The submission and approval of a Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) will be a condition of planning permission, should it be granted. It will ensure best practices are followed to protect wildlife, habitats, watercourses, and air quality during the construction period. This plan will cover:

Pollution prevention measures to safeguard watercourses and land.

Noise and dust controls to reduce impacts on residents and visitors.

Wildlife protection strategies, including monitoring and mitigation.

Responsible waste management and sustainable construction methods.

Turbine and Other Deliveries

Turbines and other large components will be transported using carefully planned routes to minimise disruption to local roads and communities. We will work closely with local authorities and residents to ensure deliveries are coordinated safely and efficiently. In addition to turbine components, the construction phase will require the delivery of materials such as stone, concrete, and equipment. Where possible, we will:

- Explore using local quarries as a potential source of stone and to reduce transport distances and vehicle movements.
- Plan deliveries outside of peak traffic hours to ease congestion.

By sourcing materials locally, we aim to reduce environmental impacts, support local businesses, and manage construction traffic responsibly. All turbine components and construction materials will be delivered to site via the existing Scout Moor Quarry access roads. We understand that the impact on the highway network during construction will be an important concern for the community. To address this, we have provided a specific FAQ below. You can also sign up for our technical webinar to hear from our expert team and ask any questions you may have.

What are abnormal loads, and why are they needed?

What route will be used and why?

How often will abnormal loads be transported, and at what times?

How will safety and disruption be managed?

Will roadworks or modifications be needed?

How will local traffic, businesses, and emergency services be affected?

How can residents stay informed and provide feedback?

Public Rights of Way

Some footpaths and bridleways may be temporarily affected during construction. Where possible, we will keep routes open or provide safe, clearly marked diversions to maintain access for walkers, cyclists, and horse riders. Updates will be shared in advance.

Working Hours

To limit disruption, construction will take place during agreed working hours, typically:

- Use local suppliers and businesses
- Provide job and training opportunities for local people
- Support community initiatives

Keeping You Informed

A Community Liaison Group will be set up to provide regular updates, answer questions, and address any concerns. We will also share key information through newsletters, online updates, and public meetings.

Our goal is to manage construction responsibly, ensuring the project benefits both the local community and the wider environment.

Maximising Local Economic Benefits

The UK Government sees green investment as key to economic growth, creating well-paid jobs, strengthening industry, and improving energy security. Investing in clean energy will help the UK stay competitive, support local economies, and lead on climate action.

Our project delivers on this ambition by creating lasting benefits for local people, businesses, and the environment. By investing in Rossendale and Rochdale, we will generate jobs, boost the local economy, and support long-term sustainability, while helping the UK secure affordable, homegrown renewable energy for the future.

There are three key areas of benefit:

Direct Impact

Immediate economic gains from construction and operation, including new jobs and economic growth that will strengthen the North West and contribute to the UK economy.

Local Benefits

A proactive strategy to maximise investment in local businesses, supply chains, and infrastructure to ensure the community benefits directly. See our draft Community Charter for how this could work.

Long-Term Legacy

A commitment to establish a Community Development Trust to manage the Community Wealth Fund, deliver moorland restoration and biodiversity enhancement, and support skills, education, and career development in local schools and colleges.

This project will bring opportunity, investment, and sustainability to the region while playing a key role in the UK's transition to a cleaner, greener energy future.

Development Process and Timeline

We are carrying out a thorough, multi-stage consultation process, ensuring that local communities, landowners, and stakeholders can provide feedback at every stage. This feedback helps us refine the plans before submitting formal applications.

Following the project announcement in November 2024, we reviewed feedback and carried out further environmental surveys over the winter of 2024/25. This informed the Stage 2 Consultation, which is taking place in Spring 2025, giving people another chance to comment on the updated proposals.

After this, we will refine the plans further before submitting planning applications in Summer 2025, including a Common Land application. As part of the planning process, there will also be a Statutory Public Consultation, giving all stakeholders another opportunity to review the proposals before a decision is made.

If the project is approved, construction is expected to begin in 2027/28, and the wind farm will be operational by 2030. This aligns with the UK Government's goal of increasing clean energy generation and doubling onshore wind capacity by 2030.

Alongside construction, we will establish a Community Development Trust to ensure the Community Wealth Fund is operational from the moment the wind farm starts generating energy.

Timeline

November 2024

Project Launch and First Round of Community Consultation

Complete

Winter 2024/5

Feedback Review and Environmental Surveys

Complete

Spring 2025

Second Round of Community Consultation

Complete

Summer 2025

Refinement and Submission of Planning and Common Applications

In Progress

Summer 2025

Statutory Public Consultation (Part of Planning Process)

Upcoming

2027/28

Construction Start (if approved) and set up the Community Development Trust

2030

Wind Farm and Community Wealth Fund becomes operational





We will be hosting consultation events across Rochdale and Rossendale, giving you the opportunity to meet with members of the project team, learn more about the plans, and fill in a physical feedback form. Following the first consultation, we listened to feedback from local people who wanted an event in Bacup, and we have included it in the schedule. Please see the details below, and we hope to see you there!

In-person Consultation Events:

- Tuesday, 1st April – Bacup Cricket Club: 1:30pm – 7pm
- Wednesday, 2nd April – Norden Methodist Church: 1:00pm – 6:30pm
- Thursday, 3rd April – The Ashcroft, Whitworth – 1:30pm – 7pm
- Wednesday, 23rd April – Cowpe Community Hall: 1:30pm – 7pm
- Thursday, 24th April – Edenfield Community Centre: 1:30pm – 7pm

Webinars:

Following feedback from the first consultation, we understand that it may not be possible for everyone to attend an in-person event due to various constraints. We've listened to your input and, to make it easier for everyone to participate, we are offering the option to speak to members of the development team online.

The webinars will cover specific topics and be hosted by the technical team responsible for each area. The final session will be a general Q&A to answer your questions.

- Thursday, 10th April – Webinar: Noise & Shadow Flicker – 6pm – 7pm
- Thursday, 17th April – Webinar: Protecting Peatlands & Delivering Effective Moorland Restoration – 6pm – 7pm
- Friday, 25th April – Webinar: Access and Infrastructure Q&A session with the project team – 6pm – 7pm

Be sure to click the webinars above to register your interest in attending the webinars.

Private Water Supplies

We know there are a number of private water supplies (PWS) in the area around our proposed wind farm. As part of our Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), we are committed to understanding any potential effects on these supplies, and to clearly explaining our findings in the planning application.

We have already gathered information from public records and from feedback provided during earlier stages of consultation. To help us build a complete picture, we are now asking anyone who owns or uses a private water supply near the site to register it with us using the form provided.

This will help us establish a clear baseline and make sure that any impacts are properly assessed, and that suitable mitigation is considered where needed.

Register a Private Water Supply

Name:

Email:

Postcode:

Where the supply is located (for example, a grid reference or address):

What type of supply it is (for example, spring, borehole, or well):

How the water is used (for example, for a home, farming, or livestock):

Any known sensitivities or previous issues?

Register for our Webinars

We will also be discussing private water supplies as part of our Webinar 2: Protecting Peatlands & Moorland Restoration. Sign up by clicking [here](#).



News & Updates

Tuesday 25 February 2025: Application for Temporary Meteorological Mast

Cubico has submitted a planning application to Rosedale Council for a temporary meteorological (met) mast at Top of Leach, located outside Common Land and the Green Belt. The proposed met mast will be in place for two years and then fully decommissioned.

A met mast is a tower designed to collect wind and weather data, which is essential for assessing wind conditions to support the long-term operation of the proposed Scout Moor II wind farm. By collecting detailed wind data, the mast will provide critical insights into the prevailing environmental conditions within the potential development area.

Cubico is therefore submitting a separate planning application for the temporary met mast ahead of the Scout Moor II application. This allows for the necessary two-year data collection period, ensuring the project remains on track for delivery by 2030 and able to contribute to the government's Clean Power 2030 goals.

The design prioritises environmental protection, minimising impact on habitats and peatland. Additionally, the met mast is fully removable, it has no concrete foundations and is secured with guy wires, railway sleepers, and stakes. Once decommissioned, the land will be fully restored to its original condition.

The full planning application is available on Rosedale Council's Planning Portal. Cubico will keep local residents updated and, if planning permission is granted, will provide advance notification before the mast is deployed.

Friday 21st February 2025: Statement on Misinformation Circulating About the Project

We are aware that false information, including an inaccurate wind farm layout, is being circulated and falsely attributed to Cubico. This is not an official plan and does not reflect the design or details of our scheme.

As part of our commitment to transparency, we will share the official layout, accurate coordinates, CGI visualisations, and further environmental information during our next consultation in the spring, in line with the programme set out at the Stage 1 consultation. We encourage stakeholders to rely on our official updates for accurate information.



Resources

This section provides key documents, reports, and materials related to the Scout Moor II project, including consultation materials, environmental assessments, maps, and community engagement updates. We're committed to transparency, so please explore the information available and let us know if you have any questions. A copy of the planning applications will be added here once submitted to the council.

[EIA Scoping](#)

[Stage 2 Leaflet](#)

[Draft Community Charter](#)

We have prepared an education resource for Year 9 to 11 students – you can download it here. If you are a school or teacher interested in using this resource, please email us at: scoutmoor2@humblyburyschool.co.uk



Based in Manchester, our UK Development Team is passionate about collaborating with residents around the wind farm to shape our proposals and deliver lasting benefits.

Cubico is one of the world's largest privately owned renewable energy companies, dedicated to investing in and developing renewable energy and sustainable infrastructure.

As a long-term owner and asset manager, we prioritise building strong community relationships to ensure our projects address local needs throughout their lifetime.



Our Commitment to You

Cubico is committed to open engagement with the community at every project stage—development, construction, and operation. We will maintain this project website to provide regular updates, and our team will be available for any questions.

We're keen to meet local groups to incorporate community feedback into the project. If we succeed in gaining planning permission, we'll provide a dedicated contact within our delivery team and a considerate contractor to minimise disruption.

Once operational, our asset management team will maintain positive community relations and oversee the Community Wealth Fund, ensuring benefits are shared locally and support long-term community wellbeing.

Community Engagement Plan

You can download our draft Community Engagement Plan (CEP) [here](#). This document outlines our approach to consultation and will be updated as we progress. We welcome your feedback on our proposed approach to consultation under Q4 of the feedback form.

Our Social Value Contract

Cubico's Corporate Social Responsibility strategy aims to create lasting, positive impacts in the communities we serve, guided by these principles:

- **Community Identity:** We respect each community's unique character and support local economic and social development.
- **Clean Energy:** We provide clean, affordable energy that reduces CO₂ emissions and tackles climate change.
- **Environmental Conservation:** We prioritise environmental sustainability through responsible practices.
- **Transparency:** We ensure open communication and accountability with stakeholders.
- **Social Wellbeing:** We support projects that enhance the wellbeing of our communities and employees.

We are committed to working with communities to create a positive and lasting impact. [Learn more about our global social value initiatives here.](#)



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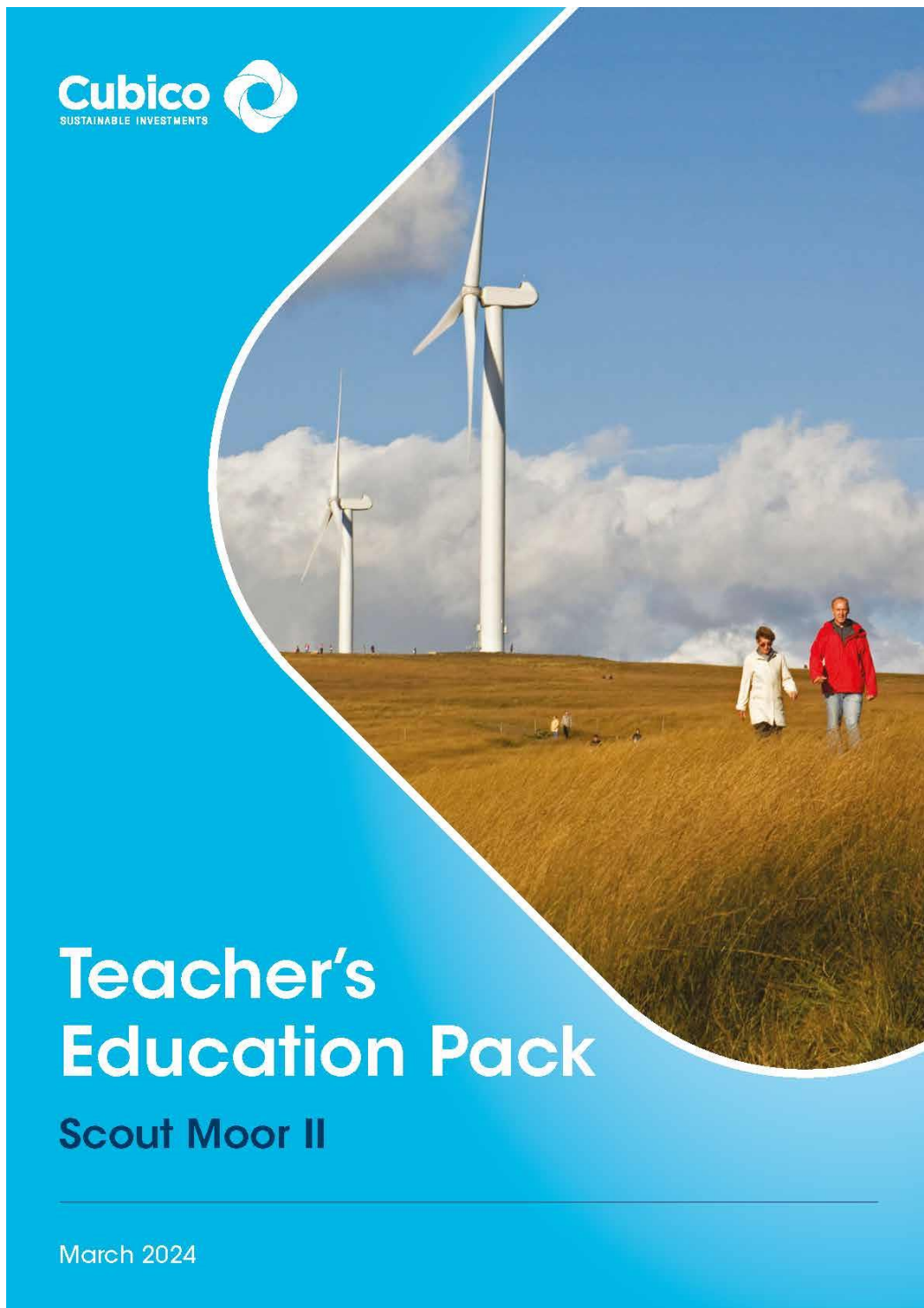


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Send a letter to FREEPOST SHAPE TOMORROW.

Appendix M – Education Resource (Phase Two)



A Message from Our Team



Developing new renewable energy projects, such as Scout Moor II Wind Farm, is a vital step in meeting society's energy needs while reducing our impact on the climate. However, decisions about energy infrastructure require careful consideration of both the benefits and challenges they bring.

This educational resource is designed to present a balanced perspective—encouraging young people to explore the complexities of energy generation, its environmental impact, and how developments like this shape the landscapes around them.

By using Scout Moor II as a real-life case study, we aim to make this topic both local and relevant to young people living near the site. The pack supports teachers in delivering curriculum-aligned content while allowing pupils to consider different viewpoints and form their own informed opinions.

Importantly, this resource also provides an opportunity for younger generations to share their perspectives with us, as they are the future stewards of our environment. Their insights can help shape the project as it develops, ensuring a broad range of voices are heard.

As the project progresses, we plan to update this education pack to reflect new developments and discussions. If the scheme is approved and constructed, further educational resources will be provided, helping young people engage with the operational wind farm and explore how renewable energy works in practice.

This resource would not have been possible without the expertise and dedication of Martin Foulkes at Ecovida Routes, as well as the invaluable support of the Comino Foundation, Regen, Turley, and Lexington. Their contributions have been instrumental in making this pack both engaging and informative.

We hope this resource proves useful for Year 9 to 11 geography students in exploring this topic. Based on the style of a GCSE Decision-Making Exercise (DME), it is designed to support critical thinking about energy and its role in shaping our future.

Why Do We Need Renewables?

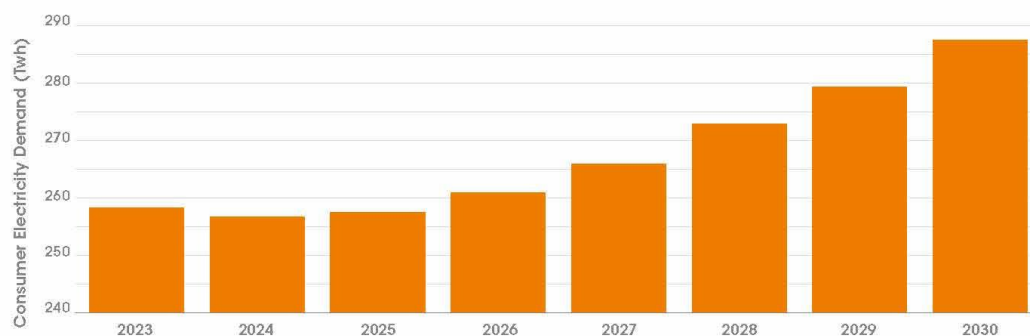
This section was written by Regen, an independent organisation which helps the UK move towards clean energy. They are experts in renewable energy and work with communities, businesses, and government to create a more sustainable future. The information below explains why renewable energy is so important for the UK.

We use energy every day, to heat our homes, power our devices, and keep our transport moving. But where does this energy come from? Increasingly, renewable energy sources like wind and solar are becoming an important part of our energy mix. Here's why:

- **Energy security:** For many years, the UK has depended on fossil fuels like coal, oil, and gas, a lot of which has come from other countries. This can be risky as global events, conflicts, and supply chain disruptions can make energy prices unpredictable. By generating more of our own energy from renewables, we reduce this reliance and make our energy supply more secure.
- **Climate action:** Burning fossil fuels releases carbon dioxide (CO₂), which contributes to climate change. The UK has committed to reaching net zero emissions by 2050, meaning we need to cut back on fossil fuels and use cleaner energy. Renewables play a key role in reducing emissions and helping us meet these targets.
- **Environmental benefits:** Unlike coal and gas power stations, renewable energy sources do not produce harmful air pollution. Many renewable energy projects also aim to provide environmental benefits on site such as increased habitat production for wildlife.
- **Affordability:** The cost of wind and solar power has dropped dramatically over the past decade, making them the cheapest sources of new electricity generation in most countries.
- **Job creation and investment:** The renewable energy has the potential to create thousands of jobs in the UK, from building and maintaining wind farms to developing new technologies. It also attracts investment into local communities, helping to grow new businesses and industries.
- **We are using more electricity:** As shown in the graph below, electricity demand in Great Britain is increasing, and we need to make sure we are generating enough electricity to meet this demand.

Changes in Consumer Electricity Demand

Edited Source : Clean Power 2030 Data Workbook



How to Use This Resource

This resource is designed to be flexible and can support classroom discussions, independent research, and coursework assignments.

To help structure learning, the document is divided into key sections covering:

- Why do we need renewables?
- What is the Scout Moor II Wind Farm?
- What rules and policies shape wind farm developments?
- How could this wind farm affect the environment, and what can be done to reduce any negative impacts?
- What do different people think about the project, and why?

Features of This Resource

Throughout the document, teachers will find:



Discussion Prompts

Open-ended questions designed to encourage reflection and debate. These can be explored individually, in small groups, or as part of a class discussion.



Note-Taking Sections

Dedicated spaces for students to record key points, arguments, and observations as they engage with the material.

At the end of the document, there is a structured issue evaluation activity where students will:

1. **Weigh up the arguments for and against** the Scout Moor II proposal.
2. **Consider different perspectives** from stakeholders.
3. **Formulate a reasoned conclusion** based on evidence.

Student Submissions and Real-World Impact

Students' final evaluations can be submitted to Cubico for consideration as part of the project's public consultation. This provides an opportunity for young people to engage with a real-world decision-making process and contribute their perspectives to a live renewable energy project.

By working through this resource, students will not only develop a deeper understanding of wind energy but also see how their insights can play a role in shaping discussions on sustainable development.



TOP : Scout Moor Wind Farm Official Opening
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BOTTOM : Cubico site visit

However, when considering the benefits of renewable energy it is also important to consider the following:

Challenges and trade-offs

Renewable energy is not perfect. Wind and solar are 'intermittent', meaning they don't produce power all the time. This means we need good energy storage solutions, like batteries. Large wind farms and solar panels also take up space, so we need to balance land use for energy with other priorities like food production and nature conservation. It is therefore important that we carefully plan where renewables energy infrastructure is located and how land can be used to provide a number of benefits at the same time such as through planting a wide range of plants around a solar farm.

Ensuring a just transition

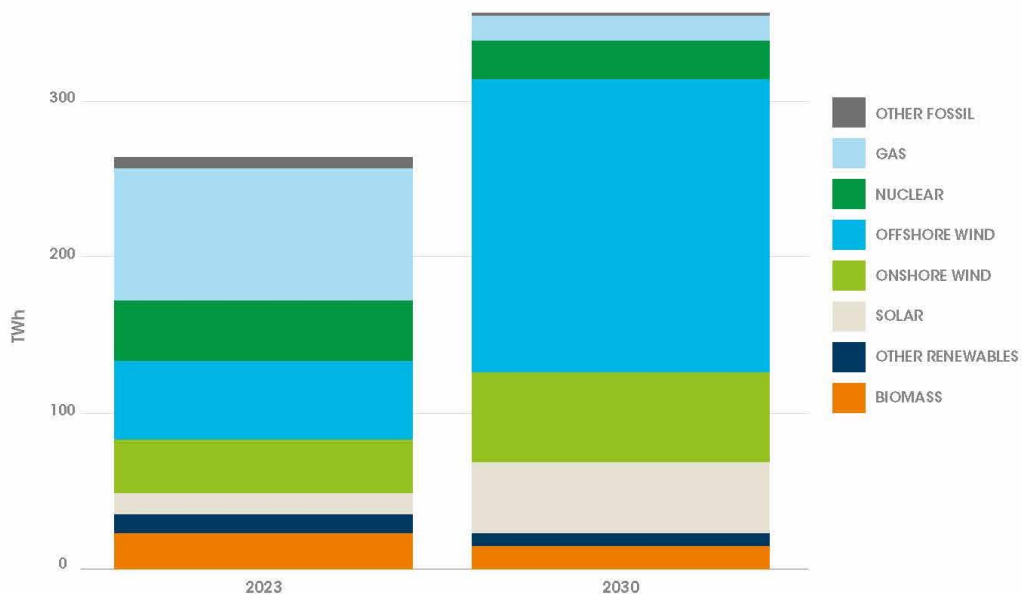
It is important to consider what local people want and how they can be involved in deciding where renewable energy projects are located. A just transition means ensuring that the move to renewable energy benefits everyone, including communities that have historically relied on fossil fuel industries for jobs. Listening to local voices, offering retraining opportunities, and ensuring fair distribution of economic benefits to local people can help make the shift to renewables more equitable.

UK Government Clean Power 2030

Edited Source : Clean Power 2030 Data Workbook

The UK Government has published an action plan to try to achieve clean power in Great Britain by 2030. The graph below shows the expected changes to different energy sources.

Generation Mix for a Clean Power System 2030



What is the Scout Moor II Wind Farm?

This section has been written by Cubico Sustainable Investments, the company developing the proposed Scout Moor II Wind Farm. Cubico is responsible for the project and is committed to delivering renewable energy solutions that support the UK's transition to a cleaner, more sustainable future.

Scout Moor II is an extension of the existing Scout Moor Wind Farm, which has been generating renewable electricity since 2008. If approved, the new wind farm would further contribute to the UK's clean energy targets. Cubico would be responsible for operating and maintaining the wind farm throughout its 40-year lifetime.

Who is Cubico Sustainable Investments?

Cubico Sustainable Investments is a global company that develops, owns, and operates renewable energy projects. They generate clean electricity from wind and solar farms in multiple countries, helping to reduce carbon emissions and promote sustainability.

In the UK, Cubico operates 18 wind and solar sites, producing a total of 250 megawatts of renewable energy. Their mission is to invest in long-term, sustainable energy solutions that benefit both local communities and the environment.

How does a wind farm work?

Wind farms generate electricity in five key steps:



1. The wind turns the blades of a wind turbine, which **spins a generator to create electricity**.



2. The electricity produced at the turbine is at a relatively low voltage. **A transformer at the base of the turbine increases the voltage** to reduce energy loss in the wind farm cables.



3. Underground cables **carry the electricity to a substation**, where the **voltage is increased again**.



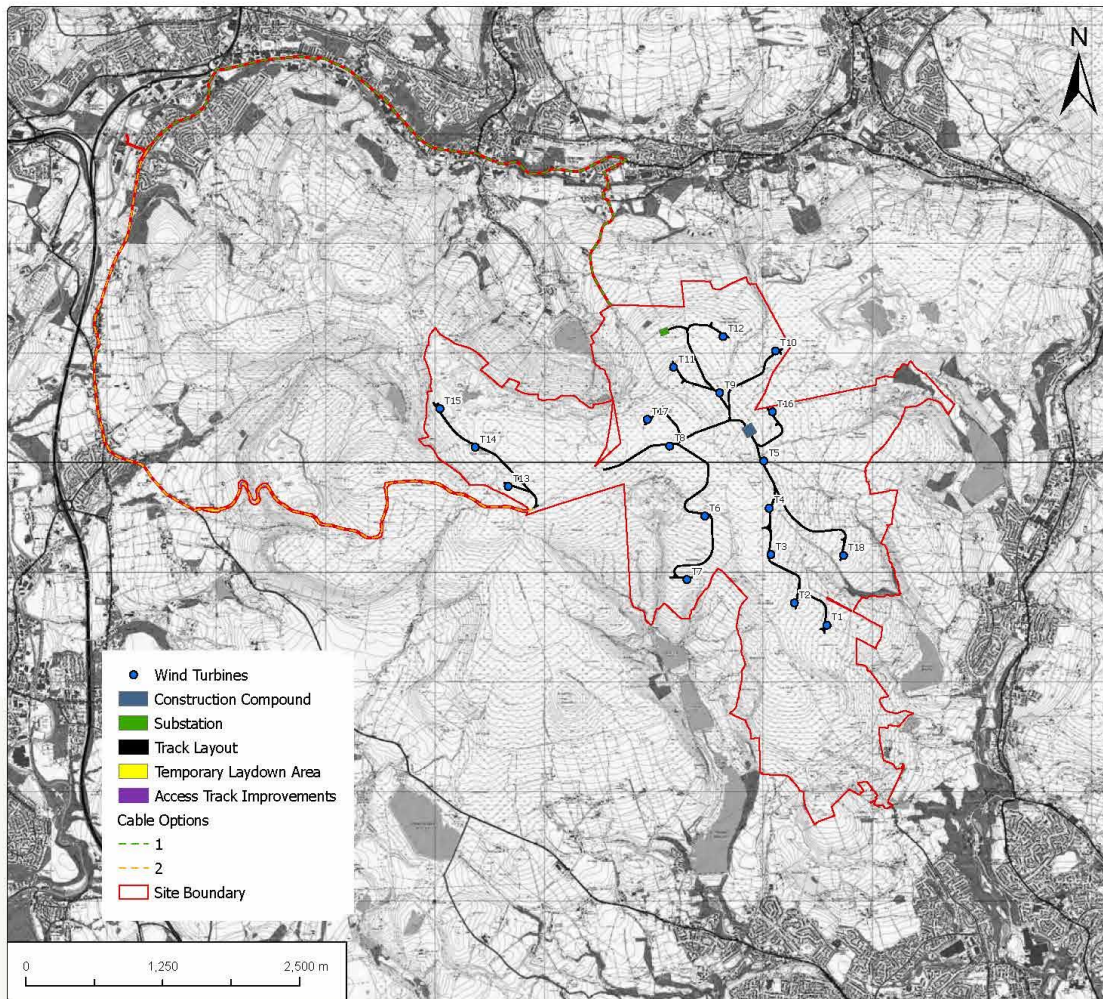
4. The electricity is then **transported via the distribution and transmission system** that covers the country, sometimes referred to as "The Grid." This allows it to be supplied to homes, schools, and businesses both locally and further afield.



5. **Local substations reduce the voltage**, making it safe for everyday use.



This process converts wind energy into electricity which can be used in homes and businesses.



Why this location?

Scout Moor II has been proposed in this location for several reasons:

- **The area is high and open with strong, steady winds**, making it suitable for wind turbines.
- **It is already home to wind turbines**, meaning existing infrastructure could be shared.
- **It is close to major towns and cities** such as Manchester, Rochdale, Burnley, Bury, and Blackburn, meaning the electricity does not have to travel far, reducing the need for additional power lines.

What's being proposed?

- **Up to 18 wind turbines**, each up to 180 metres tall.
- **Permission to operate for 40 years.**
- New access tracks for installation and maintenance, using existing tracks where possible to minimise disruption.
- **A moorland restoration and biodiversity plan** to enhance the land and create more habitats for local wildlife.
- **A proposed Community Wealth Fund**, which could provide over £20 million for the communities surrounding the site.
- **At the end of the project**, all turbines and surface infrastructure would be removed, and **the land would be restored.**

What are the benefits?

The project is expected to bring a range of benefits, including:

Clean Energy

If built, Scout Moor II could generate enough electricity to power approximately 100,000 homes, about 10% of all homes in Greater Manchester. By using wind power instead of fossil fuels, the project aims to contribute to reducing carbon emissions as part of the UK's wider efforts to tackle climate change.

Energy Security

Currently, the UK imports some of its energy, which can make it vulnerable to price fluctuations and supply issues. Increasing the amount of homegrown renewable energy can contribute to a more stable power supply and reduce reliance on imported energy.

Local Jobs and Training

The wind farm would create jobs during construction and operation. There may also be opportunities for training and skills development in the renewable energy sector, with potential support for local businesses and schools.

Moorland Restoration

The moorland has been affected by past activities such as mining, overgrazing, and burning, which have impacted its ability to:

- Store carbon, which helps mitigate climate change.
- Hold water, reducing the risk of flooding.
- Support local wildlife.
- As part of the proposal, the project would include measures to help restore the area, including:
 - Blocking drainage channels to keep water in the land and reduce flood risks.
 - Planting and growing vegetation to create better habitats for animals and birds.
 - Restoring damaged peatland to prevent erosion, store more carbon, and improve water quality.

For every part of moorland affected by the proposed wind farm, ten times more land would be restored, helping to enhance local biodiversity and increase the area's resilience to climate change.

Community Benefits

If approved, a community fund is expected to be set up to support local initiatives. This would provide funding for projects selected by the community.



What happens next?

The next step is for Cubico to submit a planning application to both Rochdale and Rossendale Councils. This will include:

- Full details of the project.
- Environmental assessments.
- Feedback from the public.

The councils will review the application and consider public responses before making a decision.



Why is Scout Moor considered a suitable location for a new wind farm?



Handwriting practice lines for the answer.

What rules and policies shape wind farm developments?

This section has been written by Turley, a company which specialises in planning new developments like homes, schools, and renewable energy projects. Their job is to help developers, councils, and communities understand the planning process and make sure projects follow the rules.

The following information explains how wind farms, like Scout Moor II, go through the planning system and what factors are considered before they can be built.



Understanding the Planning System and Wind Farms

Before any new development, such as a wind farm, can be built, it must go through the planning system. This process helps decide whether a project should go ahead, based on rules set by the government and local councils. These rules, known as planning policies, are designed to make sure new developments are in the right places, well-designed, and do not cause problems for the environment or local communities.

National Planning Policy

The UK Government has policies to tackle climate change and ensure energy security, such as Clean Power 2030. To help achieve these goals through the planning system, it has updated the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). This sets out national planning rules for new developments, including renewable energy projects. The NPPF ensures that planning decisions support the UK's clean energy targets while also considering the environment and local communities.

The NPPF encourages new renewable energy projects, including wind farms. It is supported by:

- **Planning Practice Guidance (PPG)** – explains in more detail how planning policies should be applied.
- **National Policy Statements for Renewable Energy** – provides guidance on how wind farms should be designed and how their impact on the environment and local communities should be managed.

Local Planning Policy

Alongside national policies, local councils have their own planning policies that influence whether a wind farm can be built. Each council creates a Local Plan, which includes rules about where new developments can go and how they should be designed.

The Local Plan considers factors such as:

- The landscape and natural environment
- Wildlife and ecology
- Noise and air quality
- Traffic and road safety
- Flood risk and climate change
- Public rights of way and access

Some councils also have Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs), which provide extra guidance on specific issues.

Getting Planning Permission

Before a wind farm can be built, it needs planning permission.

- If the wind farm would generate less than 100MW of electricity, the planning application is sent to the local council. Since Scout Moor II is located in both Rossendale and Rochdale, the application will go to both councils, and each will assess the parts of the project that fall within their area.
- For larger wind farms generating 100MW or more, the Government is changing the rules so that these projects are classified as Nationally Significant Infrastructure. This means they will be decided by the UK Government through the National Infrastructure Planning process, rather than by local councils.

How Are Planning Applications Decided?

When a developer wants to build something like a wind farm, they must go through a planning process before getting permission.

Here's how it works:

Application Submission

The developer sends in a planning application, including detailed plans and reports.

Checks and Validation

The council checks that all the required information has been included before officially accepting the application.

Consultation

For at least 21 days, different groups and the public can share their views. The council asks for feedback from:

Statutory Consultees

(official organisations like Natural England, the Environment Agency, and local Highways team).

Other Groups

(wildlife organisations and local interest groups).

The Public

(local residents and community groups).

Assessment

Council officers review the feedback, check the plans against planning rules, and write a report recommending approval or refusal.

Decision by Councillors

Local councillors, elected by the community, vote on whether to approve or reject the application. If approved, they may add conditions to make sure the wind farm is built and operated responsibly.

This process ensures that all developments are carefully considered, and that local people and experts have a say before a decision is made.

How could this wind farm affect the environment?

What can be done to reduce any negative impacts?

Just like planning rules help decide where wind farms can be built, environmental studies check how they might affect nature and wildlife. This section has also been written by Turley, the company helping with the planning process. Turley is carrying out the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for Scout Moor II.

This is a detailed study that looks at things like how the wind farm could affect animals, plants, and landscapes, and what can be done to reduce any negative effects. The information below explains how these assessments work and why they are important when planning a wind farm.

When planning a wind farm, developers must carefully assess and manage potential environmental impacts. A range of studies are conducted to understand these effects and ensure that the project is designed responsibly.



Key Environmental Considerations

Several environmental factors are considered during the planning process, including:



Noise

Wind turbines generate sound from both the mechanical components and the movement of the blades. Studies assess potential noise levels and ensure they remain within acceptable limits.



Wildlife

The impact on birds, bats, and other wildlife is evaluated through ecological surveys, with measures put in place to reduce risks.



Visual Impact

The appearance of a wind farm in the landscape is an important consideration, and planning processes often include visual impact assessments and consultations with local communities.



Habitats & Biodiversity

Wind farm sites are assessed for their ecological value, ensuring that important habitats are protected and any potential disturbances are minimised.



Peatland & Carbon Storage

Some wind farms are built on peatland, which is a valuable carbon store and an important habitat for wildlife. The planning process assesses how much peat is present and whether the development could affect its ability to store carbon.



How do planning policies impact renewable energy projects?



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The Mitigation Hierarchy

To manage environmental impact, developers follow a structured approach known as the Mitigation Hierarchy:

1

Avoid

Selecting locations and designs that minimise environmental harm from the outset.

2

Prevent

Implementing measures to stop damage before it occurs, such as adjusting turbine placement to avoid wildlife corridors.

3

Reduce

Where prevention is not possible, steps are taken to reduce the scale or intensity of impacts, such as controlling construction noise or using radar technology to prevent bird strikes.

4

Offset

In cases where some impact is unavoidable, compensation measures, such as habitat restoration or biodiversity projects, may be introduced elsewhere.

Impact Studies & Solutions

Before construction can proceed, an Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA) is carried out to evaluate potential effects on the local environment. These studies consider factors such as noise levels, ecological changes, and visual impact.

Where impacts are identified, solutions may include:

- **Adjusting turbine locations** to reduce disturbance to wildlife.
- **Implementing curtailment measures** (such as stopping turbines at certain wind speeds or times) to prevent unacceptable noise impacts on local people.
- **Creating buffer zones** around important habitats.
- **Engaging with local communities** to address concerns and refine designs accordingly.

Wind farm planning involves balancing energy needs with environmental protection. By following a structured approach to impact assessment and mitigation, developers aim to create projects that are both sustainable and environmentally responsible.

Students can find more information about the scheme on our website (www.scoutmoor2.co.uk), including videos and photomontages.





How can developers reduce the environmental impact of wind farms?



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What do different people think about the project and why?

This section has been written by Lexington, a company who specialises in community engagement for new developments. Their role is to ensure that local people, businesses, and organisations have the opportunity to share their views on projects like Scout Moor II.

Listening to the community is a key part of the planning process, helping to shape the project and address any concerns. The information below explains how Cubico is engaging with the community, why consultation matters, and what people have said about the project so far.

Hearing Local Views

Before new renewable energy projects like Scout Moor II can be built, it is important to hear from the local community.

People who live nearby should have the chance to share their opinions — what they like, what concerns them, and how the project could be improved.

Cubico is holding two rounds of consultation before submitting its plans to Rossendale and Rochdale councils, who will decide whether the project can go ahead.

In November 2024, Cubico held the first consultation, gathering 186 responses from a range of groups, including local residents, businesses, environmental organisations, and politicians.



What Did People Say About Scout Moor II in the First Consultation?

Local Residents

- People had mixed opinions. Some thought the turbines were too big and didn't look nice. They were worried about how the turbines would change the view from their homes or make the moors look less natural.
- Many were happy that we plan to restore peatland and improve wildlife habitats, but some were still concerned about how construction might affect nature.

- Some residents supported the wind farm because they believe it will help tackle climate change.
- Others were worried about noise and how living near the turbines might affect them.
- A few people thought that other types of renewable energy, like solar panels, tidal energy, or nuclear power, should be used instead of onshore wind turbines.

Local Businesses

- Big businesses were excited about the investment and jobs the project could bring to the region.
- Smaller businesses were interested in working with Cubico to supply materials or services for the project.

Local Politicians

- Council leaders said they would not take sides yet. They will wait until both consultation rounds are complete and full plans are submitted before they can make an informed decision.
- Some politicians supported the idea of tackling climate change but worried about how it would impact local people.

Environmental Groups

- Many agreed that renewable energy is important, but they wanted to make sure wildlife is properly protected.
- Some were worried about how the wind farm might change the look of the moorland.

- Many liked the idea of a Community Wealth Fund but wanted to understand exactly how the money would be spent.
- Some were against the project because they felt it could harm the peatland and wildlife and would not benefit local people enough.

This feedback has been really useful in allowing Cubico to understand the priorities of the local community and feed their comments back into the final plans.



Why might some people oppose the development of new wind farms?



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Issues Evaluation

As part of this case study, students should analyse the Scout Moor II proposal and consider different perspectives on the project. This will involve evaluating both the benefits and drawbacks of the wind farm and forming a reasoned conclusion based on evidence.



To guide this evaluation, students should answer the following questions:

1. Why is the UK government supportive of expanding renewable energy?
2. Identify two reasons why Scout Moor is a good location for a wind farm.
3. Identify two reasons why some people oppose wind farms like Scout Moor II.
4. Choose two benefits of the Scout Moor II proposal and explain why they are important.
5. Identify two drawbacks of the proposal and explain why they are significant.
6. Based on all the above, give a reasoned conclusion: Should the Scout Moor II project go ahead? Why or why not?

This evaluation encourages critical thinking and discussion on the role of renewable energy, environmental impact, and community considerations.



IMAGE : CCI aerial view over Scout Moor II Wind Farm

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We will then provide teachers with access to an online form for students to submit their responses directly.

We also encourage all students to complete the feedback survey on our consultation website: www.scoutmoor2.co.uk and share their views on the project.

These are verified viewpoints – real photos taken from key locations around the site, with accurate computer images of the proposed wind turbines added in. They help local people and decision makers see what the wind farm could look like in the landscape.



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Theme	Issue Raised	Response Type	Cubico Response
Design and Landscape	Proximity of turbines to nearby homes and settlements	Design Change	Cubico recognises concerns about the proximity of turbines to nearby homes and settlements — both in terms of visual and residential amenity, as well as technical matters such as noise and shadow flicker. Throughout the design process, we have sought to maintain a minimum 1km buffer between turbines and residential properties. However, in response to feedback received during the Phase 2 consultation, particularly from residents in Whitworth, we made the decision to delete the turbine closest to the settlement (Turbine T18). This turbine was located on the slope of the valley and was considered to have a more pronounced visual impact on local views. Its removal reflects our commitment to listening to local concerns and adapting the design where appropriate.
	Concern about the turbine height and scale	Justification	Cubico recognises the concerns raised about turbine height and scale. This was carefully considered during the design process. To achieve around 100MW of capacity, we initially modelled a layout of up to 21 turbines. However, by selecting a taller turbine type — up to 180 metres — we were able to reduce the number of turbines to 17, while still meeting our energy and policy objectives. This approach responded to feedback in the first phase of consultation but allowing us to minimise overall landscape and environmental impact, while making best use of the available wind resource and the limited turbine models suited to the UK market.

	Concern about placing turbines on both sides of Rooley Moor Road	Justification	Cubico acknowledges concerns about placing turbines on both sides of Rooley Moor Road. The layout has been designed to maximise the buffer from the road on both sides, resulting in a minimum buffer of approximately 400 metres between turbines in this part of the site. This spacing helps preserve the open character of Rooley Moor Road and avoids a tunnel-like effect. To provide clarity and support understanding, a CGI drone video was prepared to accurately illustrate the relationship between the proposed turbines and Rooley Moor Road
	Visibility of turbines from key viewpoints and public access routes, and requests for additional visual material to support assessment	Justification & Further Information	Cubico has undertaken a detailed Zone of Theoretical Visibility (ZTV) analysis, which was included in both the EIA Scoping Report and Phase 2 consultation materials. In addition to the original set of viewpoints, we received a number of requests from statutory consultees and local residents for further visualisations from specific locations. While it would not be proportionate to produce viewpoints for every location — particularly where views would be very similar — we have listened to feedback and added several additional viewpoints to better reflect locally valued perspectives. These were chosen to ensure a representative and transparent understanding of potential visual impacts from key receptors.
Amenity and Technical	Potential for turbine noise to affect residential amenity, including concerns about the adequacy of ETSU-R-97 as an assessment methodology	Further Information & Mitigation	Cubico recognises the concerns raised about potential noise impacts on residential amenity. The proposed development has been designed to comply with ETSU-R-97, the nationally recognised assessment methodology for wind turbine noise in England. This is set out in Chapter 7 of the Environmental Statement and supported by a detailed Noise Assessment.

			Where necessary, mitigation and control mechanisms will be secured through planning conditions to ensure compliance with noise limits. We acknowledge that some consultees questioned the suitability of the ETSU framework. While it remains the current standard — as reaffirmed in the draft National Policy Statement EN-3 — we will review and respond to any changes in guidance that arise during the determination of the planning application.
	Concerns about visual impact of aviation lighting on night-time landscape and residential amenity	Design Change, Further Information & Mitigation	Cubico acknowledges concerns about the visual impact of aviation lighting on the night-time landscape and residential amenity. To reduce this impact, we have sought to agree a reduced lighting scheme with the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA). This means not all turbines will require nacelle-mounted lights, and there will be no intermediate candela lights positioned mid-tower. To support assessment, we have included night-time visualisations showing how the lighting would appear from key viewpoints — see Chapter 11 of the Environmental Statement. In addition, Cubico is willing to accept a planning condition requiring the retrofitting of emerging technologies — such as Aircraft Detection Lighting Systems (ADLS) — should these become approved for use in the UK and offer a further reduction in visual impact.
	Risk of shadow flicker impacting homes, riders, and bridleway users	Further Information & Mitigation	Cubico recognises concerns about the potential for shadow flicker to affect homes, riders, and bridleway users. Chapter 8 of the Environmental Statement presents a detailed assessment of shadow flicker risk, identifying properties

			within 10 rotor diameters of the turbines where effects could theoretically occur. While the modelling confirms that shadow flicker may occur under certain conditions, the proposed development includes a shadow flicker control system. This system automatically halts turbine operation when the environmental conditions necessary for shadow flicker (sunlight and operating turbines) are present and when a receptor is geometrically positioned to be affected. As a result, no property will experience shadow flicker once mitigation is in place. There is currently no published policy or formal guidance in the UK regarding the assessment of shadow flicker impacts on horse riders. However, in response to concerns raised during public consultation, Cubico has provided an assessment within the Planning, Design & Access Statement which concludes that the likelihood of adverse effects on equestrians is very low.
Environment and Heritage	Potential damage to peatland and moorland ecosystems, particularly the volume of peat and other materials to be excavated and exported during foundation works	Design Change & Further Information	We understand the importance of peatland to the local community and acknowledge the concerns raised during the first consultation phase. In response, we hosted technical webinars during the second phase to give residents the chance to hear directly from our peatland and ecology specialists and ask questions about our approach. In the planning application, we have demonstrated how we have sought to avoid areas of deep peat through careful turbine siting, guided by detailed peat depth surveys included in Chapter 14 of the Environmental Statement. In response to feedback from the first phase of consultation,

			we chose to proceed with taller turbines. This has allowed us to reduce the overall number of turbines, thereby limiting ground disturbance and minimising direct impacts on peatland and moorland habitats. A comprehensive Peat Management Plan accompanies the application, setting out our approach to excavation, handling, storage, and reinstatement in line with best practice. The volume of peat and associated materials requiring removal has been quantified in the EIA. To minimise disturbance, we have used micro-siting, optimised foundation designs, and selected access routes carefully—employing floating road construction techniques where feasible. Importantly, no excavated material will be exported from the site. All peat and associated materials will be reused locally as part of our broader moorland restoration proposals.
	Feasibility and credibility of proposed peatland restoration	Justification	The proposed restoration approach builds on proven methods used successfully at other upland sites across the UK and follows the principles set out in guidance from NatureScot and Defra. We have drawn on the expertise of a credible specialist team with direct experience of delivering similar peatland restoration projects. The Moorland Restoration & Management Plan submitted with the application outlines tried-and-tested techniques for rewetting, reprofiling, and vegetation reinstatement. It also includes long-term monitoring and adaptive management measures to ensure the restoration is effective and resilient over time.

	Risk to private and unregistered water supplies	Further Information & Future Action	Cubico has undertaken a risk-based assessment of private water supplies (PWS), supported by mapping and consultation with local residents. This is set out in Chapter 14 of the Environmental Statement. We recognise that identifying all PWS can be challenging, particularly where supplies are unregistered or informally recorded. To help address this, we issued a dedicated form to gather local information, and all reported supplies have been mapped and assessed in the EIA. We have done our best at this stage to identify all relevant PWS. However, if any have been missed, we are fully committed to picking them up as supplementary information ahead of any planning decision. Mitigation measures will be applied where necessary, and we will continue to engage with residents to provide reassurance and ensure appropriate protection is in place for all affected properties.
	Concerns about hydrological impacts and worsening flood risk	Further Information	
	Impact on designated heritage assets, such as Prickshaw Village Conservation Area	Further Information	A comprehensive heritage assessment has been carried out as part of the EIA. This has identified all designated and non-designated heritage assets likely to be affected by the proposed development and assessed the potential impact on their heritage significance. The site layout has been informed by this evidence, and design changes have been made to reduce potential impacts — including the removal of the proposed turbine T18. We also recognise the specific concerns raised in relation to the setting of Prickshaw Village Conservation Area. In response,

			we undertook additional cultural heritage viewpoint analysis to address this issue directly. Chapter 12 of the Environmental Statement sets out the full findings of the heritage assessment. These are considered in the Planning Statement, which weighs the heritage impacts against the relevant national and local planning policies in accordance with the planning balance.
Access and Construction	Perceived use of Rooley Moor Road (Cotton Famine Road) for construction access	Design Change, Mitigation, & Future Action	We would like to clarify that there has never been a proposal to use Rooley Moor Road (also known as the Cotton Famine Road) for construction access. This is a misconception that has circulated locally. All construction traffic will be routed via Scout Moor Quarry, as detailed in the Construction Traffic Management Plan submitted with the application. In response to feedback, we have further limited the number of crossings over Rooley Moor Road to a single location, positioned away from the most sensitive cobbled section. A robust protection strategy will be in place during construction to safeguard the existing surface, and a suitable surfacing arrangement has been proposed for the operational phase to ensure long-term resilience. We have also committed to repairing the existing barrier at Catley Lane Head and are willing to take on its ongoing maintenance, along with other measures to prevent unauthorised vehicle use. In addition, our contractor agreements will include strict controls to prevent any construction access along Rooley Moor Road.

	Overall volume and routing of construction traffic, including the impact on Edenfield and local businesses during turbine deliveries	Further Information & Future Action	We recognise the concerns raised about the potential impact of turbine deliveries on Edenfield, particularly in relation to local businesses. These impacts have been fully assessed in Chapter 6 of the Environmental Statement and the accompanying Transport Assessment. A detailed Construction Traffic Management Plan will be developed to ensure deliveries are carefully managed, with clear protocols in place to minimise disruption. We have met with representatives of the Edenfield Neighbourhood Forum and the Residents Association, and we are eager to maintain and build on this dialogue as the project progresses. Their input is helping to shape our approach to traffic management and community engagement. We are committed to working with local stakeholders to schedule deliveries outside of peak times and to maintain open, timely communication throughout the construction period. We also recognise that Edenfield may experience a disproportionate level of short-term disruption due to its location. In recognition of this, we are exploring how the Community Wealth Fund can deliver meaningful benefits to Edenfield, reflecting both the community's experience and its role in supporting the UK's transition to clean energy.
Public Access and Recreation	Impacts on public rights of way and informal access routes	Further Information & Future Action	In response to concerns about impacts on public rights of way and informal access routes, we have prepared a comprehensive Outdoor Access Management and Enhancement Plan. This document provides a full audit of public rights of way, informal access routes, and common land within and around the site. It sets out clear measures to protect and manage access during construction and outlines

			a package of enhancements to improve recreational opportunities during the operational phase of the wind farm. We are also committed to working closely with the community through a dedicated Community Liaison Group during the pre-construction phase. This group will be used to discuss and agree any temporary closures or diversions, ensuring the community is fully informed and has the opportunity to input into the detail of any enhancement measures. Our goal is to ensure that local knowledge shapes the final access arrangements and that disruption is kept to a minimum.
	Safety concerns for horse riders, especially along Mary Townsley Loop	Further Information & Future Action	We fully recognise the importance of the Mary Townsley Loop and the wider network of bridleways to the equestrian community. In response to concerns raised, we have engaged directly with the British Horse Society and the Norden, Bamford and Heywood Bridleway Association. Their input has played a vital role in shaping our approach, and we are committed to ongoing collaboration with these groups throughout the development. Specific concerns about shadow flicker and its potential effect on horses have been noted. This has been addressed through a detailed technical note appended to the Planning Statement, which assesses the risk and outlines the mitigation in place. Further measures to support safe shared access during construction and operation are set out in the Outdoor Access Management and Enhancement Plan (OAMEP). These include training based on British Horse Society guidance,

			physical signage, speed restrictions, site rules for vehicle interactions with riders, and horse rider familiarisation sessions. These commitments will be secured via planning condition and monitored through the Construction Environmental Management Plan and liaison with equestrian stakeholders.
	Perceived threat to the character and tranquillity of the moor	Justification	We recognise the value placed on the character and tranquillity of the moor and have taken this into account throughout the design process. While any development of this scale will introduce some change, our approach has been to limit potential effects as far as possible. This includes setting generous buffer distances between turbines and sensitive areas, careful siting to avoid key vantage points, and a commitment to high-quality restoration and enhancement across the wider site. We believe the overall package — which includes significant investment in moorland restoration, improved public access, and long-term stewardship — represents a balanced response that respects the moor’s existing character while enabling a nationally important clean energy project.
	Risk of encouraging or worsening illegal off-road vehicle use	Design Changes & Future Action	We acknowledge the concern that new infrastructure on the moors could inadvertently encourage illegal off-road vehicle use. However, rather than contributing to the problem, we believe the wind farm can be a catalyst for positive, long-term change. Through the <i>OAMEP</i>, we have set out a clear strategy to reduce illegal off-road activity. This includes targeted physical measures such as gates, fencing, and resurfaced tracks at key access points to deter unauthorised use. We

			are also exploring the use of clearly signposted CCTV in higher-risk areas, with footage shared—where appropriate—with police to support enforcement. More broadly, our approach blends prevention, education, and partnership. We would like to work with local groups such as the Norden Area Forum and Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Forum, and will collaborate with GMP, Lancashire Police, landowners, and commoners to coordinate enforcement and build community-led solutions. To support this, the Community Wealth Fund will offer local groups resources to expand deterrent measures and promote responsible access. These actions will be secured through planning conditions and delivered as part of the construction programme, with oversight from a dedicated Community Liaison Group. Our aim is not only to avoid worsening the issue—but to play an active role in addressing it.
Community Benefit and Economic Impact	Governance, fairness, scale, longevity, and local relevance of the Community Wealth Fund – including how it will be managed, distributed transparently, inflation-proofed, guaranteed over the long term, and aligned to the specific needs of local communities.	Further Information & Future Action	We first introduced the concept of the Community Wealth Fund (CWF) during our first phase of consultation. It generated a wide range of questions, ideas and feedback, which we have taken seriously. In response, we prepared a <i>Community Benefit Charter</i> to set out a more detailed and transparent proposition. Key elements of the updated approach include: • The fund will be managed independently from Cubico, with community representation built into its governance structure.

			- Each area will have the opportunity to develop Community Action Plans to identify local priorities and guide how funds are spent. - There will be scope to use the fund to support or expand community-owned energy projects, in line with the government's Local Power Plan ambitions. - The financial structure of the fund has been strengthened – with an uplifted starting point of £6,000 per MW per year, inflation-linked. - A revenue-sharing mechanism has been added: if 3% of gross annual revenue exceeds £6,000/MW, the higher figure will be shared with the community. - The fund will be targeted at specific local needs, shaped through consultation and reflected in the Action Plans. The next step is to work with communities to co-design the legal structure and governance of the new Development Trust that will oversee the fund. This engagement will begin in autumn 2025, ahead of the grant of a planning permission, to ensure the right local voices are embedded in its formation from the outset.
	Opportunities for local jobs, training, and suppliers – including concerns about whether relevant skills exist within the local area	Further Information & Future Action	e are committed to making sure the delivery of Scout Moor II creates meaningful economic opportunities for local people and businesses. While some have questioned whether the right skills exist locally, it's important to recognise that this region already has a strong foundation. With several wind farms already operational, there is an established local supply chain and workforce – and notably,

			turbine manufacturer Nordex operates its UK training centre in Haslingden. Building on this, we will develop proactive Local Skills and Employment Strategy for Rossendale and Rochdale. This will include: • Working with local colleges, training providers and employment services to create targeted training pathways, including apprenticeships • Hosting ‘Meet the Buyer’ events to connect local businesses with supply chain opportunities • Creating a local supplier directory and offering bid support to help SMEs win contracts • Encouraging our contractors to adopt local labour clauses wherever feasible This approach will be embedded into our construction programme and overseen through the Community Liaison Group. Further detail is set out in the Economic and Social Benefit Statement and our <i>Community Benefit Charter</i>, and we look forward to working with local partners to deliver it.
Trust, Transparency and Delivery	Scepticism about whether project promises will be kept	Justification & Future Action	We understand why some may be sceptical, particularly given that many wind farms in the local area lack the measures that are now standard on projects elsewhere in the UK – particularly in Scotland and Wales. We want to do things differently. To ensure that project promises are kept, we are building in clear and enforceable mechanisms. Many of our core

			commitments – such as local employment, access improvements, and environmental protection – will be secured through planning conditions or Section 106 legal agreements. We also plan to establish a Community Liaison Group before construction begins. This will provide a structured forum for regular dialogue between the community and the project team, including the asset manager. It will help ensure that commitments are followed through, concerns are addressed promptly, and adaptations can be made where needed. In addition, the Community Wealth Fund will be managed by an independent trust with community representation, supported by transparent reporting and long-term oversight. This approach is designed to provide long-term accountability and ensure the community remains at the heart of the project throughout its lifetime.
	Comparisons with Scout Moor I and other previous developments	Justification	We acknowledge that previous experiences – including Scout Moor I – have shaped current perceptions. While we were not involved in those projects, we’ve listened carefully to the feedback and designed Scout Moor II to learn from those lessons. That includes clearer lines of communication, early and structured engagement, and a long-term operational presence by Cubico to ensure continuity, not just delivery.
	Concerns about Cubico selling the project post-consent	Justification	Cubico is a long-term investor and operator of renewable energy assets. We do not develop to sell. Our business model is based on owning and managing wind farms for their full operational life, and that is our clear intention at

			Scout Moor II. In the unlikely event of future changes in ownership, planning obligations and commitments – including those secured by condition or legal agreement – would remain in place and be legally binding on any future owner.
	Desire for ongoing, open communication and community oversight	Future Action	We understand and fully support the desire for ongoing, open communication and meaningful community oversight. This is a core part of Cubico’s approach to development and long-term operation. We are committed to doing things differently — and better — particularly in light of concerns raised about a lack of follow-through on other wind farms in the area. Cubico is not just here to build the project — we intend to operate it over the long term. That means building a genuine and positive relationship with local communities from the outset. We have already begun that process by establishing dialogue with groups such as the Norden Area Forum, Edenfield Residents’ Association, and Edenfield Subject to planning consent, we intend to establish a formal Community Liaison Group at the pre-construction stage. This group will include representatives from across the local area and will provide a forum to raise concerns, share updates, respond to questions, and shape aspects of delivery. Further detail on this commitment is set out in our Community Benefit Charter. Our aim is to ensure that community voices continue to be heard and that the project evolves in response to local priorities throughout its lifetime.

Decommissioning and End of Life	What happens to turbines at the end of their operational life	Further Information	We recognise the concerns raised by the community about what happens to the turbines at the end of their operational life. In response, we have developed a clear and responsible decommissioning strategy to provide reassurance and ensure transparency. All turbines and associated infrastructure at Scout Moor II will be decommissioned in line with best practice and relevant planning conditions. A detailed plan has been prepared to ensure that materials are safely removed and, where possible, reused or recycled. Over 90% of the materials used in the wind farm — including steel, copper, aluminium, and turbine blades — can be recovered through recycling, repurposing, or energy recovery processes. These will be managed by appropriately licensed facilities based in the UK, including some in the local region. Cubico is committed to restoring the site once the wind farm is no longer operational. Where appropriate, and in consultation with local stakeholders, some infrastructure such as access tracks may be retained if it continues to deliver community or environmental benefits. This long-term approach is set out in the <i>Sustainability Statement</i> submitted as part of the planning application, and reflects Cubico's commitment to responsible development and long-term stewardship.
	Concerns over recyclability of turbine components, particularly blades	Further Information	We understand concerns about what happens to turbine components at the end of their life, especially blades. The

			Sustainability Statement submitted with our planning application sets out a clear plan for managing this. Blade recycling is a growing area of innovation in the UK. Technologies such as pyrolysis, microwave pyrolysis, and solvolysis are already being deployed to break down composite blades and recover usable materials. These technologies are available now, but they will be fully commercialised and widely available by the time the Scout Moor II turbines reach the end of their operational life.
	Who is responsible for decommissioning costs	Further Information	Cubico will be fully responsible for the cost of decommissioning the wind farm and restoring the site. This responsibility is built into our financial model from the outset. To give the community and local authorities confidence, we will enter into a decommissioning bond agreement that ensures funding is available when needed. This bond will be regularly reviewed and updated over the lifetime of the project to ensure it remains sufficient and fit for purpose.