

## UPDATE ON WINDFARM APPLICATION AND PUBLIC ENQUIRY PUBLIC MEETINGS:

Monday 16th June 730-930pm. Banchory West Church, High St., Banchory, AB31 5TB. Tuesday 17th June 7-9pm. Midmar Hall, AB51 7NE.

Thursday 19th June 7-9pm. Mid Deeside Church, Torphins, AB31 4JQ.

Thanks to all who supported the campaign to stop the windfarm on the Hill of Fare by submitting objections to the Scottish Government ECU and Aberdeenshire Council and to those who have supported financially, to date. This enabled us to publicise the campaign and pay for specialist support.

Your support resulted in around 1500 objections to the ECU, many more than usual, and contributed to Aberdeenshire Council's decision to object to the development.

The Council's objection has resulted in the application becoming the subject of a Public Enquiry, due to take place in September 2025.

A **Pre Enquiry Meeting**, hosted by the Reporter appointed by the Scottish Government to conduct the Enquiry and make recommendations to Ministers, was held on 24th April in Banchory Townhall.

## Present at the PEM were:

- 1. RES (the applicant) and their legal team
- 2. Aberdeenshire Council reps and their lawyer
- 3. Historic Environment Scotland observers and two lawyers
- 4. Our six Community Council Chairs
- 5. HoFWIG and our lawyer John Campbell
- 6. A number of community members

Details of what was discussed, the application and all documents can be viewed at <a href="https://www.dpea.scotland.gov.uk/CaseDetails.aspx?id=125889&T=0">https://www.dpea.scotland.gov.uk/CaseDetails.aspx?id=125889&T=0</a>



## **Your Continuing Involvement**

The Public Enquiry is now fixed from Monday September 1st to Friday September 12th with the likely venue of Banchory Townhall to be confirmed.

Please join HOFWIG at these Public Events for an update on the Public Enquiry and to share your thoughts on the issues that should be raised at the Community Engagement Session on Monday 8th September.

Please share details with anyone else who may be interested.

We look forward to seeing you there.

We will require the support of legal, planning and landscape experts at the public enquiry. Through the generosity of our local communities we raised around £15000 to pay for expert support that contributed to Aberdeenshire Council's objection to the development. We anticipate that around £35000 will be needed to pay for the support we need at the Public Enquiry.

Please donate as much as you can on the **HOFWIG GoFundMe** at https://www.gofundme.com/f/hill-of-fare-windfarm-information-group-hofwig Scan the QR code below to go directly to page:



## For More Information

The developer's (RES) website:www.hilloffare-windfarm.co.uk Independent information newsletter and website: www.hilloffare.org 'Hill of Fare Windfarm' Facebook page

