

Environmental Impact Assessment

# Sandy Knowe Wind Farm Extension

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## Preface

This document comprises the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIA Report), prepared to provide environmental information to inform the application for consent and deemed planning permission under Section 36 of the Electricity Act (Scotland) 1989 (as amended) to develop Sandy Knowe Extension Wind Farm, a wind farm extension consisting of up to six wind turbines (three turbines up to a maximum 125m tip height and three turbines up to a maximum of 149.9m tip height), battery storage and associated infrastructure including hardstandings, cabling and access roads.

The EIA Report has been produced to provide information on the nature and extent of the likely significant environmental effects of the proposed Sandy Knowe Extension Wind Farm, referred to throughout this document as the 'Proposed Development'.

The EIA Report includes the following documents:

- Volume 1 EIA Main Text;
- Volume 2 Technical Appendices;
- Volume 3 Figures;
- Volume 4 Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment Figures and Visualisations;
- Volume 5 Confidential Appendices; and
- Volume 6 Non-Technical Summary.

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The Electricity Works (Miscellaneous Temporary Modifications) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 notes temporary amendments to the Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017. During the Emergency Period there is a temporary relaxation to the requirement that copies of the EIA Report are available for inspection at a place or address.

The Emergency Period means the period beginning on 24 April 2020 and ending on the date on which Part 1 of the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020 expires in accordance with section 12 of that Act; currently on 30 September 2022.

Consequently, due to COVID-19 restrictions hard copies will not be available at this time however electronic copies of the EIAR can be found on the Energy Consents Unit's website at [www.energyconsents.scot](http://www.energyconsents.scot) and on the Applicant's website at <https://sandyknowewindfarm.com/>.

### Purchasing a Copy of the EIA Report

The EIA Report can also be purchased from the Applicant (telephone: +44 141 212 7222 / email: [Jennifer.peltier@invictapa.co.uk](mailto:Jennifer.peltier@invictapa.co.uk)), either in digital or hard copy. Charges for copies are:

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- £15 for a paper hard copy of the Non-Technical Summary; or
- £10 for a CD/USB with all documents.