

FARR WIND FARM LIFE EXTENSION

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The current planning consent will expire in December 2030.

Technical assessment work has provided confidence Farr Wind Farm has the ability to continue to generate clean electricity beyond the current consent expiry date.

Ventient Energy is planning to submit the application in Summer 2020.

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Through Ventient's Community Benefit Fund, local communities have been able to support key projects for the benefits of the residents such as:

- The refurbishment of Farr and Tomatin community halls
- Support to Farr Primary School for extracurricular activities
- Further education field trips
- Funding for local athletes coaching

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Life Extension Facts

No new infrastructure is proposed and no changes are proposed to the number or dimensions of the existing wind turbines or the access tracks.

There won't be any significant increase in the maintenance of the site. The site operation will continue as usual and there will be no significant increase in traffic to and from site.

Ventient is committed to maintaining the ongoing provision of community benefit funds during an extended period of operation. If the application is successful, Ventient intends to increase the community benefit funds from December 2030.

Ventient will continue to engage with the local communities in collaboration with the relevant community councils, to diffuse more information on the application.

Ventient is happy to answer any questions you may have on the Life Extension Application. Please get in touch by e-mailing **WindFarms@ventientenergy.com** should you have any questions or concerns.



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For more information on the proposed application for Farr Wind Farm, please visit www.ventientenergy.com/our-portfolio/farr

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FARR WIND FARM



Farr Wind Farm is located around 8 miles south of the city of Inverness and has 40 turbines and an installed capacity of 92MW.

Since Ventient took ownership of Farr in 2017, the wind farm has generated 516 GWh of energy.

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ANSWERS TO YOUR KEY QUESTIONS



What is the application for Life Extension?

Application to vary condition 3.1 of the Section 36 consent to enable wind farm to operate for an additional 10 years.

Is Ventient going to build more turbines and/or change the layout of the site?

No new infrastructure is proposed and no changes are proposed to the number or dimensions of the existing wind turbines or the access tracks.

Is the life extension of the wind farm going to affect the traffic to and from the site due to increased maintenance?

There won't be any significant increase in the maintenance of the site. The site operation will continue as usual and there will be no significant increase in traffic to and from site.

How do we know the wind farm is capable of operating safely and efficiently for the proposed extended operational lifetime?

Ventient has recently undertaken a range of assessment work which has demonstrated the ability of wind turbines to operate for longer than was originally envisaged. On the basis of these assessments, Ventient is confident Farr Wind Farm is capable of operating safely and efficiently beyond December 2030.

If the application is successful, will Ventient keep supporting the communities around Farr Wind Farm throughout the extended operational period?

Yes, Ventient is committed to maintaining the provision of community benefit funds during an extended period of operation. If the application is successful, Ventient intends to increase the community benefit funds from December 2030.

Is there a risk of increased noise from the turbines as they continue to age?

Providing the wind turbines continue to be operated and maintained in line with Ventient's high standards, there is no reason why the level of noise from the turbines will increase. Any new planning consent for an extended period of operation would include planning conditions which require the wind farm to be operated within specified noise limits.



What are the next steps:

- Ventient are discussing the scope of the application with the Energy Consents Unit and The Highland Council.
- Ventient will continue to engage with local communities in collaboration with the relevant community councils, to diffuse more information on the application.

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