

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

23rd September to
23rd October 2024

The first phase of public consultation on the proposed Spiorad na Mara offshore wind project gets underway on Monday 23rd September and runs until 23rd October.

What is Spiorad na Mara?

Spiorad na Mara is a proposed offshore windfarm, located approximately 5-13km off the west coast of Lewis. With an expected installed capacity of around 900MW, it could meet the average annual electricity needs of around 1.2 million¹ Scottish homes with low-cost renewable electricity and save more than 1.7 million¹ tonnes of carbon emissions every year.

Who owns Spiorad na Mara?

The project is owned by Northland Power (75.5%) and ESB (24.5%), with Northland leading on the development, construction, and operation.

What are the public consultations about?

Public consultation is an essential part of the development process for Spiorad na Mara. Before we submit our key consents applications, we will hold two phases of public consultation, during which we will share details of our plans as they are developing and seek your feedback and input.

This is the first of the two phases, and is in addition to the programme of wider engagement which has been ongoing since the seabed area option was awarded to us by the Scottish Government in 2022 and which will continue throughout the development, construction and operations of the wind farm, if built. The wider programme includes community drop-ins, which took place in June, July and August and will resume in November after this period of consultation has ended.

We are also open to receiving feedback at any time and may be contacted using the contact details overleaf.

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23^{mh} Sultain gu
23^{mh} Dàmhair 2024

Tòisichidh a' chiad ìre de cho-chomhairleachadh poblach air molaidhean pròiseact gaoithe aig muir Spiorad na Mara air Diluain 23^{mh} Sultain agus mairidh e gu 23^{mh} Dàmhair.

Where and when will the consultations take place?

We commit to being inclusive in our consultation activities and to maximising opportunities for participation by all.

To achieve this, we will make information available online, hold in-person exhibitions and make project personnel available for small-group or individual meetings through information clinics. The information clinics will be by appointment only and bookings will be available through our website once the consultation begins or can be made by calling Denise on +44 7396818000.

Our first phase of consultation starts on Monday 23rd September, with the launch of an on-line consultation room which will run until Thursday 23rd October. On Tuesday 24th September, we will hold the first of seven in-person consultation events which are being held around the island. Full listings of the dates can be found overleaf.

¹ More than 1.2 million homes powered per annum based on the average Scottish annual household electricity consumption of 3,078 kWh in 2022 (<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/regional-and-local-authority-electricity-consumption-statistics>) together with a minimum projected 50% wind load factor and a projected installed capacity of up to 900MW.



What will be consulted on during these events?

During this first phase of public consultation, we will share our latest updates on all aspects of the project, including environmental and technical assessments, ground investigations and offshore and onshore surveys.

The range of topics we will consult on will include: offshore array layout options; offshore cable route corridors; onshore cable route corridors; landfall and substation locations; Operations and Maintenance options (to the extent that these are matured); our Environmental Impact Assessment work and supply chain opportunities.

As our initial plans are taking shape, we will invite feedback which will inform how we seek to design the project in a way that best addresses the concerns and desires of local people, whilst also balancing relevant technical and environmental considerations.



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SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES CLÀR GHNÌOMHAN

PUBLIC EXHIBITIONS

Tues 24 th Sept	Clan MacQuarrie Centre	3-8pm
Wed 25 th Sept	Barvas and Brue Community Centre	3-8pm
Thu 26 th Sept	Old School, Shawbost	3-8pm
Mon 30 th Sept	Stornoway Town Hall	3-8pm
Tue 1 st Oct	Carloway Community Centre	3-8pm
Wed 2 nd Oct	Uig Community Centre	3-8pm
Thu 3 rd Oct	Great Bernera Community Centre	3-8pm

DEDICATED INFORMATION CLINICS (by appointment only)

Fri 4 th Oct	An Lanntair (downstairs)	4-8pm
Sat 5 th Oct	Caberfeidh Hotel	10am-2pm
Mon 7 th Oct	Raebhat House, Horshader	5-9pm
Tue 8 th Oct	Breascleite Community Centre	9am-1pm
Wed 9 th Oct	Spòrsnis	1-5pm

Please get in touch if you have any access requirements for the venues listed and we would be happy to help.



VIRTUAL EXHIBITION

Mon 23rd September - Thurs 23rd October

This will be available through our website:
www.spioradnamara.co.uk

CONTACT CONALTRADH

As we continue to shape and design the project, your feedback is very important to us.

We want to hear from you and look forward to building on the relationships already established with communities and stakeholder representatives on the Western Isles/North west of Scotland.

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