

Working with the wider community

Working with the local supply chain

Some of the most direct and meaningful benefits that can be delivered from a project like this are jobs and employment for local businesses and contractors, in addition to the use of local services and amenities, all of which can generate a significant amount of inward investment within the area.

RES has a strong track record for working with the local supply chain around its projects and, in order to maximise the opportunities from the Carn na Saobhaidh Wind Farm proposal, we are looking to build our knowledge of the local skills and capabilities within the area. If you're a local business (or know a local business) interested in getting involved in onshore wind, please speak to our project team.

Inward investment

Whilst expenditure in the local economy can vary from project to project - due to various factors, including project size and duration, location and the availability of local suppliers - RES has seen a typical spend of around £279,000 per turbine with local stakeholders, suppliers and service providers during the development, construction and first year of project operation. In some cases, it has been possible to significantly exceed this local investment.

The Carn na Saobhaidh Wind Farm proposal is predicted to deliver approximately £6.6 million of inward investment to the area in the form of direct jobs, wider employment opportunities and use of local services during the development, construction and first year of operation. In addition, approximately £1.8 million in business rates¹ will be payable each year during operation (based on the 173 MW updated layout). This equates to up to £90 million over the wind farm's 50-year operational life.

Shared ownership -

Is this of interest to the community?

RES is also interested to understand whether there is any appetite from the community in exploring the potential for shared ownership in the wind farm. If shared ownership is something that interests you, please put this on your comments form and speak to our project team. Local Energy Scotland is the independent body that manages the Scottish Government's Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES). To find out more visit: www.localenergy.scot/hub/shared-ownership

Partnership with the University of the Highlands and Islands (UHI)

Over the last three years, RES has partnered with the University of the Highlands and Islands (UHI) to support their Student Development Fund designed to help successful recipients to gain new skills, build confidence and enhance their student experience.

Through this partnership, RES donated a total of £60,000, directly supporting the studies and progression of 95 students across the Highlands and Islands. Funding that has made a real difference on the ground, from grants that opened doors to new experiences, to supporting a multi-discipline land use conference that brought students together to tackle real-world challenges. It's a partnership we're proud of, and one that reflects RES' wider commitment to the communities it works in.

1. The business rates figure of £1.84 million each year has been calculated from the most recent non-domestic rates revaluation in Scotland (2023 valuation) and predicted performance of the wind farm.

Carn na Saobhaidh Wind Farm Proposal

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