

# Press Release

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## **Public to be consulted on proposed Sillfield Wind Cluster**

Whirlwind Renewables and Novera Energy are investigating land at Sillfield in Preston Patrick, Cumbria for the possible location of a wind cluster of up to four wind turbines.

The land at Sillfield, adjacent to the M6 in South Lakeland, has been identified by South Lakeland Council as having the potential to accommodate a small group of between three and five wind turbines, which is why Whirlwind Renewables has chosen the location for its proposed development.

If successful, the proposal would provide enough electricity for approximately 4,400 homes\* or 9,600 people\*\*. The local community would also benefit from up to £20,000 per year or £500,000 over the lifetime of the project, through establishment of a community fund.

In order for residents to find out more about the scheme, Whirlwind Renewables and Novera Energy will hold a public exhibition at Preston Patrick Memorial Hall, on Wednesday 11th June between 3pm and 8pm, to provide further information about their investigations into the feasibility of the development at this location.

Tom Surman, Development Director from Whirlwind Renewables said: "We are in the very early stages of public consultation and wish to gauge the opinion of residents before submitting a planning application.

"We are looking forward to meeting and consulting with local residents, groups and individuals with a view to taking on board their comments and suggestions before we make any further decisions about the site. This consultation is essential if we are to move forward with any planning application.

"The Sillfield Wind Cluster could help meet the UK's targets for tackling climate change, by generating clean, renewable energy for the lifetime of the project."

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### **Media Invite:**

You are invited to send a reporter and photographer to the public exhibition at Preston Patrick Memorial Hall between 3pm and 8pm on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Press Contact:**

For further information please contact Rebecca Aspin, Press Facilitator for Whirlwind Renewables, on 01482 867867

### **Notes to Editors:**

The development team at Whirlwind Renewables has over 30 years experience in the wind power industry and many more in the electricity industry as a whole. The team's focus is to develop small onshore clusters of wind turbines.

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For more information about Whirlwind Renewables visit [www.whirlwindrenewables.com](http://www.whirlwindrenewables.com)

\*Based on an 8MW wind farm with a capacity factor of 30%

\*\*Data taken from Cumbria County Council Census Statistics 2001. The Average household size in South Lakeland is 2.2 people.