



Hope Moor Wind Farm

Our proposals

Hope Moor is a new onshore wind farm which would produce approximately 100 MW of green energy, powering up to 81,000 homes and businesses.

If consented, Hope Moor Wind Farm would be located on an area of isolated moorland to the south of Barnard Castle and north of Richmond, covering approximately 1,130 hectares. Hope Moor stands out as one of the UK's most promising onshore wind sites, thanks to its ideal topography and strategic location.

Our aim is to provide renewable energy with a regenerative purpose. Hope Moor will integrate biodiversity enhancements from the ground up, including peatland restoration, pollinator support, the creation of wildlife corridors and more.

We will collaborate with local communities to create opportunities for nature and green space. There will be financial community benefits which could be used by local organisations to invest in developing skills and training programmes, the environment or other legacy projects.

Hope Moor will be sensitively designed to respect the nature and the landscape in which it sits, alongside traditional land practices of the upland moors. The project will create jobs and invest in its surrounding communities.

As Hope Moor Wind Farm is expected to produce approximately 100 MW of energy, it is classified by the government as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP). This means we'll need to apply for a Development Consent Order (DCO) which will be granted by the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero.

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Who is Fred. Olsen Renewables?

Fred. Olsen Renewables (FORL) is one of the longest standing renewable energy developers and operators in the UK.

FORL's first development, Windy Standard I Wind Farm in Dumfries and Galloway, was the first consented wind farm in Scotland, with the first phase of the wind farm entering operation in 1996.

Since then, FORL has maintained a successful consent rate, delivering more than 1 GW of new energy infrastructure. Central to FORL's success is working with communities, committing to local businesses and contributing towards the UK's sustainable future.

FORL's operational portfolio has delivered over £6m in community funding.



An introduction to Fred. Olsen Renewables:

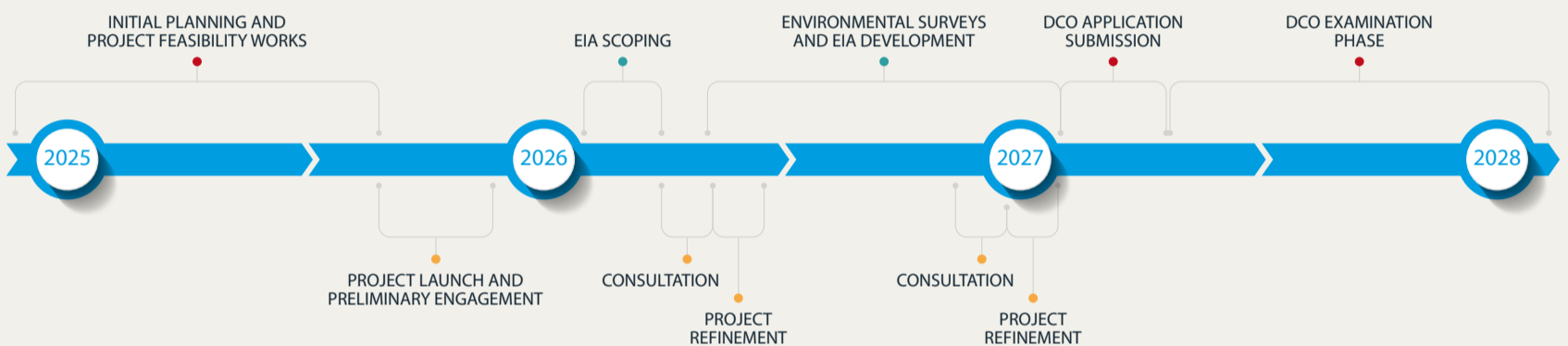
- FORL's portfolio consists of **nine operational wind farms** and a further two under construction.
- The **530 MW UK portfolio** consists of **258 operational turbines**, and a further 83 consented turbines.
- FORL has recently obtained consent for **four wind farms** and **one solar farm** with a combined installed capacity of **over 200 MW**.



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Project Timeline

Below is an outline of the application process



In August 2025, Hope Moor Wind Farm received a Section 35 Direction from the Secretary of State which confirmed that the project qualifies as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) and will require a Development Consent Order (DCO) granted by the relevant Secretary of State.

The project team are finalising the approach to local engagement and timelines.

Currently the project has:

- Launched the Hope Moor website: www.hopemoor.co.uk

- Contacted parish councils, ward members and local MPs
- Engaged with local press
- Met with you today

These early events offer an opportunity to connect with the project team, ask questions, and share your initial views on the proposals before we consult on them next year.

Dates for future engagement and consultation will be communicated in advance and further updates will be provided as the project progresses.

If you would like to register for email updates, please go to our website: www.hopemoor.co.uk