

WELCOME TO SHEPHERDS' RIG WIND FARM COMMUNITY OPEN DAY



View towards Shepherds' Rig Site

In August 2023, Boralex gained Section 36 consent to construct and operate Shepherds' Rig Wind Farm. Now, Boralex is looking to revise that proposal and apply for a variation.

The first open day on the variation proposals took place in September last year. At that time, the scheme was at the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) scoping stage and the scoping wind turbine layout was presented.

Further assessment work has been undertaken since then, since then. The turbine layout has been adjusted in response to this work and also the consultation that has taken place. Additional design work has also taken place on the other elements of the variation scheme including the tracks and hardstandings.

This second open day provides an update on the variation scheme layout which has now reached an advanced stage of assessment and design.

The Consented Development

This is the original Shepherds' Rig Wind Farm that was consented in 2023. This development comprises 17 turbines, 15 turbines with a maximum blade tip height of 149.9 m, and two turbines with a maximum blade tip height of 125 m, as well as associated infrastructure.

Today's event

Here you will find a selection of information banners outlining the proposed variations to the Consented Development and the process involved in making this new application.

Please take your time to study the information and please do not hesitate to speak with any of the project team members who are here to answer your questions.

If you would like to leave a written comment, please help yourself to a 'Voice Your Opinion' comment form, available from the reception desk and either hand it in as you leave or send it back to us using our Freepost address. You will also find the form on our website www.shepherdsrigwindfarm.co.uk along with these information panels.

There are several ways to obtain further information and to contact us:

- Our website www.shepherdsrigwindfarm.co.uk will be updated regularly to provide you with the latest information. We will publish the application documents, including the Environmental Impact Assessment Report, on the website once the application has been submitted.
- Email us at info@shepherdsrigwindfarm.co.uk
- Write to us at **FREEPOST BORALEX**

The Proposed Varied Development:

The development we are seeking your feedback on today. This development is proposing to change some of the characteristics of the Consented Development and will likely comprise up to 13 turbines with a maximum blade tip height of 200 m, as well as associated infrastructure. The proposed variations that make up this development include:

- Removal of four turbines;
- Increase in the maximum blade tip height to up to 200 m;
- Relocation of three turbines slightly beyond the micrositing allowance;
- Amendments to part of the track layout to reflect turbine removal and relocation.
- Increase in the size and capacity of the associated Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) from 6 megawatts (MW) to 50MW;
- incorporation of additional biodiversity enhancement areas including forest to bog restoration and native riparian planting; and
- increase in the period of consent from 30 to 40 years.

Utilising the natural environment to harness clean, zero-carbon energy, this revised project will, if consented, support local construction companies along with local supply chains during construction and operation, and offer community benefit as well as the potential for shared ownership.