

PUBLIC CONSULTATION CO-CHOMHAIRLEACHADH POBLACH

2nd June to 2nd July 2025

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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 equivalent average annual electricity needs of around 1.2 million¹ Scottish homes with renewable electricity and save more than 1.7 million¹ tonnes of carbon emissions every year.

Further information on Spiorad na Mara can be found on the project website, www.spioradnamara.co.uk.

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. The project has committed to holding two phases of public consultation prior to the submission of its consents applications, to seek input from the public on the project's plans as they are progressing. The first phase took place in September and October 2024 and this is the second phase.

These consultations are 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.

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

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.

Our second phase of consultation starts on Monday 2nd June, with our first in-person event being held at the Cabarfeidh Hotel, South Stornoway and the launch of an on-line consultation room which will run until Wednesday 2nd July. Further in-person events will take place around the island - full listings of the dates and venues can be found overleaf.

The information clinics will be by appointment only, between Monday 9th June and Friday 13th June, and bookings can be made by calling Kathleen on +44 7442585935.

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 second phase of consultation, all feedback from the first consultation will have been considered in detail and taken into account, as appropriate, as our plans have progressed. The focus during this consultation will be on sharing updates on progress since Phase 1 - including details of how your earlier feedback has been considered or will be considered later - and seeking feedback on these updated plans. This phase may also include consultation on specific aspects of the project which have been further advanced since Phase 1, for example our operations and maintenance approach.



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We look forward to sharing updates on how project plans have progressed since our first phase of public consultation in Autumn 2024 and showing how we have responded to feedback received during that period.

The consultation starts on Monday 2nd June with the launch of an on-line consultation room along with the first of five in-person consultation exhibitions, which are being held at accessible venues around the island (*as per the table below*).

Information clinics will take place on the dates set out below and will be by appointment only.

PUBLIC EXHIBITIONS		
Mon 2 nd June	Cabarfeidh Hotel	3 to 7pm
Tues 3 rd June	Clan MacQuarrie Centre	12 to 2pm
Tues 3 rd June	Barvas & Brue Community Hall	4 to 7pm
Weds 4 th June	Shawbost Old School Hall	3 to 7pm
Thurs 5 th June	Uig Community Hall	3 to 7pm
VIRTUAL EXHIBITION		
Monday 2 nd June to Wednesday 2 nd July 2025		
This will be available through our website: www.spioradnamara.co.uk		
INFORMATION CLINICS (by appointment only)		
Information clinic appointments, for individuals or small groups who wish to further discuss specific aspects of the project, will be available from Monday 9 th June to Friday 13 th June. Bookings can be made by contacting Kathleen Milne (using the contact details on the right-hand side of this page). We will endeavour to be flexible in accommodating times requested.		

NOTE: If anyone has any specific mobility issues, or any other challenges in terms of accessing our events, please get in touch with Kathleen on +44 7442 585935 and we will endeavour to make arrangements to facilitate you.

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 across the Western Isles/North west of Scotland.

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