

The Consultation process

Viking Energy has always been keen to engage in a high level of consultation. For information purposes we have documented our past consultation activities:

- September 2003 – SIC announces intention at Energy conference in Lerwick
- 2003 – 2009 – Discussions with head of planning service Shetland Islands Council
- 2003 to 2009 – Discussions with relevant environmental agencies (mainly RSPB and SNH) about project. For example, dialogue with RSPB, SNH and Shetland Bird Club regarding scope of bird studies to be undertaken and quality assessment of tenderers. Similar discussions for ecology, etc.
- 2003 to 2009 – Regular press items as Viking Energy budgets and activities reported through Shetland Islands Council or Shetland Charitable Trust meetings.
- 2003 to 2009 – Regular press announcements at project milestones.
- January 2004 – Planning process for anemometry masts including public discussion on purpose.
- 6 July 2005 – Press release from Shetland Islands Council announcing agreement with SSE.
- 2006 – 2009 – Occasional visits to local schools to discuss project.
- 2006 – 2009 – Occasional meetings with local community councils.
- September 2006 – Viking Energy website launched with e-consultation questionnaire.
- 4 December 2006 – Viking Energy consultation strategy/participation statement published.
- December 2006 Ipsos Mori telephone poll of 500 person representative sample.

2007 – 2009 – Five number 2 day Learning journeys taking local councillors, community councillors and others to several Scottish wind farms for firsthand experience and unmediated discussions with nearby experienced community councils.
- March 2007 – Focus group established (4 subsequent meetings)
- March 2007 – 1st Windylights brochure published and also distributed with Shetland times newspaper. Includes freepost feedback form.

- March to May 2007 – Many meetings in Community Council wards to present and discuss project, both public and to closed audiences. Meetings with various organisations and several interest groups. Young Scot. Shetland Field Studies Group, Shetland Tourism Association, Shetland Bird Club, etc. All public meetings advertised in local media.

Meeting	Date	Attendance
Vidlin Hall (public)	13-Mar-07	80
Aith Hall (public)	14-Mar-07	81
Whiteness & Weisdale Hall (public)	15-Mar-07	46
Wind Dog Café, Yell (public)	19-Mar-07	15
Scalloway Junior High (closed)	20-Mar-07	43
Whalsay Hall (public)	20-Mar-07	10
Aith Junior High (closed)	21-Mar-07	55
Anderson High (closed)	22-Mar-07	59
Shetland Youth Voice (closed)	26-Mar-07	9
Brae Hall (public)	27-Mar-07	21
Brae Junior High (closed)	28-Mar-07	30
Shetland Bird Club (public)	28-Mar-07	40
Voe Hall (public)	2-Apr-07	32
South Nesting Hall (public)	3-Apr-07	41
NHS Shetland (closed)	5-Apr-07	8
Mossbank Hall (public)	9-Apr-07	2
Collective meeting of Other Community Councils (public)	14-Apr-07	20
Lerwick, Islesburgh Community Centre (public)	14-Apr-07	12
Ollaberry Hall (public)	16-Apr-07	20
Shetland Tourist Association (public)	18-Apr-07	12
Aith Hall regarding Finance & Construction (public)	20-Apr-07	60
St. Columba's Church Club (closed)	13-May-07	12
Shetland Field Studies Group (public)	5-Jun-07	12
Grand Total		720

- April 2008 – 2nd Windylights brochure published and also issued with Shetland Times Newspaper. Discussing outcomes of consultation and response.
- 12 September 2008 – Big Stakeholder meeting inc. SIC planning, SEPA, SNH, RSPB, Amenity Trust etc.

- 6 March 2009 – Big stakeholder meeting inc. SIC planning, SEPA, SNH, RSPB, Amenity Trust etc.
- March 2009 – Update flyer sent to every home in Shetland. Includes freepost feedback form.
- March 2009 – 6 number 8 hour exhibitions in community halls around wind farm site. With scale models and access to staff.
- May 2009 – Scale model displayed in Shetland Museum for fortnight with flyers and feedback box.
- May 2009 – Viking Energy ES submitted