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1. Introduction

This Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) Report provides a description of the consultation undertaken for the proposed Neshion Energy Park ('the Proposed Development') located east of Sullom Voe Oil Terminal in North Mainland, Shetland in the Shetland Islands Council (SIC) area.

This report has been prepared to accompany the submission of an application by Neshion Ltd ('the Applicant') under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 for the construction of an energy park comprising 8 wind turbines and a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS).

Further information on the Proposed Development is provided in **Chapter 2: Description of Proposed Development in the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) (Volume 2)**.

2. The Applicant

Neshion Ltd is a joint venture set up between local families to develop a renewable energy project known as Neshion Energy Park.

The development of Neshion Energy Park is being led by the Shetland Aerogenerators Development Team. Shetland Aerogenerators Ltd (SAL) is an experienced local renewable energy developer and is the owner and operator of the Burradale and Luggie's Knowe Windfarms in Shetland.

For further information about Neshion Ltd visit <https://neshionenergypark.co.uk/> and for Shetland Aerogenerators visit <https://www.shetlandaero.co.uk/>.

3. Public Consultation Legislation

Although there is no statutory requirement for pre-application consultation for a Section 36 consent application, the Applicant is applying principles of the consultation process as set out in the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2013 as good practice and recognising the benefits in carrying out early consultation.

Accordingly, in line with the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2013, the consultation guidelines followed on this project include:

- Every Community Council whose area is within or adjoins the application site to be consulted.
- The consultation to include at least two public events where members of the public are able to make comments to the applicant on the proposed development.
- Details of the proposed development and consultation to be published in a local newspaper at least seven days prior to the event and include the location and description of the development, details as to where further information can be obtained, data and place of the event, a statement explaining how and by when persons wishing to make comment to the prospective application relating to the proposal may do so and a statement that comments made to the prospective applicant are not representations to the consenting authority.
- Consultations to be carried out in a manner that provides genuine opportunities for members of the public to engage with applicants.
- The consultation should be a meaningful engagement with those who can represent the community's views and should offer the opportunity to mitigate negative impacts and misunderstandings and deal with those community issues that can be addressed.

- The Applicant to also submit a PAC Report with the application detailing the consultation undertaken and any changes made to the proposal as a result.

4. Process for Community Consultation

The Scottish Government's Planning Advice Note (PAN) 3/2010–Community Engagement Planning with People¹, provides guidelines for Pre-Application Consultation.

PAN 3/2010 stipulates that community engagement should be meaningful and proportionate and take place at an early stage to influence the shape of proposals. PAN 3/2010 uses National Standards for Community Engagement, developed by Communities Scotland, as its structure.

This provides a useful framework to help plan, monitor and evaluate community engagement and sets out ten standards which are intended as best practice guidance:

- Standard 1: Involvement; identify and involve people and organisations who have an interest in the focus of the engagement.
- Standard 2: Support; identify and overcome barriers to involvement.
- Standard 3: Planning; gather evidence of need and resources to agree purpose, scope and actions.
- Standard 4: Methods; agree and use methods of engagement that are fit for purpose.
- Standard 5: Working with others; agree and use clear procedures that enable participants to work together efficiently and effectively.
- Standard 6: Sharing information; ensure necessary information is communicated between participants.
- Standard 7: Working with others; work effectively with others with an interest.
- Standard 8: Improvement; develop the skills, knowledge and confidence of the participants.
- Standard 9: Feedback; feed results back to the wider community and agencies affected.
- Standard 10: Monitoring and evaluation; monitor and evaluate whether engagement achieves its purpose and meets the national standards for community engagement.

The Applicant worked to these principles and also the Scottish Government's Good Practice Principles for Community Benefits from Onshore Renewable Energy Developments² in relation to pre-application discussion on community benefit.

5. Statutory Consultees

Statutory consultees (SIC, NatureScot, Historic Environment Scotland and Scottish Environment Protection Agency) were consulted as part of the formal scoping process and throughout the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process. Summaries of the statutory consultees' responses are provided in **Technical Appendix 1.1: Consultation Register (EIAR Volume 4)**.

Community Councils were also consulted, and details are provided in Section 7 of this PAC Report.

6. Non-Statutory Consultees

Non-statutory consultees were consulted as part of the formal scoping process and where required throughout the EIA process. These included:

- British Horse Society

¹ Scottish Government. (2010). Planning Advice Note: Community Engagement (PAN 3/2010). Available at: Planning Advice Note 3/2010 Community Engagement [Accessed: 27/02/2026]

² Scottish Government (2019). Scottish Government Good Practice Principles for Community Benefits from Onshore Renewable Energy Developments. Available at: Scottish Government Good Practice Principles for Community Benefits from Onshore Renewable Energy Developments. [Accessed: 27/02/2026]

- British Telecommunications plc
- Civil Aviation Authority (CAA)
- Crown Estate Scotland
- Defence Infrastructure Organisation
- Delting Community Council
- Fisheries Management Scotland
- Health and Safety Executive
- Highlands and Islands Airports Limited (HIAL)
- John Muir Trust (JMT)
- Joint Radio Company Ltd
- Met Office
- Mountaineering Scotland
- National Gas Transmission
- National Grid
- NATS Safeguarding
- Nesting and Lunnasting Community Council
- North Maven Community Council
- Office for Nuclear Regulation
- Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) Scotland
- Scotia Gas Networks (SGN)
- Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSE)
- Scottish Canoe Association
- Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
- Scottish Forestry
- Scottish Rights of Way and Access Society (ScotWays)
- Scottish Water
- Scottish Wild Land Group
- Scottish Wildlife Trust
- Shetland Amenity Trust
- Sustrans
- Tingwall Airport
- Transport Scotland
- VisitScotland
- Woodland Trust
- Yell Community Council

7. Communities Consulted

The Applicant's approach has been to provide information and consult with local residents and stakeholders from the early stages of the design development and provide consistent engagement and communications throughout the consultation process.

SAL, on behalf of the Applicant, contacted and consulted with a variety of organisations during the consultation process including Community Councils and local community groups and trusts.

The Applicant submitted a request for a Scoping Opinion to Scottish Ministers in March 2025. This request was accompanied by a Scoping Report, which set out a summary of the proposals, identified the likely significant environmental effects and summarised the proposed scope of the EIA. The following Community Councils received the Scoping Request:

- Delting Community Council (host community council);
- North Maven Community Council (neighbouring community council);
- Nesting and Lunnasting Community Council (neighbouring community council); and
- Yell Community Council (neighbouring community council).

SAL liaised with the Community Councils during the scoping and post-scoping periods, ensuring that they were informed of the Proposed Development at an early stage and that they received appropriate notification regarding public exhibitions.

SAL wrote to the four Community Councils on the 11th of March 2025 to outline the proposals and offered to attend a future community council meeting and present to community councillors. A copy of the letter can be found in **Appendix A**. This letter coincided with the Community Councils receiving the Scoping Request on the proposals from the Energy Consents Unit (ECU).

On the same date, SAL also notified the Community Councils with details of the public engagement event taking place on the 27th of March 2025, providing two weeks' notice.

On 1st September 2025, SAL wrote again to the Community Councils to give notice of the second public engagement event and to provide an update on proposals (see **Appendix B**). This letter focused on the evolution of the site layout and the selection of the Local Electricity Discount Scheme (LEDS) as the preferred option for community benefit. This update outlined the key changes made since the earlier engagement and explained how feedback and on-going assessments had informed the revised design.

8. Public Engagements and Feedback

As part of the pre-application consultation process for the Proposed Development, two public engagement events were held to engage local communities and stakeholders. These events provided an opportunity to share information, gather feedback, and demonstrate how public input has been used to influence the evolving design. The first engagement event took place on the 27th of March 2025, with a second event held on the 23rd of September 2025. Both events were held at Mossbank Public Hall in Mossbank, Shetland.

At a very early stage in the event preparation, a decision was made not to use the word "consultation" to describe engagement with the community. Terms like "consultation" can often come across as one-sided and more of a tick-box exercise than genuine dialogue. Instead, "public engagement" was used to reflect a commitment to listening, involving, and working with the community throughout the process. This decision was influenced by feedback from other projects in Shetland, where community members expressed feeling unheard or overlooked. The Applicant's aim was to take a different approach, one that prioritises openness, trust, and meaningful involvement from the outset.

Prior to the public engagement events, public notices (see **Appendix C**) were published in the Shetland Times (the local newspaper), which appeared in the 13th and 20th March 2025 editions and, in the 4th, 11th and 18th September 2025 editions. The notices provided information on the public engagements and contact details so that readers could contact the Applicant if there were comments relating to the Proposed Development. The notice also provided the URL for the Neshion Energy Park website where further information on the Proposed Development could be found.

8.1 First Public Engagement Event – 27th March 2025

The first public engagement event was held at an early stage in the project to introduce the Proposed Development to the local community and interested stakeholders. The main objectives were to:

- present the initial concept and layout of the Proposed Development;
- outline the anticipated environmental and technical considerations; and

- gather feedback to shape the emerging design.

This early engagement allowed the Applicant to understand local concerns, priorities and opportunities before progressing further with detailed assessments and design work.

Significant effort was made to raise awareness of the March public engagement event. Posters were distributed to all households and businesses within 10km of the Proposed Development, ensuring that neighbouring residents were directly notified (see **Appendix D**). In addition, advertisements were placed in the local newspaper and posters were put up in community spaces including community halls, Brae Health Centre, shops, ferries and ferry terminals. The event was also promoted via the dedicated project website and SAL social media platforms. Invitations were issued directly to elected representatives, community councils, and identified local groups, ensuring a broad and inclusive approach to promotion.

The public engagement event was delivered as an in-person drop-in event at Mossbank Public Hall, which was selected for its proximity to the Proposed Development, as well as for its accessibility. The venue was fully wheelchair accessible and within easy reach of public transport routes. Display boards were arranged to guide attendees through the key aspects of the proposal, with technical drawings and visual aids presented in a clear and accessible format. Members of the project team were available throughout the event to answer questions and record feedback. Interactive elements such as a GIS web map and paper and digital formats of feedback forms were provided. The feedback forms allowed attendees to record their comments at the event or afterwards, encouraging participants to contribute their views directly.

On display were 9 information boards (see **Appendix E**), covering:

- An overview of the Applicant and project team;
- The rationale for the project and early-stage layouts;
- Timeline of the project;
- An overview of the EIA process;
- Zone of Theoretical Visibility (ZTV) mapping;
- Several key photomontages based on the EIA Scoping layout; and
- Information on the anticipated benefits of the project including supply chain opportunities, community benefit options and shared ownership information.

Images of the room set up for the engagement are shown in **Appendix F**.

All engagement materials were made available on the project website on the day of the public engagement event.

The public engagement event was well attended, with approximately 103 individuals visiting the venue throughout the day. Attendees included local residents, representatives from community groups, and elected officials. Feedback was collected through written and digital feedback forms, and notes from verbal discussions. The high level of engagement demonstrated significant local interest in the Proposed Development and provided valuable insights into local expectations and concerns.

Visitors were given the opportunity to complete a feedback form after viewing the information presented at the public engagement event. The key objective of the feedback form was to explore local attitudes towards onshore wind and the Proposed Development. A copy of the feedback form can be found at **Appendix G**.

In total, 120 surveys were completed in-person and online and a total of 118 responses were collected from the survey. The survey was available for 63 days (27th March 2025 – 9th May 2025). The average time taken to complete the survey was 11 minutes.

A summary of responses can be found in the table below.

Table 8-1: First Public Engagement Questionnaire

Question	Response
1. Tick any of the following that describes your interest in the project.	Local Resident (108) Local Business (6) Councillor/Community Councillor (1) Community Group Representative (3) Other (31)
2. Please provide your postcode.	The highest counts were in Mossbank (22), Toft (16), Brae (11), Lerwick (7). Other locations in Shetland recorded between 1 and 5 entries, with 4 individuals identified as visitors from outside the area. Unspecified ZE2 postcodes reached up to 6 entries.
3. From the information that has been provided to date, how supportive are you of Neshion Energy Park?	Very supportive (3) Supportive (7) Neutral (10) Unsupportive (11) Very unsupportive (85)
4. Are there any parts of our proposal that raise concerns for you? If so, please provide details.	The most frequently cited were landscape and visual impacts (37), wildlife (30), development saturation (22), noise (16), and effects on local residents, peat, and the environment (13 each).
5. Do you have any suggestions for how we could address these concerns?	The most frequent suggestions were to stop the development (50), relocate the site (15), avoid further developments (11), and reduce the number of turbines (5). Smaller turbines (3) and underground cabling (2) were also suggested.
6. Are there any aspects of the project you would like to see more detail on for the next engagement event?	The most frequently requested information was on community benefits (9), traffic, transport and access (9), noise assessments (5), and cabling/pylons (3), with pollution also noted (2).
7. Do you have any additional comments or feedback about the project?	The most frequently mentioned points were stopping the development (9), avoiding further developments (7), project justification (5), landscape and visual impacts (3), listening to those directly impacted (3), and seeking tangible benefits or cheaper energy bills (2 each).
8. What are the needs and priorities in the community that could be addressed by a community benefits package for this project?	The most frequently mentioned priorities were cheaper energy bills (27), housing upgrades (6), direct tangible benefits, grant schemes, and community infrastructure (3 each), with additional interest in inter-island connectivity (3), quality of life improvements, local schools, transport, local halls, and tourism (2–3 mentions each).
9. Do you believe we should explore a shared ownership model?	Yes (32) Neutral (7) No (50) Unsure (16)
10. Based on the information provided, do you agree that Neshion Energy Park can help deliver Shetland Islands Council's plans to combat climate change?	Strongly agree (4) Agree (11) Neutral (13) Disagree (13) Strongly disagree (73)
11. Additional comments or feedback	The most frequently mentioned were wildlife impacts (3), manufacturing impacts of renewable

Question	Response
	energy (3), landscape and visual impacts (2), turbine size (2), shared ownership (2), and listening to local input (2), with additional individual comments on energy costs, house prices, community benefits, and direct tangible benefits (1 each).

Feedback from the March public engagement event was mostly unsupportive of the Proposed Development, with some attendees expressing concerns about the level and extent of development in Shetland and others raising issues about the local impacts of the Proposed Development. The most commonly raised topic related to the potential landscape and visual impact, particularly for those living nearby. Several participants questioned whether local communities would receive any direct benefits, such as reduced electricity bills, and there was uncertainty about how the proposed community benefit package would be delivered. Attendees stressed the need for clear, tangible benefits for those most affected by the project.

Supportive comments focused on the project being good for local communities and the value of harnessing renewable energy. Unsupportive comments focused on the size of the proposed turbines, number of cumulative projects in the area, and the potential impact on the landscape and wildlife.

8.2 Second Public Engagement Event – 23rd September 2025

The second public engagement event, held on 23rd September 2025, provided an opportunity to present updated proposals and demonstrate how feedback from the March event had been considered, alongside environmental constraints, in the evolution of the Proposed Development design. Additional key focuses for the second public engagement event were to introduce the proposed Local Electricity Discount Scheme (LEDS) to the public and invite final comments ahead of the application submission.

The September public engagement event was promoted using the same multi-channel approach as the March event, ensuring consistency and broad coverage. Updated advertisements were placed in local newspapers (see **Appendix C**), and posters were displayed in the same locations as during the previous engagement (see **Appendix H**).

Feedback received from the first public engagement event highlighted that the majority of attendees were from the immediate local area. As a result, the decision was made to refine the postal distribution area from 10km to approximately 5km, placing emphasis on the main neighbouring communities most likely to be directly affected by the Proposed Development.

In the month leading up to the second public engagement event, the project website was updated with new information about the event, with a full website redevelopment launched on the day of the engagement. Everyone who had previously engaged in the March public engagement event and provided their contact details were notified by email about the website updates and upcoming event.

The second public engagement event was held at the same venue as the previous event, Mossbank Public Hall, maintaining the accessible and central approach adopted for the first event. As before, the engagement was delivered in a drop-in format with display boards, updated photomontages and printed materials available for review (see **Appendix I**). Project team members were present throughout the event to provide explanations, answer questions and capture feedback. Information was presented in a user-friendly format, ensuring both technical and non-technical audiences could engage fully with proposals. In response to observations made

by the project team, the internal layout of the hall was revised to create a more spacious arrangement. Display boards were distributed more evenly to avoid crowding.

Attendance at the September engagement was lower than in March, with 44 visitors recorded, compared to 103 at the initial event. Many attendees had participated in both events and acknowledged the changes made to the Proposed Development in response to community feedback.

A total of 11 responses to the feedback survey were collected. The survey was left open for 28 days (23rd Sep 2025 – 20th Oct 2025). A copy of the feedback form can be found at **Appendix K**. The average time taken to complete the survey was 18 minutes and 24 seconds.

A summary of comments can be found in the table below.

Table 8-2: Second Public Engagement Questionnaire

Question	Response
1. Tick any of the following that describes your interest in the project.	Local Resident (11) Councillor/Community Councillor (1) Community Group Representative (1)
2. Please provide your postcode.	Mossbank (5), Toft (4), Graven (1) and Brae (1)
3. Based on the information provided so far, how supportive are you of the overall concept for Neshion Energy Park?	Very supportive (0) Supportive (3) Neutral (5) Unsupportive (2) Very unsupportive (1)
4. Please explain your answer.	Many welcomed engagement, decarbonisation and potential community benefits but others raised concerns about noise, visual and ecological impacts, curtailment and further industrialisation of the local area. Where support was expressed, it included calls for greater transparency around community benefit proposals.
5. How do you feel about the updated design for Neshion Energy Park compared to the Scoping Layout?	Much improved (1) Slightly improved (5) About the same (4) Slightly worse (0) Much worse (0) I haven't seen the Scoping Layout (1)
6. Please explain your answer.	Several people welcomed the increased distance from homes (4) and consideration of environmental and wildlife impacts (2), while others remained negative about turbines being too close to homes (1)
7. Are there any aspects of the proposal that you feel are especially positive? If so, please provide details.	LEDS Scheme (4) Company engagement with the public (1) Community opportunities (1) Access being from the Gas Plant road (1) Direct benefits for the immediate community (1)
8. Are there any aspects of the proposal that you feel could be improved? If so, please provide details.	Shared Ownership (1) and a share for Mossbank Hall and School (1). More information on LEDS scheme (3), construction disruption (1), land use after completion (1).
9. In what ways, if any, do you think Neshion Energy Park could benefit your community?	LEDS scheme (3) and investment in the direct area (3) were the most mentioned, followed by shared ownership (2). Other suggested benefits (1 each) included a community fund for Mossbank, local jobs

Question	Response
	and labour, gifted turbine option, insulation, sponsorship, housing and traffic provisions, road improvements, apprenticeships, support for community groups, voluntary help, energy-efficiency initiatives, and walking/cycling routes.
10. Which aspects of community benefit associated with Neshion Energy Park do you feel would benefit you and your area most? Please select all that apply.	Local Electricity Discount Scheme (8) Supporting Scotland's net zero targets (1) Investment in the wider Shetland area (1) Job creation and skills training opportunities (5) Environmental restoration and biodiversity projects (4) Utilisation of an industrial site (1) Other (3)
To what extent do you feel your communities' priorities and values are being reflected in the project's development?	Fully (1) Mostly (0) Somewhat (6) Not Much (3) Not at all (1)

Feedback was generally positive with many participants welcoming the changes made to the Proposed Development layout. In particular, the removal of two turbines and the increased separation distances from residential areas was welcomed. The intention that the event demonstrate meaningful changes had been made to the project design as a direct result of public consultation appears successful, as evidenced by the results of question 5 in the feedback questionnaire. Comments made directly to the project team at the event included that the community felt their input had been valued.

Supportive comments focused on the project being good for the local communities and the value of harnessing renewable energy. Negative comments focused on the size of the proposed turbines, number of cumulative projects in the area and the potential impact on the landscape.

9. Additional Engagement

9.1 Communication with Toft Residents

Following the first public engagement event, it became evident that residents in Toft, those in closest proximity to the Proposed Development, would benefit from the opportunity to take part in ongoing engagement outside the formal public engagement events.

In recognition of this, a letter was delivered to Toft households introducing the appointed Community Liaison Officer and offering the opportunity for one-to-one meetings. These meetings provided an opportunity for the residents of Toft to discuss the Proposed Development in detail and to allow residents to raise any specific concerns in a more personal setting.

One formal visit was arranged, during which two SAL representatives attended a Toft residence to provide detailed information on the Proposed Development and respond to questions. A number of informal visits were also undertaken while delivering project updates and correspondence, offering further opportunities for residents to engage and discuss any matters of interest.

In addition to in-person engagement, the dedicated project email inbox was monitored closely to ensure all emails from Toft residents were responded to promptly. This ensured that any queries, requests for information and concerns were addressed efficiently, providing another accessible channel for ongoing communication.

9.2 SSEN Transmission Engagement – 9th September 2025

SAL (as lead developer for the Proposed Development) were invited to attend a 'Meet the Developer' event, organised by Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks Transmission (SSEN-T) which was held on 9th September 2025.

The event was designed to share information about future energy projects in Shetland, as part of SSEN-T's engagement activities relating to upgrades to the local electricity transmission system. SSEN-T reported that past engagement exercises – in Shetland and elsewhere in Scotland – had resulted in feedback indicating that community stakeholders struggled to understand the purpose of network upgrades, due to not having a full picture of other energy developments in their area. With this in mind, SSEN-T sought to bring together many organisations involved in future energy projects in Shetland for dialogue and information sharing.

The event aimed to:

- Give stakeholders a fuller understanding of proposed energy developments in Shetland to demonstrate the need for transmission network upgrades
- Allow attendees to ask questions of developers to learn more about different energy projects and how they interact
- Demonstrate that developers and public agencies are actively collaborating and seeking to maximise benefits and minimise impacts, under the auspices of the Sullom Voe Development Framework (more information can be found at www.sullomvoedevelopmentframework.co.uk)

The event was promoted by SSEN-T via local media.

The event was held at Mareel, an arts venue in central Lerwick. The event ran from 1500 to 1900 and was fully accessible to the public.

All developers exhibited information about their individual projects. SSEN-T presented graphical representations of future network plans, indicating how these would connect to planned energy projects on a map of Shetland. Information boards about the types of electricity pylons and substations that may be used were also displayed.

The Applicant had a stand with a banner providing an overview of the current status of the Proposed Development. Laminated copies of the layout evolution were available to demonstrate to stakeholders how the project had evolved since Scoping, in response to feedback and environmental surveys. Leaflets with project information were also available for stakeholders to take away with them.

Developers and projects represented:

- SSEN Transmission
- SSEN Distribution
- Veri Energy (Enquest)
- Statkraft (Hydrogen)
- Stoura Offshore Windfarm
- Neshion Energy Park

SSEN-T reported that 65 people attended the event. A wide range of interests were represented, including:

- Members of the Shetland community
- Public agencies – notably Shetland Islands Council and Highlands and Islands Enterprise
- Shetland Islands Council Elected Members
- Shetland Fisherman's Association and local fishing fleet
- Environmental bodies – notably the RSPB

- Shetland Community Benefit Fund
- Local renewable energy and supply chain companies
- Local media

There was a steady flow of attendees from when the doors opened until 1900. There was a surge of people around 1630, which led to a healthy buzz around the room for around 1.5 hours.

At the Neshion Energy Park stand, discussion with stakeholders covered:

- The evolution of the energy park layout, with the removal of two turbines being seen as an interesting (and often welcome) change.
- The proposed Local Electricity Discount Scheme, which was seen as a very positive use of community benefit funds by almost all attendees.
- The Sullom Voe Development Framework and the scale of opportunity for new energy development in Shetland.
- Environmental management and ideas for biodiversity enhancement, including off-site measures through crofting schemes.

Overall feedback from the event included:

- Positive feedback on the possibilities for job growth in Shetland with the planned energy projects and network upgrades.
- Positive feedback, particularly from public agencies and environmental bodies, on how useful it was to have a large group of developers in the room to discuss key issues such as biodiversity, habitat management, cultural heritage and the local supply chain.
- Challenges from some stakeholders on the community impact of new energy development and network upgrades – particularly pylons – and the degree of benefit that the projects will bring to local people.
- Similarly, some stakeholders felt that the environmental impacts of the proposed projects were concerning, although they acknowledged that there is value in developers collaborating to attempt to minimise these impacts.

9.3 Delting Community Council

SAL attended the Delting Community Council meeting on 25th September 2025 to present the proposals and answer any questions about the proposal. Minutes of the Community Council meeting can be found in **Appendix L**.

SAL updated the Community Council on the Proposed Development noting that two turbines had been removed in response to community feedback and environmental constraint analysis. An update was also provided on the second public engagement event, which had been well attended, and it was reported that the LEDS proposal had been positively received by the community.

SAL reported that survey work was ongoing and confirmed they were aiming to submit a planning application early the following year. They also noted that discussions with Veri Energy about potential links to the planned e-fuels project at Sullom Voe Oil Terminal were continuing and they were jointly looking at how their projects can support one another.

A key topic was the LEDS scheme. SAL explained that the scheme would offer annual discounts to eligible households and businesses, with support available for anyone requiring assistance to apply. Wider community benefits were also discussed including shared ownership and opportunities to work with existing local organisations, such as the Delting Educational Trust.

SAL agreed to keep the Community Council updated on the Proposed Development and to continue dialogue regarding potential for shared ownership.

9.4 SIC Community Involvement & Development

On 12th November 2025, SAL met with SIC's community Involvement and Development Officer for North Mainland and Out Skerries in Shetland to discuss the outcomes and recommendations from the second community engagement event. Discussions highlighted the strong interest in establishing a Mossbank Development Group, with several community members expressing a desire to take this forward. The Officer is arranging a meeting in early 2026 where the Development Trust Association Scotland will provide guidance and training on how to 'Grow Your Own Development Group' and answer any questions. SAL confirmed that they will keep in close contact with the Officer regarding the development of the group.

10. Key Consultation Outcomes

Feedback from the community, and particularly from Toft residents, underscored significant concerns regarding both the number of turbines and their proximity to homes. The online survey responses specifically raised issues about landscape and visual impacts, noise, and potential health effects stemming from turbines being sited close to residential areas. A number of respondents advocated for either increasing the separation between turbines and homes or for reducing the overall number of turbines. In direct response to these concerns, the Proposed Development layout was revised, resulting in the removal of two turbines and a repositioning of the nearest turbines so they are set further within the turbine array and an increased distance from residences. Additionally, the substation and BESS compound were sited to the west of the Site, thereby maximising their separation from residential properties, in line with the community's feedback regarding proximity of infrastructure.

Feedback from the first round of engagement showed that the local community favoured direct benefits such as cheaper electricity bills for residents living close by the Proposed Development. In response, the LEDS scheme was introduced during the second round of public engagement and was well received. The LEDS would provide financial support by making payments directly to electricity suppliers on behalf of eligible households and businesses located near the Proposed Development area. The proposed LEDS zone includes 15 postcodes across Toft, Brough, Mossbank, Firth and Graven. Local residents have expressed positive feelings towards the selection of LEDS as the preferred community benefit option.

11. Ongoing Community Engagement

SAL, on behalf of the Applicant, is committed to maintaining ongoing engagement with local communities and residents throughout the planning process and across all subsequent stages of the Proposed Development.

The project website (www.neshionenergypark.co.uk) will be kept up to date to provide current project information including milestones, timelines and details in relation to the submission of the Section 36 application and associated documentation.

Bi-annual Neshion Energy Park newsletters will be produced and made available via the project website, with copies also distributed to those who provided email contact details during the public engagement process.

The dedicated project email inbox will continue to be monitored with all queries responded to in a timely manner.

On-going dialogue with Toft residents will continue throughout the application process and beyond. The Applicant recognises the importance of maintaining open and constructive

communication with the local community and remains committed to listening to feedback, addressing concerns where possible and providing updates as the project progresses. Engagement with Toft residents will remain an active element of the Applicant's approach.

12. Meeting Best Practice Guidance (PAN 3/2010)

The Scottish Government's Planning Advice Note (PAN) 3/2010: Community Engagement states that: *"Effective engagement with the public can lead to better plans, better decisions and more satisfactory outcomes and can help to avoid delays in the planning process. It also improves confidence in the fairness of the planning system"*.

There are ten standards towards achieving effective community engagement in the guidance. The below summary describes how these standards have been met in the preapplication consultation.

Table 12-1: PAN 3/2010 Best Practice Guidance

PAN 3/2010 Standard	Activities Undertaken
Involvement: Identify and involve the people and organisations who have an interest in the focus of the engagement	The host and neighbouring community councils and local politicians for the Proposed Development were identified and contacted with information on the Proposed Development; Offered attendance to host and neighbouring Community Council meetings; Dedicated website with contact details; and Public engagement events were undertaken in Mossbank (27 March 2025 and 23 September 2025).
Support: Identify and overcome any barriers to involvement	Able to communicate with the project team via email, letter, telephone, or in person; Public Exhibitions in accessible locations; The exhibitions were advertised in local newspaper on 13th and 20th March 2025 editions and, in the 4th, 11th and 18th September 2025 editions and posters in various public places throughout the North Mainland; and The advertisements advised of exhibition locations, dates and times and also gave the opportunity to engage via email and the website details.
Planning: Gather evidence of need and resources to agree purpose, scope and actions	The scope of the consultation was set out in the Scoping Report; and Contact with community councils and other stakeholders outlining approach.
Methods: Agree and use methods of engagement that are fit for purpose	Methods of engagement outlined in Scoping, issued to Community Councils; A public exhibition to allow the residents and interested groups to meet and interact with the project team, allowing discussion and feedback; and Information presented on Neshion Energy Park website, accessible to interested parties.
Working Together: Agree and use clear procedures that enable participants to work together effectively and efficiently	PAC process enabled the Applicant to listen and take on board comments from interested parties and use responses to influence design; Encouraged use of feedback forms and contact details provided at public exhibitions to receive input; and Project contact information provided on all public documentation, including a dedicated website and email.
Sharing Information: Ensure necessary information is	Interaction at public exhibition and follow up with any questions and provided further information;

PAN 3/2010 Standard	Activities Undertaken
communicated between the participants	Information boards made available online after the exhibition; and Follow up with queries after Community Council presentations.
Working with Others: Work effectively with others with an interest	Interaction and comment from residents and community councils - followed up recommendations such as contacting local development officers.
Improvement: Develop the skills, knowledge and confidence of the participants	Discussions took place with attendees at the public exhibition about how individuals could get involved with the planning process; Experienced team – development manager, project managers, EIA team members and planning consultants attended the public exhibition event to provide information requested by visitors to the exhibition; and Development and project manager presentation at Community Council meeting.
Feedback: Feedback results to the wider community and agencies affected	A summary of exhibitions provided to stakeholders such as community councils and local politicians via letter update; Dialogue and meetings with individuals with specific queries, posed before or during the engagement process, with responses to queries; and Changes to the proposals following engagement uploaded to the website and follow up with Community Councils, interested residents and local politicians to explain changes.
Monitoring and Evaluation: Monitor and evaluate whether engagement achieves its purpose and meets the national standards for community engagement	Compliance with legislation and follow best practice as set out in PAC Report; and As demonstrated in this PAC report, the pre-application consultation process undertaken for the Proposed Development has been evaluated against the national standards for community engagement.

13. Summary

The pre-application consultation carried out for the Proposed Development was open, transparent and in line with the Scottish Government's guidelines under PAN 3/2010¹.

The design of the Proposed Development has progressed throughout the project, particularly as a result of the PAC process. Notably, this process led to a reduction in the number of turbines. Engagement with the local community proved to be a positive and productive exercise, enabling the Applicant to gain valuable insight into local concerns and respond to them effectively.

SAL, on behalf of the Applicant, would like to put on record their thanks to the community councils, community groups and residents for their input and time in the planning process to date.

Appendix A - Letter to Stakeholders March 2025

COPY OF LETTER TO LOCAL/NEIGHBOURING COMMUNITY COUNCILS AND ELECTED OFFICIALS IN MARCH 2025



14th March 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

Notification of the Proposed Development and Commencement of Pre-Application Consultation

We would like to make you aware of the first of two public engagement events regarding the proposed Neshion Energy Park (NEP). NEP is located to the east of Sullom Voe Oil Terminal and the Shetland Gas Plant in the North Mainland of Shetland. The proposed development consists of up to 10 wind turbines, each with a maximum tip height of 200m, alongside a 25-megawatt (MW) Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) and access tracks and areas for other energy related infrastructure. The energy park is expected to have a total generating capacity exceeding 50MW.

Section 36 Application

The application is being submitted to the Electricity Consents Unit (ECU) under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989. This section applies when constructing, extending, or operating an onshore electricity generation station with a capacity over 50 MW. Additionally, deemed planning permission will be sought under Section 57(2) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (TCP(S)A).

While there are no statutory pre-application consultation requirements for Section 36 applications, the ECU's 'Good Practice Guidance for Applications under Section 36 and 37 of the Electricity Act 1989' outlines the expectation of at least two public consultation events. The second event should be held no less than 14 days after the first and should include feedback from earlier comments. Notices of these events will be provided at least 7 days in advance through the project website and local newspapers.

A Pre-Application Consultation Report (PAC Report) will accompany the Section 36 application to the ECU. This report will detail the consultation process, including parties consulted, materials distributed, attendance records, feedback received, and how the applicant addressed public comments.

Anticipated Submission:

The Section 36 application is anticipated to be submitted by November 2025.

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Consultation Actions:

We are committed to engaging with local communities and stakeholders to develop a proposal that aligns with local viewpoints, support efforts to help tackle the climate emergency and contribute positively to the local economy. The first public engagement will be held on Thursday 27th of March at Mossbank Public Hall between 2pm and 7pm. Please find the invitation poster attached.

A notice advertising the first public engagement was published in the Shetland Times on 14 March 2025 and will be repeated on 21 March 2025. A story about the development also appeared in the Shetland Times on 14 March 2025.

The project website provides details on how to contact the project team. A second round of engagement will follow, with appropriate notifications made. We anticipate that this will be in August 2025.

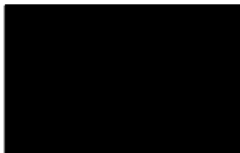
A list of notified parties at this stage is appended to this letter, below.

Contact Information

For any further inquiries or additional information, please contact the development team at info@neshionenergypark.co.uk or visit our project website at www.neshionenergypark.co.uk.

We trust this approach is satisfactory, and consider it best reflects and fulfils the guidance set by the Electricity Act. We will continue to provide updates on consultation events as the project progresses.

Yours sincerely,



Brendan Hall
Development Manager
Shetland Aerogenerators Ltd.

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Appendix

Notified parties:

Local residents and businesses

- Invites to the public engagement event have been mailed to all households and businesses within 10km of the proposed site boundary
- Invitation posters have been printed and will be displayed in local shops, post offices and relevant travel hubs

Community Councils

- Delting Community Council
- Northmavine Community Council
- Nesting and Lunnasting Community Council
- Yell Community Council

Shetland Islands Council Officers

- Community Involvement and Development Officers (North Mainland and North Isles)
- Development Management

Shetland Islands Councillors

Shetland Islands MSPs (constituency and list)

Shetland and Orkney MP

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Appendix B – Letter to Stakeholders September 2025

COPY OF LETTER TO LOCAL/NEIGHBOURING COMMUNITY COUNCILS AND ELECTED OFFICIALS IN SEPTEMBER 2025



1st September 2025

Dear Whom it may concern,

Neshion Energy Park: Second Public Engagement

We are writing to make you aware of the second round of public engagement for the proposed Neshion Energy Park (NEP). NEP is located to the east of Sullom Voe Oil Terminal and the Shetland Gas Plant in the North Mainland of Shetland. The event will be held on **Tuesday 23rd of September at Mossbank Public Hall, Shetland, ZE2 9RB, between 3:30pm and 7:30pm**. Please find the invitation poster attached.

Design Evolution

Since our previous event, we have refined the design of the Proposed Development, based on local feedback and the findings of environmental surveys. Notably, this includes the **removal of 2 turbines** from the original design, moving the project further away from the nearest properties in Toft. The revised development now consists of 8 wind turbines, each with a maximum tip height of 200m, along with concrete pads, substations, access tracks and a 25-megawatt (MW) Battery Energy Storage System (BESS). The energy park is expected to have a total generating capacity exceeding 50MW.

Community Engagement

As part of our continued commitment to meaningful engagement, we directly contacted Toft residents who live closest to the proposed development. We offered in-person discussions in their homes to ensure their views are heard and considered in the evolving design. This approach has been well received, and the feedback gathered has played a valuable role in shaping the revised proposals.

Community Benefit

The feedback and survey analysis gathered during the first phase of public engagement indicated that the primary concern for residents in the local area is the high cost of energy bills. In response, NEP will provide a Local Electricity Discount Scheme (LEDS). LEDS schemes are designed to help directly address energy affordability by providing financial support that will be paid directly to electricity suppliers on behalf of eligible households and businesses near the proposed development area. NEP has identified a LEDS Zone which includes Toft, Brough, Mossbank, Firth & Graven postcodes.

We continue to explore and consider additional opportunities to support the local area and the wider community. This includes options for community and shared ownership of the development as well as other initiatives aimed at delivering lasting benefits.

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Appendix C – Shetland Times Adverts

COPY OF ADVERT IN LOCAL NEWSPAPER IN MARCH 2025

Neshion Energy Park Public Engagement Event

Neshion Ltd will be holding a public engagement event regarding the proposed Neshion Energy Park development:

**on Thursday 27th March between 2–7pm
at Mossbank Public Hall, Mossbank,
Shetland, ZE2 9RB**

The Neshion Energy Park site is situated to the east of the Sullom Voe Oil Terminal and the Shetland Gas Plant in the North Mainland of Shetland, Scotland and covers approximately 630 hectares.

The proposed development consists of up to 10 wind turbines with a maximum blade tip height of 200m, a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), access tracks and areas for other energy related infrastructure.

For enquiries or additional information, please contact the project team at info@neshionenergypark.co.uk or visit the project website at www.neshionenergypark.co.uk

Written enquiries can be addressed to Neshion Ltd, 10 Charlotte Street, Lerwick, Shetland, ZE1 0JL.

COPY OF ADVERT IN LOCAL NEWSPAPER IN SEPTEMBER 2025

September 4, 2025 | The Shetland Times

TRADES

BUILDING MAINTENANCE
Roofs, insurance claims, gutters, Road pressure, closed/painted, lathe, 10-15 years, time-served tradesmen.
SMITH BUILDING CONTRACTORS
Tel: 01595 694561

T J HURSON GARAGE SERVICES
Vehicle brake disc skimming service now available, also alloy/steel wheel repair, work, cars, commercial and agricultural vehicles. Competitive rates. Tel: 01866 544214

PUBLIC NOTICES

FIRST REGISTRATION OF A CROFT
Mr Ivar Johnson has registered the croft Southtown, Southtown on the Crofting Register held by the registers of Scotland. Any person who wishes to challenge the registration may apply to the Scottish Land Court by 17th May 2026. Details of the registration may be found at www.shra.gov.uk/register. The croft registration number is C10911.

PROPOSED ASSIGNATION OF A CROFT
James John Wilcock is trying to assign the tenancy of the croft at Stucca (unincorporated), North of 22200 to Oudine Donald of Greenbrae, Shetland ZE2. Written comments must be made with a statement (which may be public) to: Crofting Commission, Great Glen, Lerwick, Shetland, ZE1 0JL. Tel: 01595 460000 or via email: crofting@shetland.gov.uk

PUBLIC NOTICES

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The proposed development consists of 8 wind turbines, each with a maximum blade tip height of 200m, along with concrete pads, substations, access tracks and a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS).

The exhibition material will also be available to view from 23 September 2025 on the dedicated project website: www.neshionenergypark.co.uk

Further information relating to the proposed development may be obtained by contacting the project team at info@neshionenergypark.co.uk

Persons wishing to make comments on the proposals may do so at the event, via the website, by email, or in writing to: Neshion Ltd, 10 Charlotte Street, Lerwick, Shetland, ZE1 0JL.

Shetland Islands Council
Town and County Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2013

Applications listed below, together with plans and other documents submitted with them, may be examined online on the Council's website at www.shetland.gov.uk, and may also be inspected at the office of the Planning Service, 8 North Ness Business Park, Lerwick, Shetland, ZE1 0LZ between the hours of 09.00 to 17.00 Mondays to

SHETLAND ISLANDS COUNCIL

The Council has made the SHETLAND ISLANDS COUNCIL (Unclassified C215 Laxforth to Vatter Road) (Temporary Road Closure) Temporary Traffic Regulation Order T42/2025 under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended, to allow works to allow the laying of an underground cable for Scottish and Southern Energy. From 7am on Monday 8 September until 7pm on Friday 12 September 2025, no person shall drive or cause or permit to be driven any motor vehicle or pedal cycle to remain at rest on that section of the Laxforth to Vatter Road, commencing from its junction with the A970 and proceeding in a south westerly direction for a distance of 30 metres or thereby. An alternative route exists via the A970, the Upper Strand Road and the C215 Laxforth to Vatter Road.

SHETLAND ISLANDS COUNCIL

The Council has made the SHETLAND ISLANDS COUNCIL (Unclassified C302 Upper Strand Road) (Temporary Road Closure) Temporary Traffic Regulation Order T43/2025 under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended, to allow works to allow the laying of an underground cable for Scottish and Southern Energy. From 7am on Monday 15 September until 7pm on Friday 19 September 2025, no person shall drive or cause or permit to be driven any motor vehicle or pedal cycle to remain at rest that section of the Upper Strand Road, commencing from the entrance the parking area and proceeding

Appendix D – Poster March 2025

COPY OF POSTER MAILED TO RESIDENTS & DISPLAYED IN COMMUNITY SPACES



The poster features a dark background with a landscape image of wind turbines on a hill. The Neshion Energy Park logo is in the top right corner. The main title 'NESHION ENERGY PARK' is in large white letters, with 'Public Engagement Event' in orange below it. Event details (Date, Time, Location) are listed in orange. Two images show wind turbines on a hill and a road. Text sections include 'IN SHETLAND', 'BY SHETLAND', 'FOR SHETLAND', 'THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT', and 'CONTACT'.

NESHION ENERGY PARK
Public Engagement Event

Date: Thursday 27th March 2025
Time: 2pm to 7pm
Location: Mossbank Public Hall, Mossbank, Shetland, ZE2 9RB

IN SHETLAND
Neshion Energy Park is a proposed development situated to the east of the Sullom Voe Oil Terminal and the Shetland Gas Plant in the North Mainland of Shetland, Scotland.

BY SHETLAND
Neshion Ltd is a local joint venture established to develop a clean energy project led by local company Shetland Aerogenerators Ltd.

FOR SHETLAND
As a locally based venture, we are deeply committed to Shetland and its people. Our goal is to maximise the many benefits of this project while making a serious contribution to Shetland's energy future and the country's energy transition.

THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT
Neshion Energy Park development will include up to 10 wind turbines, each with a maximum tip height of 200m, alongside a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), access tracks and areas for other energy related infrastructure. The energy park is expected to have a total generating capacity exceeding 50 megawatts (MW), with a 25MW BESS.

The project is exploring community and shared ownership options, community benefit mechanisms, and local supply chain opportunities.

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IN BY FOR SHETLAND

Appendix E – Exhibition Boards March 2025

COPY OF EXHIBITION BOARDS DISPLAYED IN MOSSBANK HALL



WELCOME

Welcome to the public engagement event for the proposed Neshion Energy Park development located east of the Sullom Voe Oil Terminal and the Shetland Gas Plant in the North Mainland of Shetland, Scotland.

Neshion Ltd. invites the local community and stakeholders to participate in shaping the proposed development. There will be two public engagement sessions aimed at providing an overview of the project and gathering valuable feedback on our proposals.

We encourage your input to ensure the development meets the needs and priorities of the community.

Please take as much time as you need to review the information.

IN BY FOR SHETLAND

IN SHETLAND

Neshion Energy Park is a Proposed Development situated to the east of the Sullom Voe Oil Terminal and the Shetland Gas Plant in the North Mainland of Shetland, Scotland. Covering approximately 630 hectares, the site is strategically positioned within an area that will play a central role in Shetland's transition from fossil fuels to clean energy technologies, as our community works towards Net Zero targets. By focusing energy developments in and around this existing industrial hub, the project aims to minimise the impact of the transition on other parts of the Isles, making it a strategic and desirable choice for Shetland's future.

BY SHETLAND

Neshion Ltd. is a local joint venture established to develop Neshion Energy Park. The development is being led by local company Shetland Aerogenerators Ltd. (SAL), founded in 1992 and based in Lerwick. SAL has over 25 years of experience in the energy industry. The company owns and operates Burradale Windfarm and Tuglie's Knowe Windfarm, demonstrating its expertise in renewable energy projects.

FOR SHETLAND

As a local venture, we are deeply committed to Shetland and its people. Our goal is that this project will be of maximum possible value to the community, while also making a serious contribution to Shetland's energy future and the country's energy transition. We want to ensure that the positive outcomes from the project, align with local needs and aspirations by creating the package of benefits with input from the community. Delivering on these aspirations and those of the Scottish government and Shetland Islands Council can help us become a standard bearer for projects across Scotland.

MEET THE TEAM

Key members of the team are on hand to discuss the proposed energy park and answer any questions you may have.

 Ewan Mill, Company Director Shetland Aerogenerators Ltd.	 Anna Burrows, Project Manager Shetland Aerogenerators Ltd.	 Sarah Burrows, Project Manager Shetland Aerogenerators Ltd.	 James Mill, Project Manager Shetland Aerogenerators Ltd.
 Anna Burrows, Project Manager Shetland Aerogenerators Ltd.	 Sarah Burrows, Project Manager Shetland Aerogenerators Ltd.	 Ewan Mill, Project Manager Shetland Aerogenerators Ltd.	 James Mill, Project Manager Shetland Aerogenerators Ltd.



ABOUT THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT



The Site

The Neshion Energy Park site is situated within an established industrial landscape adjacent to one of Europe's largest oil terminals. The site boasts exceptional wind resources, making it an ideal location for a renewable energy park dedicated to generating clean, sustainable energy.

Proposal

Neshion Energy Park will consist of up to 10 wind turbines with a maximum blade tip height of 200m, a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), access tracks and zones for other energy-related infrastructure. The total generating capacity of the energy park will be over 50 megawatts (MW).

Energy Consents Unit (ECU)

As the Proposed Development will have an installed capacity of greater than 50MW, an application for consent will be made to the Scottish Ministers under section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989. Deemed planning permission will also be sought under section 57 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997. As the local Planning authority, Shetland Islands Council (SIC), will act as a statutory consultee in this process.

Grid connection

A grid connection application process is underway, and it is anticipated that there will be a connection locally, subject to network upgrades by the grid operator.

Development Framework

Neshion Ltd. have been working with partners to create a Development Framework for the Sullom Voe Area.

What is a development framework?

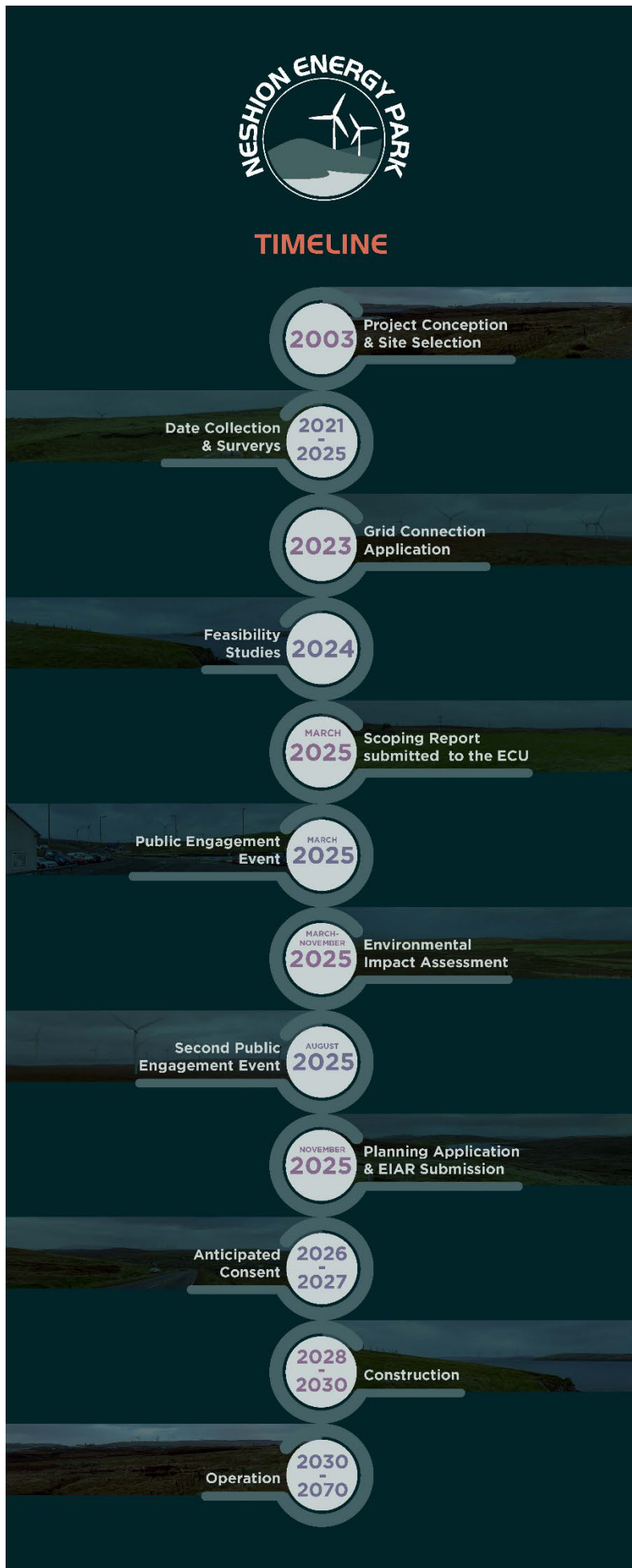
A Development Framework is Planning guidance that sits alongside the Local Development Plan and can help the Local Authority make Planning decisions for an area. The process for creating a Development Framework brings together the local authority, public bodies, developers and communities to jointly agree priorities for a spatial plan and find alignment around key outcomes such as community benefit, and use, and infrastructure investment.

What does it mean for Shetland?

A Development Framework has the potential to give status to the Sullom Voe area as an energy hub to maximise local benefits and increase certainty around planned projects. A spatial plan for this area can help make best use of the available space while identifying opportunities for projects to share, or more efficiently use, land for projects.

The Sullom Voe Development Framework could be presented to Shetland Islands Council in early 2026.

A best practice case study of this type of spatial planning mechanism is the **Hagshaw Energy Cluster Development Framework**.





ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Neshion Ltd. have a team of expert environmental and technical specialists helping to develop the proposals. The Environmental Impact Assessment is being led by Ramboll UK with input from Alba Ecology, AOC Archaeology, Aviatice, TNEI and SYSTRA.

What is an EIA?

Ramboll will prepare a detailed Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for Neshion Energy Park. EIA is a process used to evaluate the potential environmental effects of a proposed development. The outcomes of the EIA will be documented in an EIA Report which will form part of the formal application for consent. The application will be submitted to Scottish Ministers.

The EIA process includes:

- Consultation with the local authority, local community councils, statutory and non-statutory organisations, and the public to identify specific concerns and issues.
- Determining the existing environmental conditions at and around the Site by reviewing available data and conducting specialist field surveys.
- Refining the design to avoid or mitigate potentially significant environmental effects, where possible.
- Subject matter experts assessing the potential impacts of the Proposed Development on the surrounding environment.
- Developing mitigation solutions to reduce potentially significant effects.

A request for an EIA Scoping Opinion from Scottish Ministers was submitted in March 2025. This seeks a view from Scottish Ministers, with input from relevant authorities, on the environmental issues that should be considered in the EIA.

Detailed studies for the following disciplines are proposed to be undertaken within the EIA:

- Seascape, Landscape and Visual Amenity
- Cultural Heritage
- Ecology
- Ornithology
- Hydrology, Hydrogeology and Soils
- Noise
- Traffic, Transport and Access
- Aviation
- Telecommunications
- Shadow Flicker

Additional reports are also proposed to be prepared for socio-economics and climate change to ensure that sufficient environmental information is included in the EIA Report.





ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Seascape, Landscape and Visual Amenity

The EIA will include a Seascape, Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (SLVIA) which will establish the potential effects of the Proposed Development on the surrounding seascape, landscape and visual amenity.

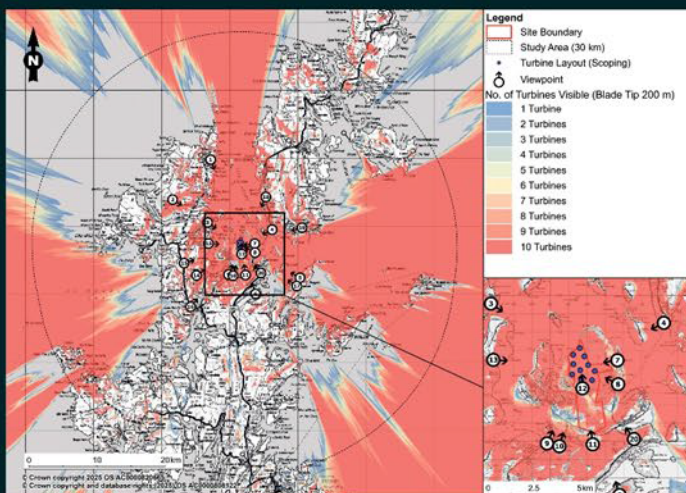
Desk-based studies and specialist field surveys will be carried out to establish the current seascape, landscape and visual context of the Site and to identify key sensitive receptors.

The SLVIA will consider potential impacts and likely significant effects in relation to:

- Landscape fabric
- Seascape and landscape character
- Visual amenity
- The special qualities and integrity of designated and classified landscapes

The SLVIA will also consider the cumulative effects arising from the Proposed Development in conjunction with other existing and consented / in planning wind farm developments.

A Zone of Theoretical Visibility (ZTV), a computer-generated model that identifies the likely extent of the visibility of the Proposed Development, has been prepared based on a preliminary layout, to inform the SLVIA.



Disclaimer: The ZTV represents a worst-case scenario as it does not take into account the screening effect of vegetation, buildings and other surface features.

Cultural Heritage

The EIA will assess the effects of the Proposed Development on the historic environment, including archaeology and cultural heritage.

Desk-based assessment and specialist field surveys will be carried out to establish the cultural heritage baseline within the Site and the wider landscape.

The cultural heritage assessment will consider the potential impacts and likely significant effects in relation to:

- Known and undiscovered heritage assets within the Site which could be impacted directly or indirectly.
- Identified heritage assets within the surrounding area which could experience impacts upon their setting, including the potential for cumulative impacts.

A ZTV will be used to help identify heritage assets intervisible with the Proposed Development and / or where the Proposed Development would appear in key views to and from heritage assets. Alongside the ZTV, wireframes and / or photomontages will be produced to support the cultural heritage assessment.



PHOTOMONTAGES

The SLVIA will be supported by photomontages and wirelines which provide a visual representation of the Proposed Development from various viewpoints. A selection of photomontages from various viewpoints is provided below for the scoping stage layout.



Viewpoint 9: Houb of Scatsra Photomontage of proposed turbines from Houb of Scatsra
Lat: 60.437772 Long: -12.83317 W3W: logbookwasps batn 3941m from the Proposed Development



Viewpoint 12: Hill of Crooksetter, Chambered Cairn Photomontage of proposed turbines from Hill of Crooksetter, Chambered Cairn
Lat: 60.464698 Long: -12.424388 W3W: rainbowexchanges.craz est 448m from the Proposed Development



Viewpoint 15: Layby at Burreland Photomontage of proposed turbines from Layby at Burreland
Lat: 60.453560 Long: -1.3965190 W3W: caoin.cc lighted.landlords 816m from the Proposed Development

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PHOTOMONTAGES

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Viewpoint 20: South of Firths Voe Photomontage of proposed turbines from South of Firths Voe.
Lat: 60.439429 Long: -1.1916235 W3W: a readywristlingemporium 3965m from the Proposed Development



Viewpoint 8: Toft Ferry Photomontage of proposed turbines from South of Toft Ferry
Lat: 60.466519 Long: -1.2067714 W3W: a showermuleletiner 1446m from the Proposed Development



Viewpoint 7: Brough Photomontage of proposed turbines from Brough
Lat: 60.478311 Long: -1.2071386 W3W: establisheddownwardfigure 1379m from the Proposed Development

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Biodiversity (Ecology and Ornithology)

The EIA will assess the effects of the Proposed Development on biodiversity, including ecological and ornithological features.

Desk-based assessment and specialist field surveys will be carried out to inform the biodiversity baseline conditions within the Site and surrounding area.

Field surveys conducted to date include:

- Phase 1 Habitat Survey.
- National Vegetation Classification Survey.
- Ground Water Terrestrial Ecosystems Survey.
- Peatland Condition Assessment Survey.
- Terrestrial Mammal Survey.
- Moorland / Upland Breeding Bird Survey.
- Breeding Raptor Survey.
- Targeted Waterbody Survey.
- Viewpoint Watch Survey.

The biodiversity assessment will consider the potential impacts and likely significant effects in relation to:

- Habitat loss, fragmentation or alteration.
- Mortality and disturbance of protected species.
- Collision risk with turbine blades for birds.
- Displacement of bird species that use the underlying habitat.

Suitable mitigation and / or restoration measures will be presented in a series of management plans including an Outline Biodiversity Enhancement and Habitat Management Plan.

Biodiversity Enhancement

Delivering habitat and biodiversity enhancement will be an integral part of the Proposed Development. The biodiversity enhancement opportunities likely include opportunities for peatland restoration; grazing management; riparian planting; and pool, pond and lochan creation.

Hydrology, Hydrogeology and Soils

The EIA will assess the effects of the Proposed Development on hydrology, hydrogeology and peatland resources.

Desk-based assessment and specialist field surveys will be carried out to inform the hydrology, hydrogeology and soils baseline conditions within the Site and surrounding area.

The hydrology, hydrogeology and soils assessment will consider the potential impacts and likely significant effects in relation to:

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- Noise from the operation of the Proposed Development.
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BEYOND AN ENERGY PARK

As a local venture, Neshion Ltd. are deeply committed to Shetland and its people. An ambition of the project is to maximise value to the community, while also making a serious contribution to Shetland's energy future and the country's energy transition.

While a precise benefit package is not guaranteed at this stage in the project, Neshion Ltd. are asking for input on local needs and aspirations in order to create a bespoke package of benefits. Input can be submitted via a survey.

Fair Share Principles

The Shetland Islands Council (SIC) has proposed a set of principles around development in Shetland to enhance the benefits to the region. The Energy Transition Taskforce identified 5 key elements for a fair share for Shetland:

- Community Benefits
- Ownership
- Indirect benefits and market gains
- Compensation payments
- Fiscal & regulatory changes

For more information, see the *A Fair Share for Shetland* report that was produced for the SIC.

Community Benefit

"Community benefits are a renewable industry led voluntary initiative to support communities and offer an opportunity for communities to work with renewable energy businesses for the long-term benefit of the community"

– *Scottish Government Good Practice Principles for Community Benefits from Onshore Renewable Energy Developments*

There are a number of mechanisms for delivering community benefits. These do not have to be considered in isolation as combinations of mechanisms can create a meaningful benefits package based on community needs.



Community and Shared Ownership

Community and shared ownership options are increasingly being requested by communities near proposed energy generation projects across the UK.

Shared ownership is when "a community group or local authority makes an investment in a commercially owned renewable energy project".

– *Energy Transition Taskforce report*

A case study of a Shared Ownership project is the *Crossdykes wind farm with Muirhall Energy*.

Supply Chain Opportunities

Neshion Ltd. aims to maximise the involvement of the Shetland supply chain and contractors throughout the project lifetime as well as increasing the skills capacity in Shetland for clean energy projects.



Appendix F – Exhibition Set Up March 2025

EXHIBITION SET UP – MOSSBANK PUBLIC HALL





Appendix G – Copy of Feedback form March 2025

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Neshion Energy Park Public Engagement Survey

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GDPR: This information will be used to inform our design process and our Pre-Application Consultation report which will be submitted to the Energy Consents Unit along with the Neshion Energy Park planning application. The information that we collect from the survey will be reported anonymously without any identifying information.

Thank you for your time!

Introduction

We will use the responses to these questions to analyse who our survey is reaching.

- 1. Please tick any of the following that describes your interest in the project.** **2. Please provide your postcode.**

- ☐ Local Resident
- ☐ Local Business
- ☐ Councillor / Community Councillor
- ☐ Community Group Representative
- ☐ Potential Supplier
- ☐ Other:

Project Input

The following questions provide an opportunity to share your views on the project. Please refer to the public engagement materials on our banners or on our website if you need more information about the proposals.

- 3. From the information that has been provided to date, how supportive are you of Neshion Energy Park?**

- ☐ Very supportive ☐ Supportive ☐ Neutral ☐ Unsupportive ☐ Very Unsupportive

- 4. Are there any parts of our proposal that raise concerns for you? If so, please provide details.** **5. Do you have any suggestions for how we could address these concerns?**

6. Are there any aspects of the project you would like to see more detail on for the next engagement event?

7. Do you have any additional comments or feedback about the project?

Community Benefit

The renewable energy industry provides support to communities in the areas where they operate through Community Benefits. There are a variety of mechanisms that can contribute to community ambitions and priorities. Please refer to the public engagement materials on our website if you need more information – particularly the section 'Beyond an Energy Park'.

8. What are the needs and priorities in the community that could be addressed by a community benefits package for this project?

9. Do you believe we should explore a shared ownership model?

A 'shared ownership' model means a community group or local authority makes an investment in a commercially owned renewable energy project. This provides them with a formal stake in the project.

☐ Yes ☐ Neutral ☐ No ☐ Unsure

Climate Change

Shetland Islands Council's Climate Change Strategy 2023-2027 sets out how energy developments in Shetland can help address the climate crisis.
(<https://www.shetland.gov.uk/downloads/file/7395/sic-climate-change-strategy-2023-2027>)

The Council's ambitions around clean energy include:

- Bring local emissions associated with energy generation and use to net zero and contribute to national targets with the export of clean energy.*
- Planning and decision-making which favours renewables within a holistic power system.*
- Facilitate secure affordable energy for all of Shetland through islands-based generation.*
- Maximise the socio-economic potential of energy development in Shetland with a particular focus on low-income households; broaden opportunities, sustain jobs and improve skills.*

10. Based on the information provided, do you agree that Neshion Energy Park can help deliver Shetland Islands Council's plans to combat climate change?

☐ Strongly agree ☐ Agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly disagree

Thank you for taking time to complete this survey. Your input is greatly appreciated. Please keep up to date with the project at www.neshionenergypark.co.uk.

Appendix H – Poster September 2025

COPY OF POSTER MAILED TO RESIDENTS & DISPLAYED IN COMMUNITY SPACES

NESHION ENERGY PARK

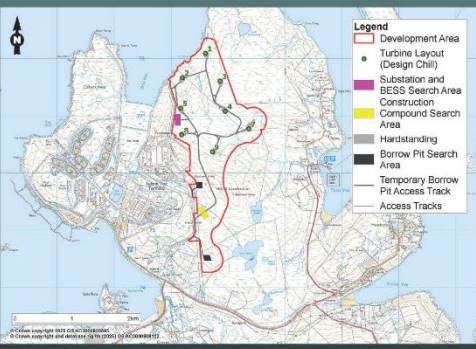
Public Engagement Event 2

Date: Tuesday 23rd September 2025

Time: 3:30pm to 7:30pm

Location: Mossbank Public Hall, Mossbank, Shetland, ZE2 9RB





IN SHETLAND

Neshion Energy Park is a proposed development situated to the east of the Sullom Voe Oil Terminal and the Shetland Gas Plant in the North Mainland of Shetland, Scotland.

BY SHETLAND

Neshion Ltd is a joint venture established by local families to develop a clean energy project, led by local company Shetland Aerogenerators Ltd.

FOR SHETLAND

Our goal is to maximise the many benefits of this project while making a serious contribution to Shetland's energy future and the country's energy transition.

Join us for the second round of public engagement for Neshion Energy Park (NEP). We'll share updated proposals based on your feedback and welcome further input to help refine plans. We encourage your continued participation to ensure the development reflects the needs and priorities of the community. Tea and coffee will be available.

COMMUNITY BENEFIT

The feedback and survey analysis from the first engagement showed residents' main concern is the high cost of energy bills. In response, NEP will provide a Local Electricity Discount Scheme. All residents and businesses located within Toft, Brough, Mossbank, Firth and Graven will be eligible for a discount on their electricity bills.

The team are continuing to explore additional community benefit options and welcome your valuable input.

DESIGN EVOLUTION

Since the first event in March 2025, the NEP design has been updated based on environmental surveys and local feedback. This included the removal of 2 turbines which has increased the distance away from the nearest properties in Toft. This also reduces the impacts on birds and peat. The revised design now includes 8 wind turbines, each with a maximum tip height of 200m, along with concrete pads, substations, access tracks, and a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS).

ENERGY USE

The energy park is expected to have a total generating capacity exceeding 50 megawatts (MW), with a 25MW BESS. The project is exploring options to supply neighbouring customers for fuel decarbonisation.

The Planning Application submission to the Scottish Government is anticipated to be made in January 2026.

CONTACT

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Appendix I – Exhibition Boards September 2025

COPY OF EXHIBITION BOARDS DISPLAYED IN MOSSBANK HALL

NESHION ENERGY PARK

Welcome

Welcome to the second public engagement event for the proposed Neshion Energy Park development located to the east of the Sullom Voe Oil Terminal and the Shetland Gas Plant in the North Mainland of Shetland. Building on the feedback received during the first public engagement, this event presents our updated proposals and offers an opportunity to gather final community input to help refine the plans.

We encourage your continued participation to ensure the development reflects the needs and priorities of the community. Please take as much time as you need to review the information.

IN BY FOR SHETLAND

Neshion Energy Park is a proposed development situated to the east of the Sullom Voe Oil Terminal and the Shetland Gas Plant in the North Mainland of Shetland, Scotland. Covering approximately 300 hectares of development area, the site is strategically positioned within an area that will play a central role in Shetland's transition from fossil fuels to clean energy technologies. By focusing energy developments in and around this existing industrial hub, the project aims to minimize the impact of the transition on other parts of the Isles, making it a strategic and desirable choice for Shetland's future.

IN BY FOR SHETLAND

Neshion Ltd is a local joint venture established to develop Neshion Energy Park. The development is being led by local company Shetland Aerogenerators Ltd (SAL). Founded in 1992 and based in Lerwick, SAL has over 25 years of experience in the energy industry. The company owns and operates Burradale Windfarm and Luggie's Knowe Windfarm, demonstrating its expertise in renewable energy projects.

IN BY FOR SHETLAND

We want to ensure that this project will be of maximum possible value to the community, while also making a serious contribution to Shetland's energy future and the country's energy transition. Our goal is to align the positive outcomes from the project with local needs and aspirations by creating the package of benefits with input from the community. Delivering on these aspirations and those of the Scottish government and Shetland Islands Council can help us become a standard bearer for projects across Scotland.

MEET THE TEAM

Members of the team are on hand to discuss the proposed energy park and answer any questions you may have.

 Brendan / Development Manager Shetland Aerogenerators Ltd.	 Andi / Project Manager Shetland Aerogenerators Ltd.	 Laura / Project Manager Shetland Aerogenerators Ltd.	 James / Project Specialist Shetland Aerogenerators Ltd.
 Alyssa / Senior Environmental Consultant Ramboll UK Ltd.	 Peter / Director - Impact Assessment Ramboll UK Ltd.	 David / Director David Bell Planning Ltd.	



About the Proposed Development



300 Ha Development Area



Adjacent to Oil & Gas Infrastructure



8 Turbines



25MW Battery Storage



50+ MW Generating Capacity



200m Turbine Height



11m/s Average Wind Speed



40 Years Operating Period

CONSENTING PROCESS

As the Proposed Development will have an installed capacity of greater than 50MW, an application for consent will be made to the Scottish Ministers under section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989. Deemed planning permission will be sought under section 57 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997. The local Planning Authority, Shetland Islands Council, will act as a statutory consultee.

WHY NESHION ENERGY PARK?

Scottish & UK Energy Targets

- Addressing the need for climate action in a region heavily reliant on fossil fuels
- Allowing Shetland to lead by example in the national transition to clean energy
- Development of sustainable, locally generated electricity to help decarbonise traditional industries
- Enhancing local energy security
- Minimising curtailment through options for direct supply to neighbouring customers and the proposed Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)

Boosting the Local Economy

- Job creation during both construction and operation phases
- Local skills development and training opportunities
- A long-term economic investment that supports local businesses
- Ensures Shetland receives its fair share of the benefits from the energy transition by empowering communities and retaining skilled professionals

Providing Local Support

- Partnering with local businesses, groups and organisations and service providers
- Investing in community initiatives like the Shetland Science Fair
- Supporting economic growth through collaboration with local suppliers and contractors
- Enabling businesses around Sullom Voe Terminal to explore sustainable fuel alternatives using clean energy from Neshion Energy Park

DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

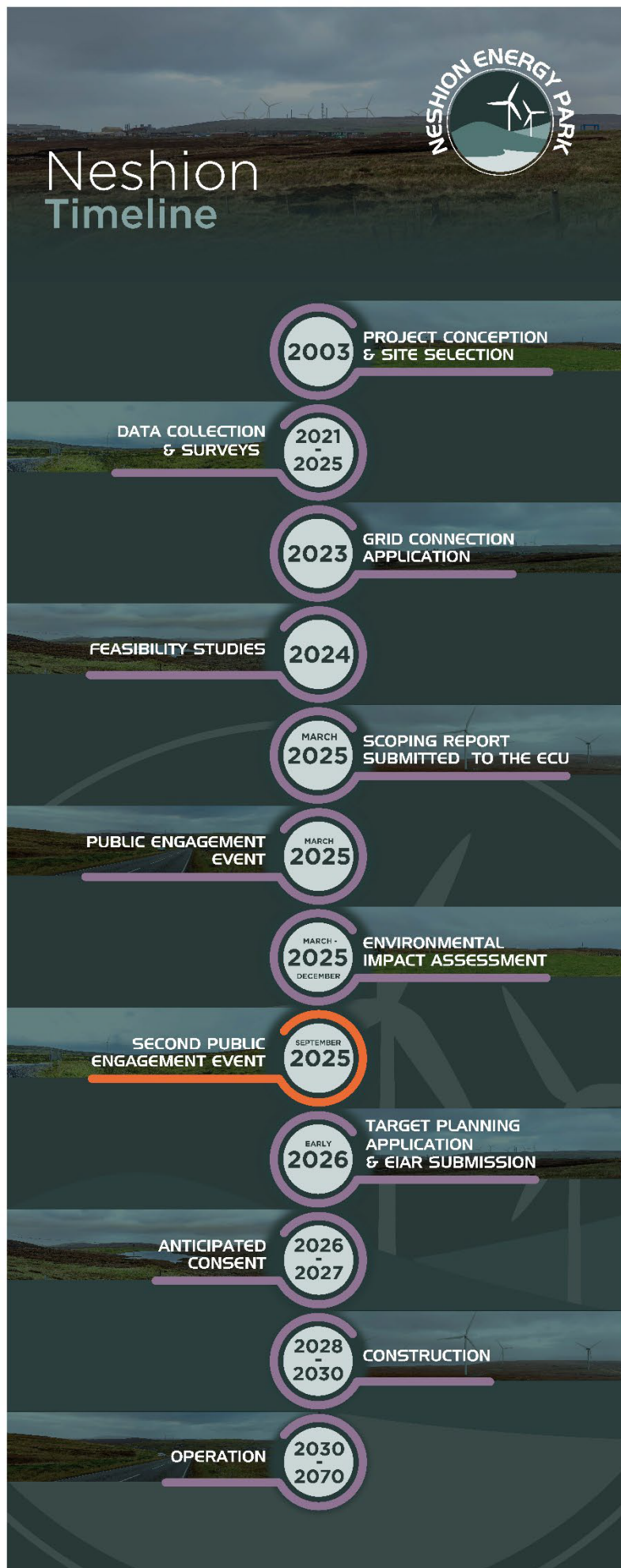
NEP is a member of the Sullom Voe Development Framework working group. The Sullom Voe Development Framework seeks to collaboratively develop a spatial planning approach to energy development in the Sullom Voe area.

A development framework is a high-level spatial plan which guides development across an area and sets out a shared vision and principles. The process will facilitate coordination between developers, providing clarity on land use while identifying wider benefits for the environment and communities.

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More information can be found at
www.sullomvoedevelopmentframework.co.uk





Environmental Impact Assessment

Neshion Energy Park has a team of expert environmental and technical specialists helping to develop the proposals. The Environmental Impact Assessment, which will be submitted with the application, is being led by Ramboll UK with input from Alba Ecology, AOC Archaeology, Aviatica, TNEI and SYSTRA.

WHAT IS AN EIA?

Ramboll will prepare a detailed Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for Neshion Energy Park.

EIA is a process used to evaluate the potential environmental effects of a proposed development.

The outcomes of the EIA will be documented in an EIA Report which will form part of the formal application for consent.

The EIA process includes:

- Consultation with the local authority, local community councils, statutory and non-statutory organisations, and the public to identify specific concerns and issues.
- Determining the existing environmental conditions at and around the Site by reviewing available data and conducting specialist field surveys.
- Refining the design to avoid or mitigate potentially significant environmental effects, where possible.
- Subject matter experts assessing the potential impacts of the development on the surrounding environment.
- Developing mitigation solutions to reduce potentially significant effects.

A request for an EIA Scoping Opinion from Scottish Ministers was submitted in March 2025. This seeks a view from Scottish Ministers, with input from relevant authorities, on the environmental issues that should be considered in the EIA.

Detailed studies for the following disciplines are agreed to be undertaken within the EIA:

Seascape, Landscape & Visual Amenity
Cultural Heritage • Ecology
Ornithology • Hydrology & Hydrogeology
Soils • Noise
Traffic, Transport & Access • Aviation
Telecommunication • Shadow Flicker

An additional report will be prepared to describe the socio-economic impacts of the proposed development.





Environmental Impact Assessment

Our Environmental Impact Assessment will look in detail at a number of different areas to help consultees assess the application once submitted. These include:

CULTURAL HERITAGE

Desk-based assessment and specialist field surveys have been carried out to establish the cultural heritage baseline within the Site and the wider landscape.

The cultural heritage assessment will consider the potential impacts and likely significant effects in relation to:

- **Known and undiscovered heritage assets within the Site which could be impacted directly or indirectly.**
- **Identified heritage assets within the surrounding area which could experience impacts upon their setting, including the potential for cumulative impacts.**

Desk-based assessment and specialist field surveys have been carried out to inform the biodiversity baseline conditions within the Site and surrounding area.

BIODIVERSITY (ECOLOGY & ORNITHOLOGY)

Field surveys conducted to date include:

- **Phase 1 Habitat Survey**
- **National Vegetation Classification Survey**
- **Ground Water Terrestrial Ecosystems Survey**
- **Peatland Condition Assessment Survey**
- **Terrestrial Mammal (otters) Survey**
- **Moorland / Upland Breeding Bird Survey**
- **Breeding Raptor Survey**
- **Targeted Waterbody Survey**
- **Viewpoint Watch Survey**

The biodiversity assessment will consider the potential impacts and likely significant effects in relation to:

- **Habitat loss, fragmentation or alteration**
- **Mortality and disturbance of protected species**
- **Collision risk with turbine blades for birds**
- **Displacement of bird species that use the underlying habitat**

Suitable mitigation and restoration measures will be presented in a series of management plans as appropriate including an Outline Biodiversity Enhancement and Habitat Management Plan.

BIODIVERSITY ENHANCEMENT

Delivering habitat and biodiversity enhancement will be an integral part of the Proposed Development. The biodiversity enhancement opportunities likely include opportunities for peatland restoration; grazing management; riparian planting; and pool, pond and lochan creation.

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HYDROLOGY HYDROGEOLOGY & SOILS

- **Alteration of in-channel and overland flow regimes**
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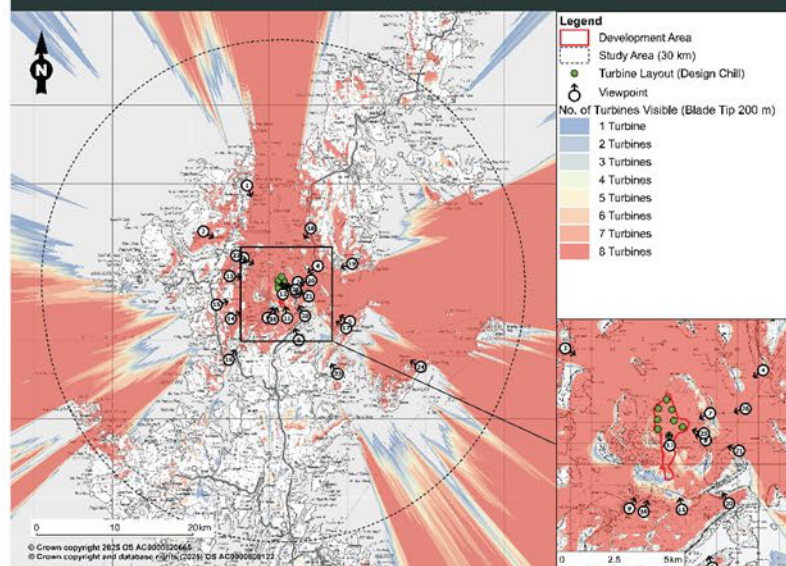
Desk-based studies and specialist field surveys have been carried out to establish the current seascape, landscape and visual context of the Site and to identify key sensitive receptors.

The SLVIA will consider potential impacts and likely significant effects in relation to:

- Landscape fabric
- Seascape and landscape character
- The special qualities and integrity of designated and classified landscapes
- Visual amenity

The SLVIA will also consider the cumulative effects arising from the Proposed Development in conjunction with other existing and consented / in planning wind farm developments.

A Zone of Theoretical Visibility (ZTV) is a computer-generated model that identifies the likely extent of the visibility of the Proposed Development. It has been updated based on the current design layout to inform the SLVIA.



Disclaimer: The ZTV represents a worst-case scenario as it does not take into account the screening effect of vegetation, buildings and other surface features.

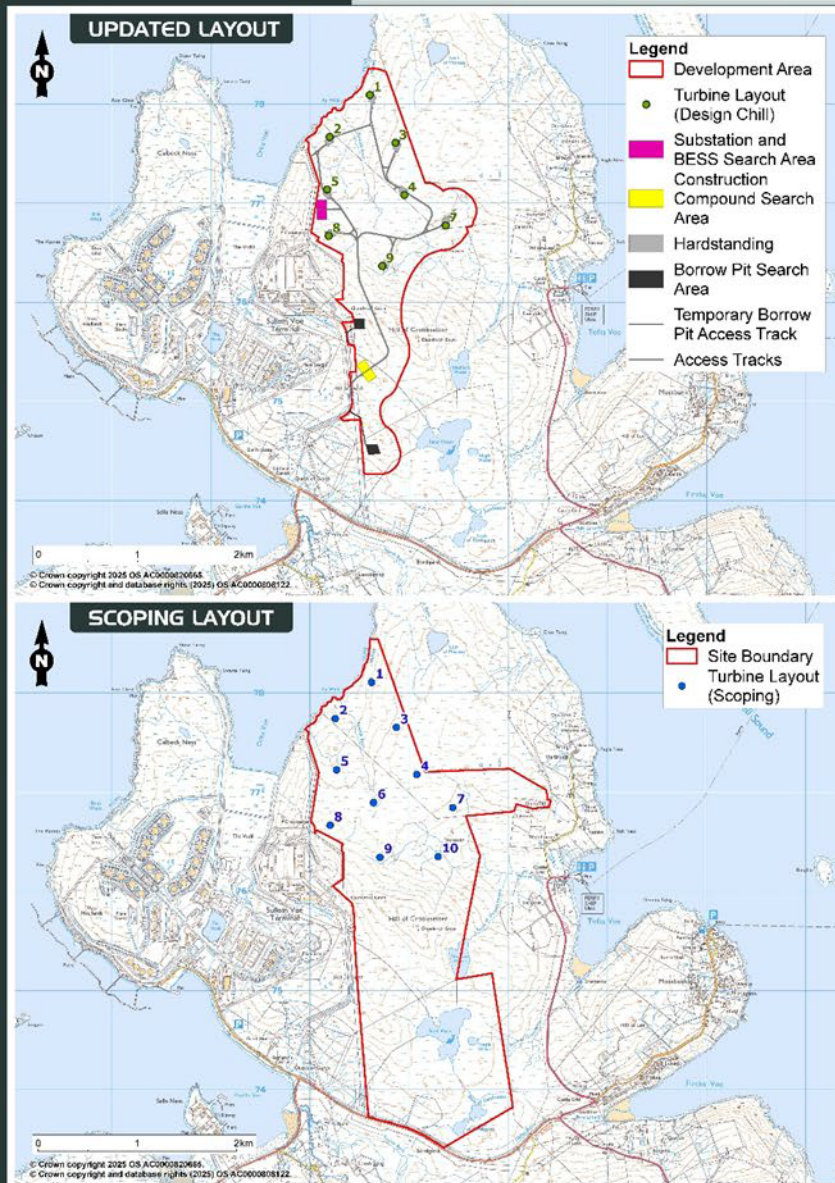
Layout Evolution



Since our previous event, we have refined the design of the project, based on local feedback and the findings of environmental surveys. The updated design includes the removal of two turbines which moves the project further away from the nearest properties in Toft. This also helps reduce potential impacts on birds, peat, watercourses and cultural heritage assets.

Please note: the design is still being developed, and the layout may be subject to further change before submission.

Turbine	Main Issues Identified	Resulting Changes
T1	Birds	Moved south west to avoid ornithology constraints including breeding locations, territories and key flight lines
T2	Peat, Otters	Moved south west into an area of shallower peat to maintain a 200m buffer distance from an otter holt in the west, and to maintain spacing with Turbine 1 and Turbine 5
T3	Birds, Peat	Moved south west to avoid ornithology constraints including breeding locations, territories and key flight lines, and to avoid deep peat
T4	Proximity to residential properties, Peat, Birds, Communications Link	Moved south west to increase distance from residential properties, avoid a communications link buffer zone, ornithology constraints including breeding locations, territories and key flight lines, and to be in shallower peat
T5	Peat, Watercourses	Moved south west to be in shallower peat and to maintain watercourse buffer zones
T6 REMOVED	Birds, Peat, Watercourses	Removed due to multiple constraints including deep peat, proximity to watercourses and proximity to key ornithological territory zones
T7	Proximity to residential properties, Peat, Birds, Communications Link	Moved south west to be in shallower peat, reduce visual impact and increase distance from residential properties
T8	Peat	Moved west to be in shallower peat and maintain distance from near-natural peat habitat
T9	Peat, Watercourses	Moved north-west to be in shallower peat and further from watercourse
T10 REMOVED	Proximity to residential properties, Peat, Watercourses, Scheduled monuments	Removed due to its proximity to residential properties as well as to reduce impacts on deep peat, watercourses and the setting of chambered cairns





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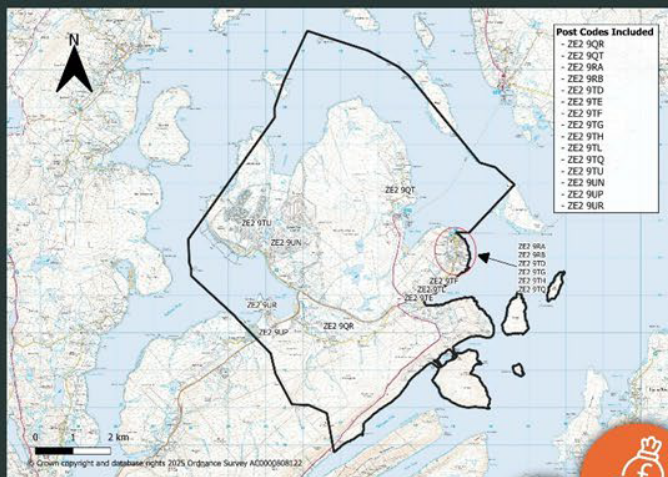
Beyond An Energy Park

We are committed to Shetland and its communities. We are aligning the benefits from Neshion Energy Park to the Shetland Fair Share Principles, ensuring a fair, transparent and community focused approach. Community feedback and survey analysis from our first phase of public engagement showed overwhelmingly that the high cost of energy bills is the number one concern for local residents.

In direct response to this feedback, Neshion Energy Park will introduce a **Local Electricity Discount Scheme (LEDS)** to provide meaningful financial support.

Our **LEDS** will offer eligible households and businesses in Toft, Brough, Mossbank, Firth and Graven a discount on their electricity bills, helping to reduce the financial pressure of increasing energy costs. The amount of discount will be linked to the final size of the project once built.

The map below shows the proposed eligibility area, based on postcodes. These postcodes represent the communities neighbouring the project. Further details on how the scheme will operate, including how discounts will be applied, will be confirmed as the project progresses and in consultation with the community.



How our LEDS will work:

- Works with any electricity supplier
- Discount is credited to electricity accounts or provided as vouchers for pre-payment meters
- Applications to be part of the scheme typically open 1 month after the project becomes operational.
- Transparent eligibility based on postcodes



Community and Shared Ownership:

We propose to make at least 5% of the project available for community ownership and will work with suitable community bodies to co-develop achievable routes to this. We also have an ambition to gift a share to help improve the viability of a community stake in the project. This model supports:

- Long-term income for local communities
- Greater local involvement in renewable energy projects
- Opportunities to reinvest profits into community priorities

Additional Options

In addition to LEDS and Shared Ownership, we are considering a range of other benefit options - some of which are already established in the local area.

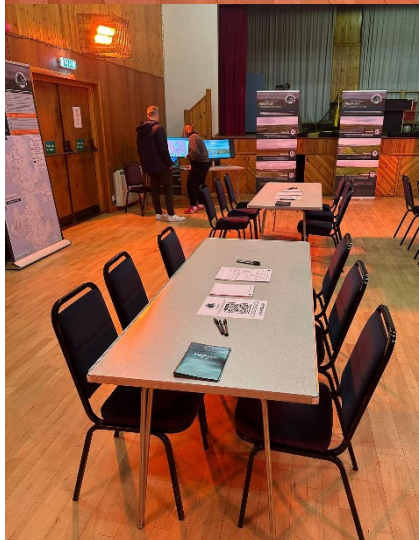
These could include:

- Support for local education and training, including apprenticeships and scholarships
- Contributions to existing community funds and/or charitable initiatives
- Partnerships with local organisations delivering services and/or support to residents such as the Brae Rural Energy Hub
- Environmental enhancement and/or biodiversity projects

We welcome ideas from the community on how these benefits could best be delivered and how we can support what's already working locally.

Appendix J – Exhibition Set Up September 2025

EXHIBITION SET UP – MOSSBANK PUBLIC HALL



Appendix K – Copy of Feedback Form September 2025

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- ☐ Community Group Representative
- ☐ Potential Supplier
- ☐ Other:

2. Please provide your postcode.

Project Input

The following questions provide an opportunity to share your views on the project. Please refer to the public engagement materials on our banners or on our website if you need more information about the proposals.

3. Based on the information provided to far, how would you rate your level of supportive for Neshion Energy Park?

- ☐ Very supportive ☐ Supportive ☐ Neutral ☐ Unsupportive ☐ Very Unsupportive

4. Please explain your answer.

5. How do you feel about the updated design for Neshion Energy Park compared to the Scoping Layout?

- ☐ Much improved ☐ Slightly improved ☐ About the same ☐ Slightly worse ☐ Much worse ☐ I haven't seen the Scoping Layout

6. Please explain your answer.

7. Are there any aspects of the proposal that you feel are especially positive? If so, please provide details.

8. Are there any aspects of the proposal that you feel could be improved? If so, please provide details.

Community Benefit

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9. In what ways, if any, do you think Neshion Energy Park could benefit your community?

10. Which aspects of community benefit associated with Neshion Energy Park do you feel would benefit you and your area most? Please selected all that apply.

- ☐ Local Electricity Discount Scheme
☐ Supporting Net Zero targets
☐ Investment in the wider Shetland area
☐ Job creation and skills training opportunities
☐ Environmental restoration and biodiversity projects
☐ Utilisation of an industrial site
☐ Other:

11. To what extent do you feel your communities' priorities and values are being reflected in the project's development?

- ☐ Fully ☐ Mostly ☐ Somewhat ☐ Not much ☐ Not at all

12. Please explain your answer.

Thank you for taking time to complete this survey. Your input is greatly appreciated. Please keep up to date with the project at www.neshionenergypark.co.uk.

Appendix L – Delting Community Council Minutes

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DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON Thursday 25th September 2025 At Voe Hall

2025/09/01 MEMBERS

Mr A Cooper (Chairman)
Ms J Dennison
Mr T Tyler
Ms S McDonald

Mr E Smith (Vice Chairman)
Mr B Moreland
Mr J Milne
Ms E Macdonald - Ex Officio

2025/09/02 IN ATTENDANCE

Ms L Ratter – Clerk
Mr B Hall - Development Manager – Shetland Aerogenerators - Neshion Energy Park Representative
Ms L Anderson – Project manager – Shetland Aerogenerators - Neshion Energy Park Representative

2025/09/03 CIRCULAR

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

2025/09/04 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Ms R Griffiths, Mr A Hall - Ex Officio, Mr M Duncan, and Ms L Hall.

2025/09/05 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 28th August 2025 were approved by Mr E Smith and seconded by Mr B Moreland.

2025/09/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

2025/09/07 CO-OPTING A MEMBER

There were no new members to Co-Opt

2025/09/08 MATTERS ARISING

8.1 Testing at Scatsta – There was no update on this item.

8.2 Graveyard bin – There have been issues with walkers and dog walkers at the Brae Graveyard. There is no bin to put rubbish in. The only bin situated close by is within the Graveyard itself where dogs are not allowed and people do not want to enter the graveyard to discard any rubbish. This path is regularly used by dog walkers. Clerk to email Burial services and waste management to highlight the issue and request a bin outside the graveyard. **Clerk to progress.**

8.3 Traffic Passing Through Voe – Ms K Garrick emailed the Community Council with an update - while it is still much the same, they obviously have the added diverted traffic coming from Brae, speeding and near misses at the shop seem to still happen often enough. They are awaiting the new 40mph speed limit being introduced in the coming weeks - it was planned for the beginning of September but obviously now we are at the end of the month. They have been told that similar signs to the ones in Brae have been ordered to enforce the changes. Members requested the clerk email Mr N Hutcheson for an update on timescale for the 40mph signs. **Clerk to progress.**

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- 8.4 **Glass on road** – There was no update on this item.
- 8.5 **Walking and Settlement Audit Recommendations** – There was no update on this item.
- 8.6 **Archiving** – Clerk emailed Mr. M Duncan regarding archiving receipt. He emailed Mr. M Smith at Shetland Amenity Trust asking for receipt to be sent. We still have not received a receipt. Mr A Cooper will bring this up at the ASCC meeting in October. **Mr A Cooper to progress**
- 8.7 **Community Resilience Plans** – There was no update on this item.
- 8.8 **Toft Road** – Toft Road remains the same. There is no update. It was noted the road from Mossbank to Toft is in a poor state at the verges. There is a large drop between the road and the verge in places where trucks have gone over onto the verge. Mr A Cooper to speak to Mr J Smith. **Mr A Cooper to progress.**
- 8.9 **Kissing Gates Moorfield estate** – Clerk emailed Mr N Hutcheson. He said Garriock Bros, the traffic signs and street furniture contractor, are currently installing safety barrier on the B99071 Garderhouse road. These works are expected to conclude toward the end of September after which they will be moving on to signs etc. including the removal of the kissing gates at Moorfield.
- 8.10 **White lines in Car park** – There was no update on this item.
- 8.11 **Safety Muckle Roe Road** – Clerk emailed Mr J Duncan to ask for any update. He responded with the following - We will be white lining sections now after the surface dressing in Roe and when we are at it we will add some slow signs and have instructed G Bros to erect some blind summit signage when they get the chance. - Ms J Dennison noted the signs in the passing places were either missing or badly faded and would also need replaced. Clerk to email Mr J Duncan and tell him about the passing place signs. **Clerk to progress.**
- 8.12 **Laxobiggin Burial Ground** – There was no update on this item.

2025/09/09 POLICE REPORT

- 9.1 There was no police report.

2025/09/10 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 10.1 **08052502 Delting Draft 20 mph Speed Limit Orders** – Clerk emailed response to Ms S Gair who forwarded on to Mr N Hutcheson regarding traffic calming measures. Mr N Hutcheson responded with this email - Thank you for your e-mail and the confirmation that your Council has no objections to the proposed traffic orders. The intention, as per the Scottish Government's guidance, would be to monitor the speed limits following their introduction. Where the measured speeds exceed 20 mph consideration will be given to introducing traffic calming or proposing the removal of the lower limit and returning the length of road to 30 mph. The community council, the emergency services, residents, and other road users would be consulted as part of this process. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**
- 10.2 **2025/234/PPF - Land East Of The A968, Firth, ZE2 9TE - SSN - Erection of substation building comprising of 1 x switch room, palisade fencing, associated hard standing/storage, parking, and access; change of use to industrial land. All plans can be viewed on: [Simple Search](#).** There were no objections to this application. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members. Clerk to progress.**

2025/09/11 NESHION ENERGY PARK UPDATE – MR B HALL & MS L ANDERSON

- 11.1 Mr B Hall introduced himself as Development Manager at Shetland Aerogenerators who are the lead developer in Neshion Energy Park. They wanted to give Delting Community Council an

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update on the most recent community engagement, which took place in Mossbank on 23rd September. They are a local renewable energy company that are looking at a prospective development immediately adjacent to Sullom Voe Terminal with eight wind turbines and a battery energy storage system. The turbines are up to 200m high to tip. They went out in March for a public engagement event which was in Mossbank hall which was well attended by over one hundred people. The quantity of people was due to the lack of information available in the public domain about the project. It was good to speak to people to let them know what was going on and get feedback on how the project was taking shape and how to approach community benefit. Since then, they have been working on various aspects of the project. On Tuesday forty-four people came to the second public engagement. Feedback was positive about the approaches they are taking including community benefit. There was discussion on the potential for the project to link to SVT. They have been speaking to Veri Energy, an offshoot of Enquest, and they have a memorandum of understanding with them where they are jointly looking at how their projects can support one another. The recent public engagement was mainly people in the immediate area around the project in Toft and Mossbank and Ms L Anderson has been doing a lot of that work. Originally there was ten turbines and now its eight due to environmental constraints and feedback from residents about the overall impact of the project. They have moved things as far to the East as possible. They will make slides available after the meeting. They have an eight-turbine layout and they are starting to think where the tracks will be going. They are working towards submitting a planning application for the project in the early part of next year. There is a bit more survey work to be done and that will include how the development will look and additional peat surveys. They have also spoke to people about is the local electricity discount scheme that is being proposed. This is their approach to community benefit for the project and its all based on feedback. People were keen to talk about direct benefits for people that could make a difference. They are looking at the possibilities to do this. For example, there will be a pot for community benefit and they define an area, postcodes close to the development and then homes and businesses apply to claim a discount annually to their supplier. Another aspect they are looking at and keen to explore further is shared ownership. Is there an opportunity for a community body to take a stake in the project. Its early stages and they are keen to explore and get views of community councillors of what bodies are out there or possibilities for new bodies to be created. They have spoken with Ms L Hall already and will continue to engage with her. They will keep Delting Community Council up to date with developments.

Mr A Cooper enquired if the payments would be paid directly to the supplier. Ms L Anderson said any payment would be paid annually to the electricity supplier.

Ms E Macdonald asked how they will make sure everyone is able to get it if they need to apply, for example the elderly who may not have access to the internet. How will they make sure people are not disadvantaged due to their situation? Ms L Anderson said it depended on which supplier they go with but they supply the postcodes to the supplier and the supplier writes to all the residents and businesses and then there is an online link for them to put in their address and supplier. They have also spoken about helping people get set up by having a day in the hall where people can go and get help with it. They would want to be as proactive as they could be.

Mr A Cooper asked how they will arrive at a figure that is fair where some people's electricity is very low and some are very high. Mr B Hall said they have looked at various scenarios but whatever happens it will be as fair and transparent as possible and everyone has access to the same potential amount. It may be a capped amount or a blanket figure.

Mr A Cooper asked about other forms of community benefit and assisting education. Mr A Cooper is a trustee for Delting Educational Trust which awards grants to young people who reside in Delting continuing their education whose parents are in the low-income bracket. Was this something they would consider donating to. Mr B Hall said if there was something that already exists that fits with the broader aims of the project, they would be keen to have a conversation. They are hoping there would be other opportunities to use the community benefit.

Mr E Smith asked how the benefit fund was going to be defined. Was it a percentage of earnings for the year or a figure that is decided on. Mr B Hall said the industry standard is £5000.00 per installed megawatt. That would be a fixed figure. The SIC led some work looking at what was a fair share and they have said £5000.00 has been industry standard for 15 years so this is probably now £7300.00. That is the kind of figure they have been working with. They are unsure at this stage how this will work but they are working along the lines of what SIC have

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recommended. There is still a lot of questions to be answered and what they get planning permission for.

Mr Cooper thanked Mr B Hall and Ms L Anderson for attending the meeting.

2025/09/12 COMMUNITY WORK

There Was No Community Work Update

2025/09/13 FINANCE UPDATE

13.1 The clerk updated members on the final financial position for 25/26.

2025/09/14 CORRESPONDENCE

14.1 Grant Application Form – Royal Voluntary Service - They would like to provide a Christmas Lunch, activity and transport out for their clients involved in the Delting social club, to meet up with other social/lunch clubs. The venue will be The British Legion in Lerwick, the same as last year, which was a great success for their clients who will be provided with a Christmas Lunch consisting of 2 choice menu (full Christmas meal or braised steak) Christmas pudding or trifle, tea/coffee and juice. There will be live music. Also, a small gift. Bus transport will also be provided from all locations. Total cost of project £532.00. They are applying for £532.00. Members agreed unanimously to award the full grant amount of £532.00. **Clerk to progress.**

14.2 Viking Community Fund – Community Grant Scheme - Projects supported - CGS Application Summary - The first year of the CGS scheme has now come to a close. Delting Community Council allocated £42,283.55 in 2024/2025. Attached to email is a 'Projects Supported' poster, highlighting the projects we committed to support over the past year. Delting Community Council has £27,803.80 in unspent funds, which have been carried forward into the 2025/2026 allocation of £32,575 and an additional £1212 for CPI giving a total of £33,787. This provides a balance of £61,590.80 as of 1st September 2025. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members and put poster on the Delting Community Council Facebook Page.** There was a zoom meeting on 22nd September which Clerk and Mr E Smith attended. This enabled members to ask any questions about the Advanced Grant Scheme. They supplied posters containing promotional materials for the Community Grant Scheme. The clerk to put posters on Facebook. As we received some negative comments on Facebook about grant allocation following displaying the poster SCBF provided a poster which details all the projects Delting Community Council have supported from the SCBF inception. It was agreed to put this on Facebook so groups can see the types of projects that have been supported to give people an idea of what they can apply for. **Clerk to progress.**

14.3 Viking Community Fund - 2024/25 Annual Report – Shetland Community Benefit Fund shared their annual report. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

14.4 Community Council Elections 2025 - The nomination period opened on 12th September so anyone interested in standing for Community Council can now complete and submit their nomination forms to SIC – including existing Community Council members. See website links below for more details: [Community Council Recruitment 2025 – Shetland Islands Council](#) [Community Council Elections 2025 – Shetland Islands Council](#) Shetland Islands Council have also released short films on its [Facebook](#) page. They want us to "like" and "share" these posts to our Community Council pages to give them maximum exposure. There are four short films, and they will be released in stages over the coming weeks. There is also a short film that will be playing in Mareel throughout the nomination period, so audiences there have an opportunity to see the publicity campaign. In addition to online material, they have also created a series of short radio adverts. These adverts will be played over SIBC during the nomination period, and there is a banner on the Shetland News [website](#). Lastly, Roadside signage will be being erected. There are not enough signs to go to every area, so we are aiming to erect them in busy locations. Clerk displayed posters in public places throughout Delting Community Council area. Also, all Community

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Council members must talk to people, using "word of mouth" to promote the Elections and encourage residents to submit a nomination form. There was an update from Ms A Cogle after 1 week where, so far, there have been no forms received for any of the 12 seats in Delting. The clerk sent out update to community councillors along with the nomination form and has physical copies at this meeting. Forms were handed out at the meeting. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members and put election poster on the Delting Community Council Facebook Page.**

- 14.5 Stoura Offshore Wind Farm** – Mr B Falkner has expressed an interest in meeting with the Delting Community Council. Some of the members attended the exhibition. There were no questions arising from the public event. Mr Cooper said we can see how the next SSEN public event goes in October where Stoura will be attending and if anything arises, we can invite them to a meeting.

- 14.6 North Shetland Reinforcement Project** – Clerk requested an update on the project from Ms G Higgins at SSEN Distribution. She emailed the following update on 5th September - As advertised via the road signs, the closure is expected to be in place until the week commencing 24/10/25. Our teams are progressing well with the works on the section of the carriageway at Dales Lees, however, the closure of the Shetland Island Council tar plant during August has slowed progress to some extent. The tar plant reopened yesterday, and we continue to work with the Shetland Island Council on this phase of the project to deliver the work safely and within the planned timeline. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch at lcd@sse.com. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.** Clerk requested an update on the project from Mr N Hutcheson. He emailed the following update on 22nd September - There has been an issue with the Scord Quarry's asphalt mixing plant but this should be repaired early this week. The contractor has been preparing the excavated track for reinstatement so this will commence later this week when asphalt is available. The work should take two weeks. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

- 14.7 Association of Shetland Community Council** – Mr M Duncan requests your attendance at the next meeting of the Association of Shetland Community Councils. The meeting shall take place as follows: Date: Wednesday 8th October 2025 Time: 6pm – 8pm Venue: Town Hall (chamber) Meeting papers are attached to email. please ensure your Community Council confirms its attendance to me by no later than 2pm, Wednesday 1st October 2025. Mr A Cooper will attend. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members. Clerk to progress.**

- 14.8 Letter of Support - Viking Genes - SHETLAND COMMUNITY SCREENING PROJECT** - The project by Viking Genes for which they are fundraising. Full details are in the Project Plan attached, or visit <https://viking.ed.ac.uk/screening-projects/shetland-community-screening-project> which includes the powerful Volunteer Stories of people benefitting from previous Viking I and Viking II genetic screens. At this time, applications are being made to funding bodies and they are seeking letters of support for the project. Attached to email are the following: 1. Letter from Professor Jim Flett Wilson at the University of Edinburgh 2. Project Plan for Shetland Community Screening Project. They would appreciate it if we can consider providing a letter of support for the Project. Please write to Professor Wilson as noted in his letter - his email address is shown there. The members agreed to write a letter of support They think it is worthy of further activity and they should go ahead and screen the population of Shetland and identify what they find. The more people who can be screened, the more people will benefit from it and the healthier they can become. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members. Clerk to progress.**

- 14.9 The Compass Centre - Help us create a new campaign featuring local men in Shetland** - The Compass Centre to invite us to be part of an important new campaign – Stand Up, Spik Oot – which highlights local men in Shetland speaking out against Gender-Based Violence (GBV). GBV is violence directed at someone based on their gender or perceived gender. Examples include violence against women and girls and intimate partner violence. Predominately, this is violence being carried out by men against women and girls. This is why it is essential to involve local men to stand up and say that this behaviour is not acceptable in Shetland. They have

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included a few videos for more information on GBV and why this is an issue relevant to men in Shetland.

Gender-Based Violence (GBV): Causes, Contributing Factors & Consequences

<https://youtu.be/o02V6FBjy9c?si=rOZqbTzIDm6ZdhOm>

Gender Based Violence campaign #IsThisOK

<https://youtu.be/hjZTZm1phwo?si=z7PqCO1Tx8e0A2Kh>

Jackson Katz: Violence against women—it's a men's issue

<https://youtu.be/EIJxUVJ8blw>

Through short video clips, quotes, or personal messages, men from across Shetland will share why it's vital to:

- Speak up against harmful behaviours
- Challenge sexism and abuse
- Support survivors in our community

They believe that visible male voices from respected local teams, workplaces, and community groups can make a real difference. Your participation can help inspire others and show that Shetland is united in building a safer, more respectful community.

How you can be involved:

-They can come to our workplace or a quiet place to film our video, this can either be talking in front of the camera, or a video of us working in the background which we can then place a voice over. (they can use an actor's voice, if we would prefer)

-Record a short video message or audio message

-Provide a written quote we can share on social media and at events

-Encourage others in your team or workplace to take part

The campaign will run online, in schools, and through community outreach – so their message will reach people of all ages. If members of our organisation would like to take part, reply to this email or contact them on campaign@compasscentre.org by Friday 17th October to arrange the next steps. The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members and put on the Delting Community Council Facebook Page.

- 14.10 Pre Application Consultation Notification- SSEN Transmission LT622- Northern Shetland 220kV to Kergord 132kV – A Pre- Application Consultation Notification** which was today submitted 23rd September 2025 to the Energy Consents Unit (ECU) of the Scottish Government. The notice relates to the above-described proposal to install and keep installed a high voltage Overhead Line (OHL) on the Shetland Islands. As the Electricity Transmission Operator for the Shetland Islands, they are required to issue the notice in line with recently published Energy Consents Unit- Pre-Application Consultation and Engagement Guidance for Electricity Transmission Line Projects which Require Environmental Impact Assessment. The guidance requires the notice to be issued to the following at least 12 weeks before an application for consent is made under the Electricity Act:

- Energy Consents Unit
- Local Authority or Authorities
- Local MP and MSP(s)
- Local Councillors
- Community Council(s)

Delting Community Council are therefore receiving the notice as we are either a national or local elected representative within the area that any OHL would potentially be located or we are a representative of a Community Council within or neighbouring the area in which the OHL would potentially be located. The notice details their Consultation Event 1 which relates to the assessment of various potential routes for the installation of a new high voltage Overhead Line. It will be updated further and served on us again when they are in a position to undertake further stages of consultation which will likely be in early 2026. The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.

- 14.11 Shetland Public Consultation Events - SSEN Transmission** are holding public events taking place in and around our area in the near future.
The details are as follows:

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Monday 6 October 2025 – 3-7pm, Voe Public Hall

Kergord to Northern Substation Routing Options Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) Event and Kergord 2 Substation Site Selection Consultation

Tuesday 7 October 2025 – 3-7pm, Mossbank Public Hall

Yell Connections – Marine

Wednesday 8 October 2025 – 2.45-6.45pm, Burravoe Public Hall, Yell

Yell Connections – Marine

Thursday 9 October 2025 – 3-7pm, Brae Community Hall

Northern Substation Hub

Tuesday 4 November 2025 - 3-7pm, Mossbank Public Hall

Shetland HVDC Link 2 - Marine

Each of the project teams will be delighted to see us there, and they will have colleagues on hand to answer any questions anyone may have.

For those unable to make the events, they have a dedicated email address shetlandengagement@sse.com where feedback and queries can be sent to, and they aim to respond to these as quickly as possible.

Please visit the [Shetland Strategy](#) website for more information.

The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members and put on the Delting Community Council Facebook Page.

- 14.12 Important Update Regarding the 2025 Crofting Commission Annual Notice** – There is an important update regarding the upcoming Crofting Commission Annual Notice. The 2025 Annual Notice will be sent to crofters in early January 2026. Please note that completing the Annual Notice is a mandatory requirement for all crofters who receive a letter instructing them to. To help ensure a smooth process for everyone, they are currently encouraging all crofters to update their details on the Register of Crofts. they would be grateful if we could share this information with your respective networks. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members and put on the Delting Community Council Facebook Page.**

2025/09/15 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

- 15.1 Transport Scotland Community Drop-in Sessions** – There were drop-in sessions on 18th and 19th September at Islesburgh to have your say on how the Northern Isles Ferry Services could be improved in the next contract commencing in 2028. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members and put on the Delting Community Council Facebook Page.**
- 15.2 National Lottery Community Fund and The Robertson Trust to visit Shetland this month** – Dates were 15th and 16th September in Brae and Lerwick. For more information about the National Lottery Community Fund, please look up: [Funding programmes | The National Lottery Community Fund](#) For more information about The Robertson Trust, please look up: [Funding | The Robertson Trust](#) **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**
- 15.3 Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund for Adults – NOW OPEN!** - Voluntary Action Shetland (VAS) is delighted to launch the Communities Health and Wellbeing Fund for Adults once more on behalf of the Scottish Government on Friday 5th September 2025. Funding for a fifth and sixth year (£15 million each year) was announced in March 2025. The Fund continues to have a strong focus on prevention and early intervention and aims to support grass roots community groups in tackling mental health inequalities and address priority issues. There will be a continued emphasis in Year 5 and 6 on responding to the ongoing cost of living crisis and on those facing socio economic disadvantage, with a particular focus on supporting the six priority family groups identified under Best Start Bright Futures: Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan. The Fund will continue to be delivered through a locally focused and co-ordinated approach via local partnership groups (building upon existing partnerships and with VAS as lead partner), working together to ensure that support to community-based organisations is directed appropriately and in a coherent way. This collaborative approach is more important than ever, giving increasing budget and capacity constraints within individual sectors.

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This is the first time Third Sector Interfaces will receive a multi-year grant award for the Communities Fund. The opportunity to grant funding across two years has arisen as part of the Scottish Government's Fairer Funding pilot, as part of their commitment to deliver fairer funding for the third sector. The pilot has been set up to provide more certainty and allow for longer-term planning, aiming to improve stability and cost-efficiency for organisations and services.

VAS will have flexibility to award a mix of 1 year and 2 year grants to projects, to enable the fund to open each year to give projects the chance to apply. A maximum of £5,000 can be applied for to support activities in each year.

The overarching aim of the Fund is to:

Support community-based initiatives that promote and develop good mental health and wellbeing and/or mitigate and protect against the impact of distress and mental ill health within the adult population (aged 16 or over), with a particular focus on prevention and early intervention.

Specifically, it aims to:

1. Tackle mental health inequalities through supporting a range of 'at risk' groups
2. Address priority issues of social isolation and loneliness, suicide prevention and poverty and inequality with a particular emphasis on responding to the cost-of-living crisis and support to those facing socio-economic disadvantage.
3. Support small 'grass roots' community groups and organisations to deliver such activities.
4. Provide opportunities for people to connect with each other, build trusted relationships and revitalise communities. Closing Date for applications is Fri 31st October 2025 – 12noon. For an application pack and for any initial enquiries please email: vas@shetland.org The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.

- 15.4 Funding information - Shetland Local Employability Partnership (SLEP) Grants** - A new grants scheme is being launched to help people experiencing barriers whilst entering or progressing in the labour market. The scheme is being run by the Shetland Local Employability Partnership [SLEP] which is made up of multiple local and national partners including Shetland Islands Council, NHS Shetland, HIE, SDS, VAS, DYW Shetland and Scottish Gov't. The Council is the lead accountable body for the partnership. Grant related activity can already have started (since 1st April 2025) and to be considered for funding, organisations must submit an application form by 4pm on Friday, 26th September 2025. The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.

- 15.5 SSEN Transmission 'Pathway to 2030 – Building a Lasting Legacy Webinar** - SSEN Transmission is pleased to invite you to a webinar which will share the progress of our Pathway to 2030 projects and highlight the lasting benefits they will deliver for communities, the environment, and the economy.
Date: Tuesday 23 September
Time: 4pm – 5.30pm
Location: Microsoft Teams
Hosted by: SSEN Transmission
The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.

- 15.6 Funding information - Scottish 4G Infill Community Fund** - The fund will prioritise projects located near any of the 55 S4GI mobile masts. Communities and organisations interested in applying can find further information about eligibility criteria and a link to the application process on Cellnex's website: S4GI Community Fund - Cellnex. For more information, please contact community.relations@cellnextelecom.co.uk. For reference, details of the 55 S4GI locations and map can be found here: Scottish 4G infill programme: progress update, and here is the list of the three S4GI masts located in Shetland. Reawick (mainland), Brurray (Out Skerries), Ham (Foula). The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.

- 15.7 Funding information - Crown Estate Scotland** - Sustainable Communities Fund has reopened for expressions of interest. The Sustainable Communities Fund has two separate grant programmes:
Community Capacity Grants, which provide early-stage financial support for community enterprise projects. This programme is open to projects up to five miles from Scotland's coastline

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or within five miles of our rural estates. Expression of interest deadline: Monday 29 September 2025.

Environment Grants, which provide funding to Crown Estate Scotland tenants only, for projects on CES tenanted land or assets which can deliver demonstrable environmental benefits within 18 months of award of funds. Expression of interest deadline: Monday 27 October 2025. For more information on the above grant programmes please refer to website [here](#). The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.

- 15.8 Voluntary Action Shetland Volunteering Awards - Voluntary Action Shetland (VAS) are delighted to announce the launch of the VAS Volunteering Awards for 2025.** The nominations open today: Tuesday 23rd September and close October 14th. To nominate, folk can fill in the [online](#) form <https://form.jotform.com/232133046427044> or contact VAS Volunteering vasvolunteering@shetland.org for a paper format. The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members and put on the Delting Community Council Facebook Page.

2025/09/16 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

- 16.1** Mr B Moreland and Mr E Smith raised the issue of white line painting between Voe and Brae as there are stretches of the road with no lines or cats eyes. Clerk to email Mr N Hutcheson to ask when lines will be painted. **Clerk to progress.**
- 16.2** Mr J Milne asked if there were still plans to put a pavement coming into the South entrance to Brae at Burravoe. There are several houses out this road and recently there have been pedestrians walking with children and dogs. The verge is very narrow and the increase in traffic is making it very dangerous. Clerk to email Mr N Hutcheson. **Clerk to progress.**
- 16.3** Ms L Ratter enquired whether Delting Community Council could either apply for a SCBF grant or use funds to purchase a Colour Printer because there have been so many posters recently it would have been good to print off an put in shops for the community to see. It was suggested to use the £500.00 donation from the Coop to purchase a new Colour laser printer as this was something that would benefit the whole community, getting information across. Members agreed this would be a good use of the funds. **Clerk to progress.**

2025/09/17 DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

- 17.1** The Chairman called for the next Delting Community Council meeting to be held at the Mossbank School on Thursday 30th October commencing at 7.30pm.

Chairman