

# LAIRG WIND FARM



## Newsletter August 2012

Welcome to ABO Wind's latest newsletter for our operational wind farm in Lairg. This issue has all the updates about the wind farm since the last newsletter in June 2011, including upcoming events and news about community benefits. Most importantly, this issue contains an open invitation to attend a special afternoon event being organised by ABO Wind to mark the official opening of the wind farm.

### Turbines start turning after construction was completed this year

Construction finished at Lairg Wind Farm earlier this year, with all three turbines now connected to the grid and generating electricity.

Work on the site began late in 2010, with the construction of 3km of road and improvements to the access and the erection of the control building. The turbines were delivered and erected in Autumn 2011.

Lairg Wind Farm is situated on the common grazings of the Lairg Estate and as such it represents significant support to both the continuation and improvement of the estate, as well as the substantial crofting interest on the site. ABO Wind is very proud to support the crofters and the wider Lairg community throughout this development. We look forward to working with all the involved parties over the lifetime of the wind farm.

Lairg Wind Farm Key Facts	
Size	3x 2.5MW Nordex Turbines
Height	99.5m to blade tip
Output	4.99MW
Location	3.5km SE of Lairg

### Community Benefit Fund

ABO Wind UK Ltd and the Scottish Community Foundation have created a fund designed specifically to meet the needs of the Lairg community. To date, over £7000 has been awarded to benefit a variety of groups and activities, including:

- £1500 to the Lairg and District Community Initiative to buy new noticeboards and update the village map.
- £1000 to the Lairg District Learning Centre for running language and craft courses.
- £750 to Lairg Primary School Parent Council to fund a trip for an outdoor learning experience.
- £1000 to Lairg School House Quilters for equipment and for hiring a room in the Lairg District Learning Centre.

We would encourage further applications to this fund. Applications are available in the The Highland Council Service Point, or you can contact the community council directly. Please see [www.scottishcf.org](http://www.scottishcf.org) for more details about the Lairg Wind Farm community fund.

Lairg Wind Farm Development Dates	
Sep 2006	Original application submitted
Sep 2010	Construction begins
Apr-May 2011	Construction halts for bird monitoring
Jan 2012	Lairg Wind Farm starts generating



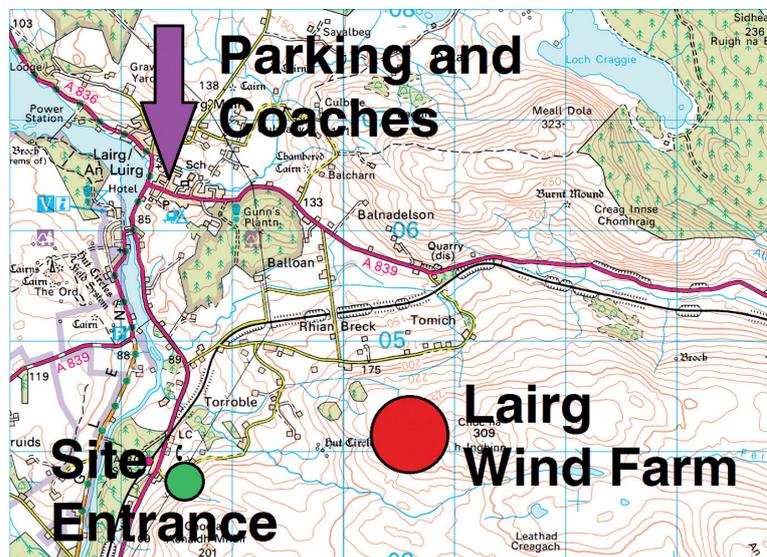
## Lairg Wind Farm Official Opening Day Thursday, 20th September 2012

Lairg Wind Farm will be officially opened on Thursday, 20th September. **ABO Wind UK Ltd** and the site owner **Lloyd Fonds** are holding a special event to commemorate this. Starting from 1pm on Thursday 20th September, ABO Wind has organised a public opening day with free local transport to and from the site, to which all interested members of the local community are cordially invited.

This afternoon session will give people the opportunity to see the site up close. There will be walking tours of the wind farm, with a Nordex technician explaining how the turbines work and giving visitors the opportunity to see inside a tower. ABO staff will be on site to answer any questions you may have about the site and there will be information boards available. Tea, coffee and refreshments will be available for all guests and there will be entertainment for children.

Lairg Wind Farm will not be accessible to private vehicles on the day, however, it is accessible to pedestrians and there are also many suitable car parking areas in Lairg village centre (indicated on the adjacent map). A shuttle-coach will collect guests from

the junction of Lairg Main Street and the A836 and take them to the site. Coaches will also be provided to return guests to Lairg throughout the day. The first coach to the site for the afternoon session will leave Lairg at around 1pm. Journey time is approximately 15 minutes each way.



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