

## Sources for Information

[www.energyconsents.scot](http://www.energyconsents.scot) Scottish Government Energy Consents Unit (ECU). This is the 'planning authority' for Scawd Law and the most important site to track. Once an application is made, the ECU will consult and make the decision although if they turn down any application the developer may still appeal. At present this is the pre-application stage (Reference Number ECU00002111). In the documents you can read the "Scoping Report" prepared by Natural Power Consultants for Fred Olsen and the "Scoping Opinion On Behalf Of Scottish Ministers Under The Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 Scawd Law Wind Farm 21 October 2020".

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/scottish-government-good-practice-principles-community-benefits-onshore-renewable-energy-developments> The Government provides detailed guidance on how it expects community benefits from onshore renewable energy developments to be set up and run.

Look at the government energy figures in the Scottish Energy Statistics Hub at <https://www.gov.scot> for reliable statistics.

<https://www.gov.scot/policies/climate-change/> The policy on carbon emissions reduction and climate change.

[www.theccc.org.uk/publication/reducing-emissions-in-scotland-2020-progress-report-to-parliament/](http://www.theccc.org.uk/publication/reducing-emissions-in-scotland-2020-progress-report-to-parliament/) The Climate Change Committee is required to produce a report each year for Parliament and this is a useful summary.

<https://www.fredolsen-renewables.com/windfarms/scawd-law>. There is a virtual exhibition on the website. The contact is: [julie.aitken@fredolsen.co.uk](mailto:julie.aitken@fredolsen.co.uk) mobile 07887922180

[euanho@naturalpower.com](mailto:euanho@naturalpower.com) Euan Hogg, Natural Power Consultants is the Agent.

[www.scotborders.gov.uk](http://www.scotborders.gov.uk) Excellent guidance on the planning system for windfarms and the Scottish Borders Council guidance for developers including the Ironside Farrar report on their Wind Energy Landscape Capacity Study.

[www.nature.scot](http://www.nature.scot) (Scottish Natural Heritage) Lots of good information on wind farms including a paper on "Good Practice during Wind Farm Construction".

[www.biggareconomics.co.uk](http://www.biggareconomics.co.uk) This company works for the wind farm industry but has produced some useful general reports such as their 2016 report on "Wind Farms and Tourism Trends in Scotland"

[www.ref.org.uk](http://www.ref.org.uk) Renewable Energy Foundation. A think tank which has useful links to recent research articles.

[www.bordersnetwork.co.uk](http://www.bordersnetwork.co.uk) The Borders Network of Conservation Groups exists to promote appreciation and protection of the unique and beautiful landscape and amenity of the Scottish **Borders**.

[www.scottishrenewables.com](http://www.scottishrenewables.com) The industry website – for statistics better to use the government site.

There are many academic papers on the impact of onshore windfarms, both positive and negative. Recently there has been an increase in the number of studies looking at the impact of larger turbines and close proximity of windfarms on localised climate change.