



Press Release

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Decision on Whiteside Hill 25.3MW wind farm

Airtricity is delighted with today's decision by Dumfries and Galloway Council's Nithsdale Area regulatory committee to support the company's proposal for a 25.3MW wind farm at Whiteside Hill, near Sanquhar.

Alan Baker, Chief Executive of Airtricity in Scotland, said:

"We are pleased that this decision has been reached. Our Whiteside Hill wind farm will make a considerable impact on Scotland's renewable targets and contribute significantly to the local and national economy.

"It will also create local jobs, not only during the construction stage but in maintenance thereafter, and will have a positive impact on local businesses. The local community will also benefit from a community fund for local projects to aid the regeneration of the local area.

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"Airtricity consulted closely with the local community and community councils before submitting our proposal and there was considerable support. Of the consultation forms returned in Sanquhar Community Council's public survey, more than 90 per cent were in favour of the development.

"We will continue to consult widely over the coming months and hope to begin construction early next year."

The application involves the erection of 11 wind turbines and associated infrastructure, including underground connecting cabling and on-site access tracks. The committee also backed plans to widen the U432N public road at Sanquhar and add passing places.

The Whiteside Hill wind farm will generate electricity for around 14,000 homes, and link into the grid at New Cumnock. It will contribute to the Scottish Executive's green target by mitigating around 33,000 tonnes of Co2 emissions each year.

About Airtricity

Airtricity is a world-leading renewable energy company developing and operating wind farms across Europe and North America. The company has thirteen wind farms in operation throughout Scotland, the Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland, and the USA resulting in 455MW. A further eleven wind farms totalling more than 600MW are under construction with a global pipeline in excess of 10,000MW. The company has almost 400 employees, a

turnover of £120 million and has been most recently valued at £849m. Airtricity has two operating wind farms in Scotland, a 24MW wind farm at Ardrossan in North Ayrshire, and a 72MW wind farm at Braes of Doune, near Stirling, while two more are under construction at Dalswinton (30MW) and Minsca (38MW) in Dumfries and Galloway.