

ORIEL WIND AND THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

SOCIO-ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT

Part of the Environmental Impact Assessment for the project will study the potential for both positive and negative impacts in the local community. These studies will include:

- **Economic impact of the proposed project**
- **Impact of activities during the construction, operational and decommissioning phases**
- **Visual impact of the project from the coast**

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

As part of the development of the wind farm, we will be holding a number of community events. We want to ensure that local stakeholders can share their views and raise questions while the project is still in the design stage.

In addition to exhibitions, our Community Liaison Officer will engage with groups and individuals in advance of the planning application

We will also be providing information through newsletters, media updates and on our project website, www.orielwindfarm.ie.

The website will also host a virtual exhibition, meaning that people who do not wish to attend a public event, can access the same information on a computer or mobile device.

COMMUNITY BENEFIT SCHEME

The Oriel Wind Farm project will have a substantial community fund, which will distribute grants to groups in the region.

We would welcome community involvement in the design of the scheme. We are not yet looking for projects to support, but we welcome your thoughts on how the scheme could be structured and the kinds of projects we should focus on.

When we get to the stage of seeking projects to fund, we will advertise extensively in local media, through the local authorities and inform those on our mailing list.

FISHING GROUPS

We have engaged extensively with the fishing community over the last 18 months and previously some years ago. We are committed to working with the fishing community to understand any potential short or long term impacts of noise and vibrations on shellfish stocks. Oriel has put in place a long term fund which will help support local fishing communities and research into the subject. This demonstrates our commitment to mutually beneficial co-existence.