

# **Red John PSH Community Liaison Group Newsletter**

Hi all,

We advised the community during discussions in the planning application phase of Red John PSH of our intention to form a community liaison group as the project moved into the construction phase. We subsequently committed to this during the Public Local Inquiry and conditions to that effect were applied to the planning consent. Whilst we may be some time away from commencing construction, we thought it would be worthwhile to provide an update on where the project is sitting currently and to provide contact details should anyone wish to raise any questions or queries relating to the project.

We propose to release quarterly updates initially until a more definitive timeline around the construction phase is finalised. As we move closer to that point a more formal arrangement will be made and a Community Liaison Group will be created with members of local community councils.

## **Latest Position**

The project formally received planning consent from Scottish Ministers in June. On top of the detailed planning process, the project underwent a robust examination through a Public Local Inquiry conducted by The Scottish Government's Planning and Environmental Appeals Division in which we participated fully. We are not aware of another project of this nature which has had such a thorough examination of all aspects of the project and hope this provides a level of assurance on the merits of the project.

A detailed report from the PLI can be found at <http://www.energyconsents.scot/>, using project reference ECU00000728.

This is a major milestone for the project and means that the key consents and licenses are now in place.

## **Moving Forward**

There are a number of factors that need to come together before a large hydro project of this nature can move to the construction phase. We are in discussions with a major development partner and hope to have arrangements in place in the coming months.

We would not expect there to be any major mobilisation for at least 12 months, although we will keep the local community informed as this develops.

The project has a grid connection date of summer 2027 and this is the completion target date for the development.

## **Fish Farm**

We are aware that the fish farm has moved to a location outwith its planning consent and that this has caused some local concern. We have offered to assist MOWI to help get this matter resolved and believe that they will be making a statement outlining the steps they intend to take.

## **Project Contacts**

Please feel free to contact us directly should you have any questions or queries relating to Red John. Ross McLaughlin, ILI Technical Adviser – [rm@ili-energy.com](mailto:rm@ili-energy.com)

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