

Scout Moor II Wind Farm



Extending an existing wind farm of national significance

CLIENT

Cubico Sustainable Investments

LPA

Rossendale and Rochdale Borough Councils (cross boundary)

STATUS

Pre-Application

SERVICES

Planning, EIA, Heritage & Townscape, Economics and Sustainability & ESG

Our role

- Scout Moor Wind Farm is an operational wind farm of 26 turbines on moorland in the South Pennines. We are commissioned to lead Planning and EIA work in connection with a planning application to extend the wind farm by the construction of up to 21 additional turbines of 150m-180m in height, with a capacity of up to 100MW.
- The proposal is the first commercial scale onshore wind farms to be brought forward in England since the removal of the de-facto ban on onshore wind. We previously advised Peel Energy in relation to a proposal for a 16no. turbine scheme which received approval from the local authorities but was refused by the Secretary of State following enactment of the de-facto ban on onshore wind.

Results

- Our Planning and EIA teams have prepared a comprehensive consenting strategy for the proposal, setting out the process for securing approval for an application for full planning permission under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.
- We have been liaising with the technical and design team to define the constraints of the site and formulate the final layout design. Our Planning team have been leading pre-application engagement with the councils and supporting public and stakeholder consultation. Our EIA team are currently leading the preparation of an EIA Scoping report and our Heritage, Economics and Sustainability & ESG teams are contributing to the design and EIA process.