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## PUBLIC EXHIBITIONS FOR PENMANSHIEL WIND FARM

RES<sup>1</sup> has announced plans for a 30MW wind farm near Grantshouse, in the Scottish Borders. The 15-turbine Penmanshiel Wind Farm would provide enough clean, green electricity equivalent to the average demand of over 17,000 homes - or approximately 30% of the households in the Scottish Borders.

Public consultation exhibitions about the project will be held at Grantshouse Village Hall from 10am – 1pm and 3pm – 8pm on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May, Coldingham Village Hall 3pm – 8pm on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May and Cockburnspath Village Hall on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May 11am – 4pm. Everyone is welcome to come along to find out more about the proposed wind farm, meet the project team and leave comments on our proposal.

Ruth Elder, Project Manager, commented; *“We hope to submit a planning application in mid to late summer and we have started a consultation process with the local community to present our current plans. This process will enable the community to feed in their views and opinions on our proposal, and that will help shape our final application.”*

RES is considering ways in which the wind farm can bring direct and tangible economic benefits to the local community, and is proposing an annual community fund of around £60,000 per year (to be distributed in those communities immediately around the wind farm site), as well as the obvious environmental advantages through the generation of pollution-free electricity. There will also be opportunities for local contractors during the construction period as RES has a policy of sourcing goods and services locally to wind farm sites wherever practicable. Other suggestions for local community benefits which arise during the consultation period will be considered.

A newsletter has been circulated to local people containing full details of the project, and further information is available on the project website ([www.penmanshiel-windfarm.co.uk](http://www.penmanshiel-windfarm.co.uk)).

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Notes to editors:

1. RES is one of the world's leading independent renewable energy project developers with operations across Europe, North America and Asia-Pacific. At the forefront of wind energy development since the 1970s, RES has developed and/or built more than 5 GW of wind energy capacity worldwide, including around 10% of the UK's wind energy. In Scotland, RES has developed and/or owns seven wind farm projects. The RES Group is active in a range of renewable energy technologies (biomass, solar, onshore and offshore wind, wave and tidal), as well as sustainable building design. For more information, visit [www.res-group.com](http://www.res-group.com).

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