

WELCOME TO LOCH TOFTINGALL BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM COMMUNITY OPEN DAY



Looking towards Loch Toftingall BESS site with Halsary Wind Farm in the background

Welcome to the community drop-in session for the Loch Toftingall Battery Energy Storage Scheme (BESS).

Boralex's first dedicated BESS at Loch Toftingall near Spittal in Caithness, was approved by the North Planning Applications Committee of The Highland Council in November 2024.

Toftingall was initially both a wind turbine and BESS proposal, but following consultation events in the local community, we made the decision to remove the two turbines from the scheme and focus solely on maximising the potential of the BESS element.

The BESS will import and store electricity from the electricity network when there is a surplus of generation and then export this again when there is a deficit. This balancing function reduces the amount of time that renewable generation needs to be curtailed (switched off) reducing the need to create electricity from fossil fuels. The facility will also help make the electricity network more resilient to outages. The project has a maximum installed capacity of 30 MVA/ export capacity of 25 MW.

Here you will find a selection of information boards outlining the consented plan, what we've done to address the key issues raised during the planning process and the construction timeline alongside our principal contractor, RJ McLeod.

Please take your time to study the information and do not hesitate to speak with any of the project team members who are here to answer your questions.

There are several ways to obtain further information and to contact us:

Our **website** www.lochtoftingallwindfarm.co.uk contains all of the planning documents and will be updated to provide you with the latest information as the construction progresses.

Ring the freephone number **0800 980 4299**

Email us at info@lochtoftingallwindfarm.co.uk

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Site Description

The site is located in a commercial forestry plantation to the north of the operational Halsary Wind Farm, adjacent to the A9, just south of Spittal. As a result of deleting the two wind turbines, the site area was reduced so that it now covers only the south western part of the land west of the Loch. The access track route through the northern part of Halsary is also included within the site area.

The Developer

At Boralex, we have been producing renewable energy for over 30 years. As a leader in the Canadian market and France's largest independent producer of onshore wind power, we also have facilities in the United States and in the United Kingdom. Over the past five years, our installed capacity has more than doubled to 3GW.

We are developing a portfolio of close to 4GW in wind and solar projects and nearly 800MW in storage projects, guided by our values and our corporate social responsibility (CSR) approach. Through profitable and sustainable growth, Boralex is actively participating in the fight against global warming. Thanks to our fearlessness, our discipline, our expertise and our diversity, we continue to be an industry leader.

