

The space in our future landscapes for 'Energy Parks'

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# Questions to consider...

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Is Landscape
Architecture
ready to embrace
the landscaapes
of tomorrow?

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Are we currently responding to the landscapes of today?

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What role should landscape play in delivering Net-Zero?

Internal Use

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Are the views of communities being served by our approach to landscape?

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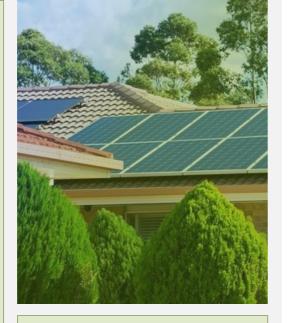
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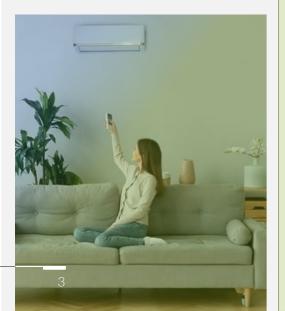






GW Target in Scotland





70%
Public Support



## **Onshore Wind & Net Zero**

Targets are clear and public support is high

- Support for onshore wind in UK over 70% across UK
- | Consistently rising support
- I Greater support in areas already within vicinity of onshore wind

- Onshore Wind ambition of 8 12 GW by 2030
- Net Zero and 2030 as an established policy milestone.
- I Onshore Wind Policy Statement



















Whitelee Energy Park

# Planning for a 'Future Landscape'?



### **PLANNING IN PRACTICE**

#### **PROJECT A**

- Located within Scottish Planning Policy 'Group 3'; not subject to landscape or scenic designations.
- LPA recommended an objection on landscape and visual grounds based on local landscape constraint mapping.
- NatureScot's initial objection was withdrawn following dialogue and suitably worded planning conditions.
- Climate change was considered by Local Authority in report to ECU but listed as a reason for objection.
- The project then subject to a Public Local Inquiry with a 1-year delay to decision.



### **PLANNING IN PRACTICE**

#### **PROJECT B**

- 'Section 36' application submitted in 2019.
- Objection by Local Authority on landscape grounds, project then went to Public Inquiry in 2021
- PLI via written submissions, hearings and full Inquiry sessions.
- PLI expanded beyond the original scope, to include further topics on matters, principally related to landscape and visual, raised late by third parties.

