

Subject: Survey of Businesses into the Economic Contribution of the Onshore Wind Sector in the Scottish Borders

Dear Member,

The Borders Machinery Ring has agreed to distribute the following survey to members on behalf of BiGGAR Economics, which has been appointed by Scottish Borders Council to carry out research into the economic contribution of the onshore wind sector. This is part of a wider study that will also cover public perception and the implications of further development on the landscape.

The study will consider existing and future impacts from onshore wind energy for Scottish Borders businesses. The study will also make recommendations on actions that can be taken to maximise positive economic impacts on businesses on the Scottish Borders and to mitigate any negative impacts. Therefore it is important that the study gathers evidence from companies that have been or could be impacted by the onshore wind sector, which could include farmers, tourism businesses and suppliers to the sector (existing or potential).

BiGGAR Economics and Scottish Borders Council would greatly appreciate it if you could spare some time to fill in the following brief survey, which should take 5 to 10 minutes to complete. To take the survey, please follow this link:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BordersWindBusinessSurveyBMR>

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,