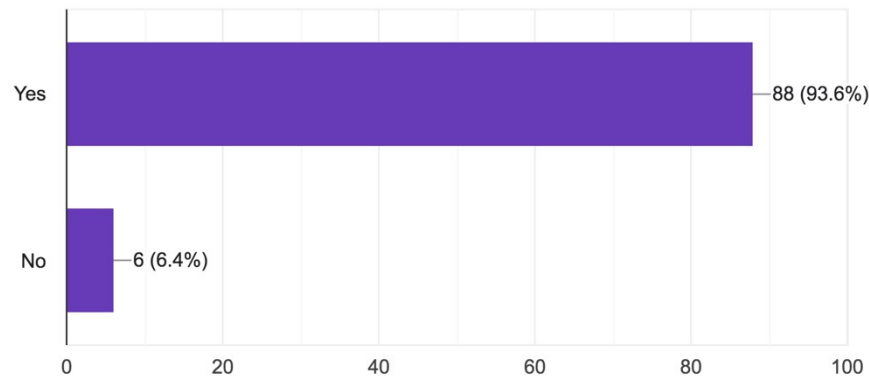


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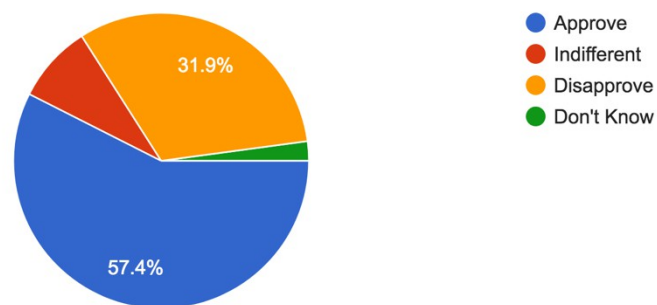
Q-1: Do you live in the Lauderdale and Blainslie Parish?

94 responses



Q-2: Overall, to what extent do you approve/disapprove of the Ditcher Law development?

94 responses



INDIFFERENT 8.5% APPROVE 57.4% DISAPPROVE 31.9% DON'T KNOW 2.1%

Please give reasons for your answer: 80 responses

- Ugly and inefficient
- We need renewable energy
- The windmills will be an eyesore and a blight on a beautiful landscape with no appreciable value to the populace who will have to view them on a daily basis. The source of the windmills energy is derived from a natural source which is free yet the consumer has to pay enhanced rates for energy which go direct to the shareholders (Often overseas investors) dividend. The populace around the windfarm location obtain zero benefit whilst overseas investors gain much and, in a free society that is a travesty.
- Further turbines will ruin the valley - already blighted the countryside
- We need sustainable green energy and not be reliant on fossil fuels
- Whilst I appreciate that they will have a significant impact on properties close by, personally I don't have a problem with wind farms as I believe that we need more renewable energy, and don't find wind turbines visually unappealing.

- Would this bring our bills down NO then what is the point of it all so I disapprove of the destruction of our skyline and the noise. The monies are not guaranteed so what they say and do are two entirely different things.
- Too close to habitation. No guarantee that there is a benefit to local area. Better that household & businesses have reduced energy bills. What happens when turbines & concrete standing slabs reach end of life? Not exactly recyclable! Local jobs- doubtful so no benefit. Don't be fooled into thinking that the big energy companies care about local opinion; it's all about their power & control.
- Wind farms are not the answer
- it is important we do our bit to help the planet.
- We have to work towards decarbonising our energy supply.
- I'm supportive of renewable in principle, provided it's the right technology in the right place. Lauder is like many communities in that it can contribute to net zero and NIMBYism isn't really defensible, even if I would prefer wind turbines to be offshore and not detracting from the Lauderdale landscape.
- Clean energy
- We need renewable power. We cannot afford a 'not in my back yard' attitude if we want to protect our children's future
- We need new sources of energy, and the infrastructure is already here to add to.
- We need alternative sources of electricity and whilst this will change the skyline it needs to be built for future security.
- We need energy security in this country so have to have turbines. This is a small scheme - it's not a big deal.
- If this is a suitable location capable of generating significant wind powered energy I don't have any objection, as I use and rely on electricity.
- Visual impact
- It's the future
- Too close to inhabited areas, too many turbines already in the area.
- We need more renewable energy across the country asap.
- The UK needs to produce different types of energy.
- We need renewable energy to combat global warming
- Our country is surrounded by water we need to focus more on wave power! Lauderdale will be spoiled by the introduction of further wind turbines!
- Necessary for sustainability
- It is defacing our wonderful country side and will never be the same again for the future generations
- Not needed, the area seems to have plenty of windfarms already.
- In a time of global warming we have to do everything we can
- Gives back to the community
- The more sustainable energy we can harness the better, I'd rather see wind turbines than smoggy chimneys
- Unsightly blemish on the Lauderdale countryside
- Enough wind farms spoiling Scottish landscapes, inefficient generating potential
- We must take every opportunity to become less reliant on fossil fuels
- It's an interesting survey, but at the end of the day, they'll build it anyway.
- Environmental (global) impact is positive but I don't know the local impact
- Too many already

- They are ineffective inefficient blots on the landscape that proportion to be ecological but require huge amounts of fossil fuel and environmental damage in their construction
- The wind turbines are unnecessarily large, will ruin the visual amenity of the area and the inevitable increase in construction and large heavy traffic and the need to construct new roads through farmland is unacceptable.
- We need to produce as much renewable energy and use it locally
- There are enough Windfarms here. Please allow us to enjoy the skyline without living fully encircled by turbines.
- We all use electricity, so it needs to be generated somehow. Nothing wrong with turbines. Biggest issue will be getting consensus for the spend of the grant income
- Noise pollution and blot on the landscape
- Wind energy is a good thing
- It's very close to both towns and to properties
- I don't believe that there is a true environmental benefit, given the resources required to build, implement and maintain the turbines.
- Local communities have not been actively consulted or had their views heard. The nearest community council (Oxton) wasn't even written too at the outset, neither were local residents. Scottish Ministers have made it very clear that meaningful and active local community consultation is highly relevant and important to the acceptability of wind farm proposals, and which Ditcher has failed to do. Local private water supplies are at risk of damage, disruption and contamination. The Lammermuirs is saturated with wind farms. The Lammermuirs should now be collectively managed centrally so the most is gained out of the potential of the resource rather than landowners and developers putting their needs and interests above the interests of effective management of the resource and local residents and communities. Ditcher is a case in point. Rather than being linked up to neighbouring Dun Law an entirely new access road is intended right opposite Oxton and its Bird Garden Sanctuary. The disruption on the A68 and into a quiet and picturesque area of the Lammermuir foothills, will be huge damaging. The height of the proposed turbines (200 metres) on 400 metres hills is huge also and completely out of proportion to existing wind farms and will set a dangerous precedent. Ditcher is at the gateway of that quintessential Lauderdale view and also on an area of the Lammermuirs that forms a promontory into Lauderdale and will be highly visible across the whole of Lauderdale and beyond. Landowners, local community councils and the Scottish Government have a responsibility to future generations and the beauty of Scotland's iconic landscape to carefully manage and protect it and not just wave on through schemes (like Ditcher and Longcroft) that will industrialise the landscape and irrevocably change and damage it.
- The Scottish Borders as a whole, specifically this area, has been blighted by wind turbines, that have a significant detrimental impact on the landscape. The financial 'carrot' for local communities is a poor return.
- Great community and nationwide benefit. We are an island, a windy one. We should have been making use of this fact for decades.
- The visual impact on the historic King's Road will be horrendous. We live in a beautiful valley, steeped in history. To enter it from the north end and be confronted by even more windmills will be a tragedy. Although windmills are thought to give greener energy, I would be interested to find out if, in their potential 30-year life, they produce enough energy to compensate their manufacture, instalment etc., and the adverse effects of piles of concrete left behind and the non-recyclable fibre glass, from which they are made just being dumped or buried. There may be a community fund, but if the installation causes drivers to divert to other valleys, it could well adversely affect tourism in the area.
- Anything to help global warming and hopefully reduce costs.

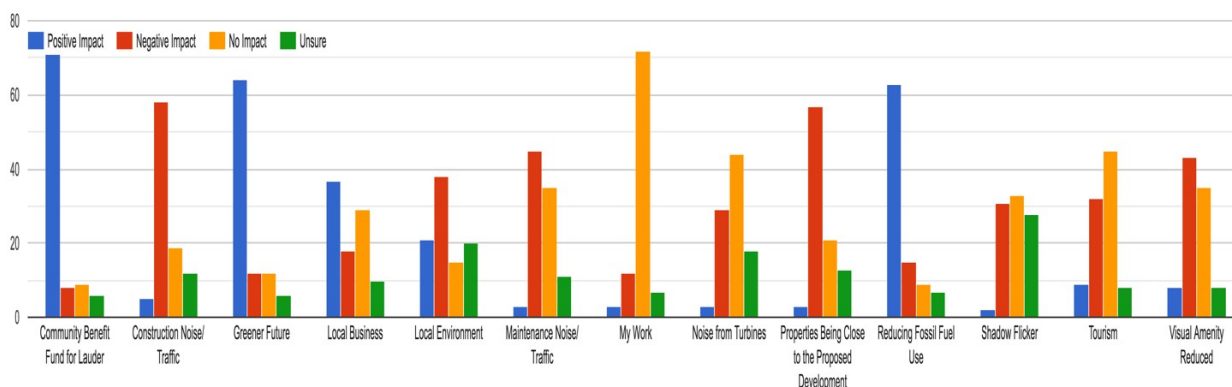
- We have to embrace green power to try and mitigate the catastrophic potential impact of climate change
- Low visual problems compared to the benefit of low carbon energy generation.
- I believe that a sustainable future depends upon renewable energy sources. Lauderdale provides an appropriate location for this, so projects like this should be given the green light.
- These turbines cannot be recycled at the end of their useful term. Not a good idea when we are being encouraged to be Climate aware. Landfill?
- I have just had an offer accepted on a house that would be greatly impacted by this
- It does not negatively affect me, I am keen on any advancement in green energy availability.
- We need green power generation and it's preferable to pylons!
- Far too many turbines within the Lauderdale area and the town does not benefit from them.
- As a nation we need to increase our renewables source of power than oil/gas. This is one of those alternatives and everyone must play their part. It's no longer acceptable to think not in my back garden/ area where I live.
- I believe renewable energy is essential. Lauderdale has lots of wind especially on the hills. The funding will support the community especially if the fund is open to supporting the community including, Christmas lights, out of school club, food bank, church and community centre
- As a society we need to embrace low carbon technologies for the production of energy as part of a wider strategy to reduce our energy consumption.
- We should be proud that our community can contribute to the nation's clean energy production and 'do our bit' for climate change. The visual impact on Lauder itself looks to be limited (and probably less so than Longcroft) and I'm sure the turbines will become a feature of the landscape. The financial benefits for Lauderdale as a whole (however the pot is divided up between parishes) look to be astonishing, benefitting the whole community, and we should not let this opportunity pass us by.
- I'm in favour of clean, green energy and think the financial benefits to the community are potentially highly beneficial. I also think that, although very tall, these are better from a visual impact than a large number of smaller turbines.
- These seem to big and too prominent a location in the dale.
- Moves away from fossil fuels
- Good place to harness natural energy source
- We need more renewable energy, including, but not limited to onshore wind farms.
- Ruin the landscape. Plus, wind farms decrease the cooling effect of wind on the earth and contribute to global warming.
- I don't think I'll directly see it. Possibly an eye sore for some people but we need renewable energy and it brings substantial money to the area.
- We need to generate electricity in a green way
- Sustainable power is necessary
- I really don't mind wind farms
- better than a nuclear power plant
- Providing the development is managed cognisant of the local area and community
- Need for Green energy
- it would just be a continuation of the Soutra turbines
- It could provide money for improving service in local communities
- Wind farms are an essential technology to support a transition to net zero. Scottish Borders has significant potential for this that we should utilise, as well as having community benefits for the area

If you don't know is there further information that would be useful? If so, what? 8 responses:

- N/a
- The offer of money 'distributed between Lauder and Oxton parishes' isn't very clear. Is this a) a recurring payment to a community fund or b) a reduction in electricity bills for local people? If it's a) I'm struggling to see how this would benefit Lauder and would take time and effort from volunteers to ensure the funds were administered properly, and those people are in short supply. Lauder's most pressing issues appear to be access to health and social care, transport and opportunities for young people. These are issues that should be addressed by public bodies rather than depend a fund that has no long-term sustainability. If it's b) then I would very interested as this is a means of giving back the community affected. The details of eligibility and how much would be received by each household needs further examination, but this seems a far more equitable way of distributing a community benefit. Clearly the more households that are benefitting will reduce the benefit however this is a detail worth exploring. It should be borne in mind that not everyone in Lauder would use something paid for by a fund (e.g. a new public hall, over 60s outings) so a benefit to all households has to more equitable. Slightly off topic, my uninformed observation is that Oxton appears to benefit far more than Lauder from past wind farm developments. I recognise that the Oxton community is closer, however the visual impacts are perhaps less given the topography of the area.
- I am now trying to find exact plans for the development
- Noise pollution assessment
- I went to the open meeting and asked questions there. The answers given were vague. Where will the Battery store be for the energy generated?
- What is the impact on wild life, will it have a negative impact on the farming community & house prices?
- N/A
- No

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	Positive Impact %	Negative Impact %	No Impact %	Unsure %
Community Benefit Fund for Lauderdale and Blainslie	75	9	10	6
Construction Noise/Traffic	5	6	20	13
Greener Future	68	13	13	6
Local Business	39	19	31	11
Local Environment	23	40	15	22
Maintenance Noise/Traffic	3	48	37	12
My Work	3	13	77	7
Noise from Turbines	3	31	47	19
Properties Close to Proposed Development	3	61	22	14
Reducing Fossil Fuel Use	67	15	10	7
Shadow Flicker	2	33	35	30
Tourism	10	34	48	8
Visual Amenity	8	47	37	8

Any other factors? (Please specify) :

- Destroying the wild land
- The construction of access tracks will help to open up countryside for recreation. This is perhaps a double-edged sword - good for walkers, probably creates more issues for land managers
- Huge negative impacts for commuters during construction. Look at Hawick!
- Community funding goes to local town and not to individual households in outlying area. Those are the households that will feel the greatest impact of these turbines!
- Impact on wildlife. Distraction to drivers
- Access road directly from the A68 travelling up and over the hillside will surely be a safety issue and a very negative distraction to all road users.
- N/a
- Will there also be additional pylons needed?
- Potential for energy firm to change the equation for community benefit
- This is an outstanding area of beauty and the unsightly turbines would be a blot on the landscape. I will definitely have to remove my offer on my new home if this is the case.
- Will the turbine have lights on at night?

- Benefit to future of planet
- Why do these have to be located in rural communities. The roads and infrastructure are not designed nor capable of taking the weight and width of the lorries. We have prior evidence of the destruction to the roads with previous Wind projects. WHY thus area again.
- A hugely dangerous precedent heralding even larger turbines and the irrevocable industrialisation of Lauderdale's beautiful and iconic landscape. I also believe that there will be serious damage to the mental health and wellbeing of local residents caused by the worry and uncertainty of the Ditcher Law and other similar developments.
- Too many wind "farms" in the area already. Should be built in remote unpopulated areas and out at sea
- The current view entering Lauderdale from Soutra will be ruined. Safety issues in height from aircraft and wildlife
- Should bring local quality jobs

Q-4: Any other comments overall about Ditcher Law? 23 responses:

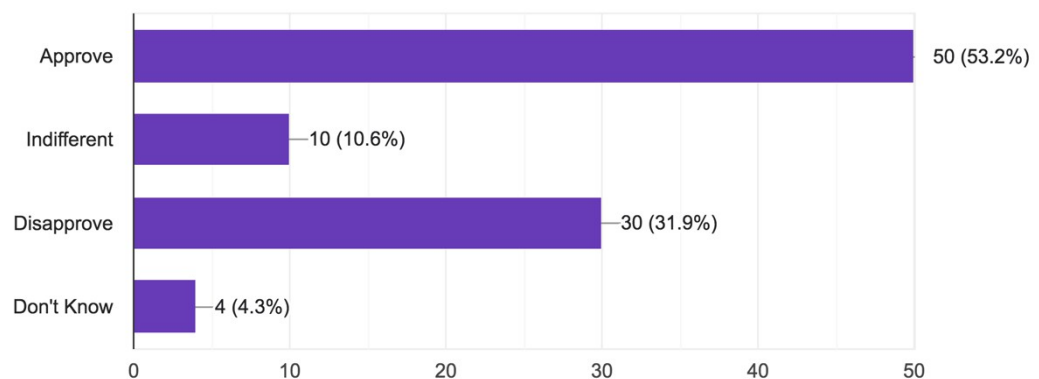
- Lauder Leisure Centre is key to the local community and should receive financial support as a priority
- I would like to think that care would be taken over the natural environment during construction and maintenance
- Ugly
- Do not support the proposal
- Shouldn't be allowed!!!
- Properties closer to the development will be much more adversely affected so should receive a large proportion of the benefit. Most of the significant adverse effects (noise, shadow flicker, visual amenity) are within 3km of the turbines, maybe up to 5km. This approach has been taken with several other recent schemes.
- This seems to prominent on the road side of the hills. It will open up the flood gates for these massive turbines to be all over the area.
- The community benefit fund is a drop in the ocean of the enormous profits these companies make, and divides communities over how and where it is spent. I'm sorry but no amount of money would compensate for the unsightly blot on our beautiful landscape, together with the noise and associated chaos especially during construction. We will be surrounded by wind farms and battery storage which, as well as a proven reduction in house values, are a Scottish government's fools legacy that will be a problem for many years after the wind farms operating life.
- Scottish government seems hell bent on allowing wind farms
- N/a
- I am happy for it to proceed.
- The opinions of those living the closest who will feel the most impact need to be considered. For those of us living further away we'll get used to the visual difference and I expect the traffic disturbance during construction will be relatively limited and yet these wind farms not only have the potential benefit of financial support for our community but will overall help us to decarbonise our energy supply which is essential.
- There is a historic fort very close surely this has to be protected
- Do not want this to to ahead. Many residents are against this.
- No
- We have enough turbines in our area, I can already see 3 different windfarms
- This should not be allowed to take place

- It's worth remembering that the power output of the turbines is proportional to the square of the turbine blade length. This means if the blade length is reduced by say 50% then the MW power falls by 75%. Given the community gets paid per MW, the payments to the community would also fall by 75%! Therefore, it would be counter-productive for the community council to push for smaller turbines, as we would end up getting paid much, much less.
- Hopefully development would ensure cheaper electricity and not just big profits for company.
- Local community councils and Scottish Borders Council should mandate that there be a public enquiry into the proposed Ditcher Law (& Longcroft) developments.
- Taken with the existing wind "farms", the area is being completely overwhelmed.
- Not necessary usual greed applies
- It should be the community that's building and controlling this project

SECTION 2: YOUR VIEWS ON LONGCROFT PROPOSAL

Q-5: Overall, to what extent do you approve/disapprove of the Longcroft development?

94 responses



Please give reasons for your answer: 65 responses

- As above
- As above
- As above - we have to move towards a greener future
- Same as previous
- Will ruin beautiful unspoilt landscape
- As Ditcherlaw
- As above. We need alternative energy sources
- As with answers above
- Clean energy
- The same as above!!
- Enough wind farms around us already, massive disruption to locals living nearby, operating hours ridiculously long and uncertain
- Opportunity to reduce emissions

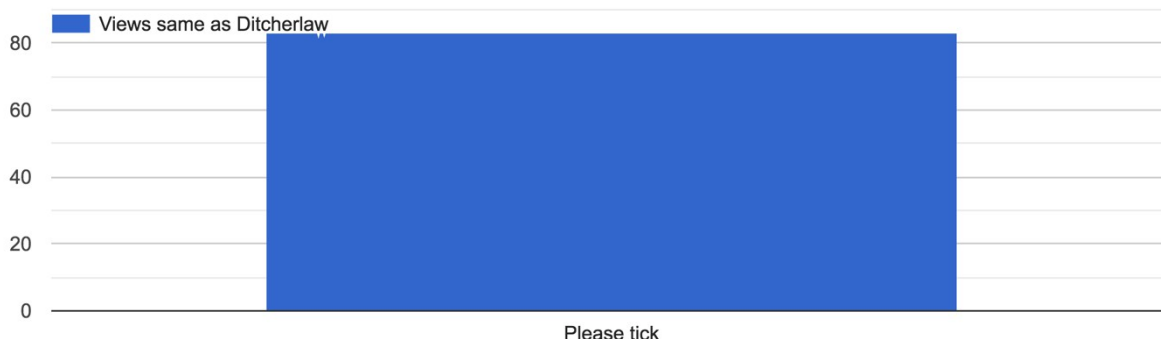
- This one is further into the hills and would seem to effect less houses, I do worry about the impact of the build on residents leading up to the farm
- Again, we must support green energy in order to combat climate change. Any negative impacts of projects like these will be minimal in comparison to the positive impacts of supporting green energy.
- Too many and too large turbines and disruption to the local community is unacceptable
- It is not going to be beneficial to the area
- 19 is a significant number so I'd need to know more.
- Local road D124 is going to be disrupted and people's grass area taken away
- No
- Again we need to generate electricity in some manner
- Ugly and inefficient
- Low carbon benefits out-weigh issues.
- Blemish on Lauderdale countryside. Unsightly
- It's closer to Lauder and bigger than the other one. I am overall pro-wind but this is quite a large scheme and will be visible throughout Lauderdale
- We need to replace fossil fuel reliance and move to greener energy. Visually not great but I'd rather have a more stable planet
- Necessary for sustainability
- We need to look to a more sustainable future
- Same, wind power is good
- It's the future
- Same as said for Ditcher law.
- Our historic valley is already surrounded by windmills. Soon, there will be no area of the Lammermuirs untouched. Again, I do not believe that the energy cost of creating and installing these causes these to be a 'green' option. At least the concrete piles sunk in the sea for offshore windfarms become their own little ecosystems.
- Very close to both towns and adjoining properties
- Same as above
- same as previous
- unsightly and not a suitable area
- We need renewable power. We cannot afford a 'not in my back yard' attitude if we want to protect our children's future
- Noise pollution and blot on the landscape.
- We need more renewable energy, including, but not limited to onshore wind farms.
- Visual impact
- The UK needs to make other types of energy.
- Moves away from fossil fuels
- We have to embrace green power to try and mitigate the catastrophic potential impact of climate change
- We need more renewables
- Again I am fully supportive of wind farms
- Befitting the community
- As a society we need to embrace low carbon technologies for the production of energy as part of a wider strategy to reduce our energy consumption.
- As above, we should have been building these developments a long time ago.
- We love our beautiful, wild countryside and this would completely ruin it for all time

- It doesn't look as though the Longcroft application is as mature as Ditcher Law - for example it would be helpful to have a mock-up of the expected visual impact, which presumably will be worse for Lauder than Ditcher Law. (N.B there is a mistake in the description of the Longcroft Wind Farm above - it is not to the NE of Carfrae and Oxton, it is directly to the east of Lauder!). Visual impact aside, I still would approve of Longcroft for the same reasons that I approve of Ditcher Law. I think it would be hypocritical of the community council to support one application and not the other.
- Coming from the north it would be a succession of turbines for miles --an industrialized view of our environment
- As Ditcher law comments
- Same as previous answer.
- We need renewable energy.
- We need more renewable energy across the country asap
- Same reasons as set for Ditcher Law, albeit Longcroft did at least write to local residents. I'm also hugely concerned about the access road through the quiet and small community of residents at Longcroft. Some of the turbines proposed are within 1km of local housing, which is completely irresponsible and very worrying for local residents. The access off the A697 is also dangerous, as represented by the speed camera, which was set up to help reduce road safety risks at that Longcroft turn off.
- The windmills will be an eyesore and a blight on a beautiful landscape with no appreciable value to the populace who will have to view them on a daily basis. The source of the windmills energy is derived from a natural source which is free yet the consumer has to pay enhanced rates for energy which go direct to the shareholders (Often overseas investors) dividend. The populace around the windfarm location obtain zero benefit whilst overseas investors gain much and, in a free society that is a travesty.
- Too many wind "farms" in the area already
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- We all need to do our bit to help move away from oil and gas.
- If this is a suitable location capable of generating significant wind powered energy, I don't have any objection as I use and rely on electricity.
- We need to use and produce more green energy
- Totally ruin the hillsides and quiet country properties. Huge impact on bringing in concrete to build platforms - far outweigh any carbon offset claimed
- We need positive businesses to provide quality technical jobs not just tourism

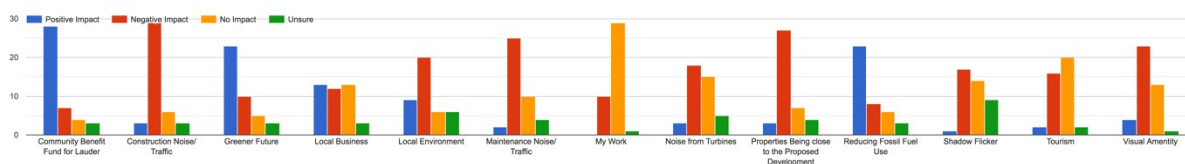
If you don't know, is there any further information that would be helpful?

- As above
- More on the visual and environmental impact of such a larger number.
- No
- Mock-up of the visual impact
- No, I've been to exhibitions and commented elsewhere

If your views on Longcroft are the same as your views for Ditcher Law (question 3) regarding the local impact, please tick below and go straight to ...h identifies your Community Development Priorities.



Q-6: What do you think would be the likely impact of the Longcroft wind-farm on Lauderdale and Blainslie with respect to the following factors? (tick in appropriate column)



83 responses have confirmed that their views are the same as for Ditcherlaw however, between 40 – 42 have responded here so we have double counting. This does however give an indication of residents' views.

	Positive Impact %	Negative Impact %	No Impact %	Unsure %
Community Benefit Fund for Lauderdale and Blainslie	60	17	10	3
Construction Noise/Traffic	7	71	15	7
Greener Future	56	24	12	7
Local Business	32	29	32	7
Local Environment	21	49	15	15
Maintenance Noise/Traffic	5	61	24	10
My Work	0	25	72	3
Noise from Turbines	7	44	37	12
Properties Close to Proposed Development	7	66	17	10
Reducing Fossil Fuel Use	58	20	15	7

Shadow Flicker	2	41	34	22
Tourism	5	40	50	5
Visual Amenity	10	50	32	2

Any other factors? (Please specify): 6 responses

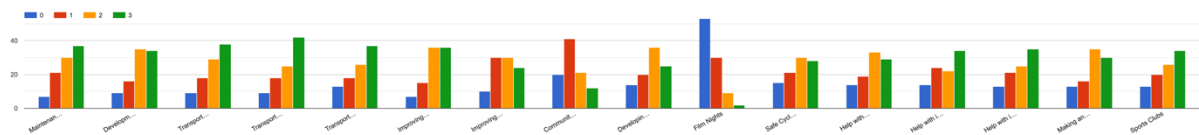
- Same as above
- Greatest tragedy since the highland clearances
- Bad idea
- Overall defacing of our wonderful Scottish Border country
- Over concentration of turbines in this area.
- Greed seems the main objective - totally ruining the reason we choose to live here.

Q-7: Any other comments overall about Longcroft? :10 responses

- No
- Same as above
- Similar to Ditcher Law, whilst some wider community benefit funding would be helpful the properties nearest the windfarm will be most adversely affected.
- Road from A697 to D124 will be overwhelmed by traffic to site at all times of day and night with no restrictions on operating hours with potential movement of blades after midnight... ridiculous
- We need to protect the remnants of the forts these are
- Greedy land owners making money at the expense of locals living there
- As before it is not wanted here
- Only saving Grace seems to be that no occupied properties are within its impact
- Work is being done to encourage eagles and other raptors, thus will interfere greatly with results seen already
- There should be an education centre built and linked into this site to allow quality education for all local children and students to understand and be involved in the technical development and maintaining these big renewable energy sites

SECTION 3: YOUR COMMUNITY BENEFITS FOR LAUDER AND BLAINSLIE

Q-8: How important do you think is each of the following possible Lauder community developments? (0=not at all important; 1=slightly important; 2=moderately important; 3=extremely important)



	0 Not at all important %	1 Slightly Important %	2 Moderately Important %	3 Extremely Important %
Maintenance and improvement of local walking paths	7	22	32	40
Development of Cycle Paths	10	18	37	36

Transport to Stow Station	10	19	31	40
Transport to Edinburgh	10	19	27	45
Transport to Galashiels	14	19	28	39
Improving Leisure Centre	7	16	38	38
Improving Public Hall	11	32	32	26
Community Garden	21	44	22	13
Developing Greener Lauder	15	21	38	27
Sports Clubs	14	21	28	36
Safe Cycle Practice Area for Children	16	22	30	32
Help with Electricity costs for certain Households	15	20	35	31
Help with Installation Cost of Solar panels	15	26	23	36
Helps with installation costs of insulation	14	22	27	37
Making an income generating investments for Lauderdale Community	14	17	37	32
Film Nights	56	32	10	2

Any other ideas? :26 responses

- Building a Lauderdale swimming pool would be amazing - everyone in the area currently has to travel some distance to swimming lessons and it is prohibitively expensive for local schools to facilitate a swimming lesson programme through the curriculum. This would be a huge benefit to the community of all ages.
- Swimming pool
- No other ideas, but I'd emphasise that using undependable wind farm money to subsidise bus services isn't sustainable, particularly to/from Edinburgh as this diminishes the benefit to the Scottish Borders.
- Grants and schemes to support young people in Lauder.
- Creating a community all weather multi sports court(s)/pitch like Stow has in the main body of lauder e.g. in the park so there are tennis courts, basketball courts etc centrally in lauder

itself. Mountain biking trail development. Could be small scale like the Tarland Trails in Aberdeenshire was initially. It has since been extended but was originally just one downhill run with 3 grades of difficulty and a skills practice area like a pump track. Bike pump track. Safe (ideally off road) cycle and walking routes in the area is a huge priority for the environment and health. Skate park suitable for skating and scooters. Small swimming pool.

- Engage with existing local groups to determine where they may be able to use additional funding – e.g. Scouts, Lauder in Bloom, Common Riding, Parent Council etc.,
- Although all the ideas are very worthy and would make a huge difference to life in Lauderdale, the main reason we live here is the beautiful, unspoilt countryside. All the suggestions should be undertaken by SBC anyway, they receive enough council tax from the Lauder area and will no doubt receive much more when they keep approving planning for more and more houses.
- Transport from Edinburgh (later buses) 3
- A skate board ramp or pump track which can be used by scooters and skate boarders too.
- Better food shop cheaper vegetable shop
- It would be fantastic to improve the links to Edinburgh/Stow Station. The current public transport makes it really difficult to expand employment options. Jobs which include unsocial hours (8pm-1am start times) have to be discounted if you do not have a car, and the transport directly to Edinburgh is very infrequent.
- A big meaningful in-depth project to improve the lives of our whole community with the community at the heart of the whole process. To develop a 10 - 30 year plan for the town, taking into account demographics for example aging population. Look at pressure, issues and opportunities for all local businesses and the benefit to our community. Demand on local amenities, Doctors surgery, schools etc. Energy security and food security. Health and well-being of the whole community. (All ages) Thinking of our already struggling NHS and the issues we could face in the future. The importance of good health has never been so important. Local employment, issues and opportunities. Climate change effects (storms, heat etc.) are we ready as a community to combat these real issues now and in the future, what effect does it have on food production, health, homes, businesses etc., What can we do as a community to help in the fight against climate change. (Green energy, waste reduction, refill, shared resources, fuel consumption, energy consumption, wildlife protection, tree planting, grasslands protection, biodiversity etc.,) Look at the importance of community groups, volunteering, keeping these groups in good health. (who they benefit, volunteers, finance, venue, etc) This could help groups who are struggling, ways to share resources, and also see who in our community are not represented, as well as celebrate success. Public transport is a key issue to building happier, healthier, fairer communities, particularly thinking of the benefits to young people for employment and self-sufficiency and also to improve the lives of our growing ageing population. Benefits to our local businesses around the borders with better links between towns, as well as the environment benefits of a safe, reliable, regular, affordability service. These are just a few ideas. A community benefit fund needs to be for the benefit of the whole community. Helping our community now and in the future. Really looking at where the potential funding can go and its benefit to the whole community for generations to come. Making sure that the whole community voice is heard.
- There are excellent examples from other areas who have generated income for the community by providing 'certified locations' for motorhomes to use either for free or at minimal charge. There are several locations that could be used for this e.g. old gasworks area. Such a facility could be easily established and would attract tourists and boost local economy for shops etc.
- Foodbank/ Christmas Lights/ Guy Fawkes Night/ Santa Sleigh/ Nursery Funding/ Scouts

- Better sports facilities like a pump track, table tennis. Also supporting community shared facilities (halls, LCC, etc) and businesses becoming greener which will have a wider impact in Lauder than individual homes.
- Funding towards after school activities and childcare
- I would suggest that regular consultation is held with the community to ensure that the focus of benefits keep pace with the needs of the community and environment. In addition to the above I would suggest something relating to education. This could be support for lower income families for uniforms, trips, etc.
- Reliable public transport is the most important on this list if you want to see Lauder and the surrounding area grow.
- Given the very large amount of money that could be bestowed on Lauderdale, it cannot all possibly be spent in full each year. We should therefore build up an endowment fund and invest it so that can provide an income for generations to come. The wind turbines will eventually be taken down, but the financial benefit from them could be made to last much, much longer.
- These questions are misleading all the boxes are about services and facilities that all deserve a 3. Having our infrastructure, destroyed and decimated in the process isn't worth the projects going ahead. Probably none of the questions will see any upgrade.
- Investment in local village halls.
- None of the above potential community developments would compensate local community residents for the irreversible damage of Lauderdale's beautiful and iconic landscape. It is priceless and local residents should not be bribed into giving a licence to those that wish herald the change for their own short-term interests and benefits. All local residents have a collective responsibility and commitment to future generations to preserve and protect the beauty of the Lauderdale landscape.
- Encouraging retailers to stay in the area so that we don't have to travel to buy food, pharmacy etc
- Contribution to school
- No
- Get the company to build and donate an education centre on site for the community and pre and post grad students to work from linked into the live system to see in real time how it operates and how weather and people can affect green energy...the company could also use it to train staff