

Hammars Hill Energy Ltd

Hammars Hill Windfarm

Health and Safety Visitor Information

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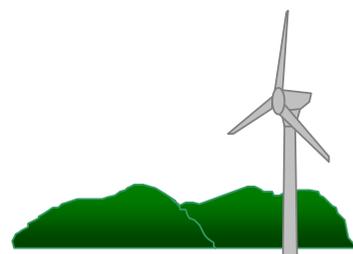
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1. General Statement of Policy on Health and Safety at Work

Hammars Hill Energy Ltd is the owner and operator of the windfarm of five Enercon E44 wind turbines at Savisgarth in Evie, Mainland Orkney. The Site Manager is Orkney Sustainable Energy Ltd, and all maintenance, repairs and periodic servicing are under the control of the Maintenance Company; Enercon UK Ltd.

Hammars Hill Energy Ltd is responsible for providing a safe and healthy place of work for employees, contractors and permitted visitors, and is also committed to achieving appropriate standards of Health and Safety at Work.

The implementation of site Health and Safety Policy is the responsibility of the company Directors. Contractors have an important part to play in creating and maintaining a safe and healthy work environment. Approved visitors also have a responsibility of care for their own health and safety and that of other persons who may be affected by their actions.

Hammars Hill Energy Ltd fulfils its responsibilities by working in accordance with the relevant Health and Safety legislation, approved Codes of Practice and good working practices. This is achieved by:-

- Seeking at all times to provide safe working procedures, good working conditions and a healthy working environment.
- Ensuring that site visitors know of the potential hazards connected with the various activities undertaken on the Hammars Hill windfarm and are made aware of the associated risks.
- Providing induction to enable permitted visitors and contractors to access the site safely and efficiently.
- Promoting the attention and effort on the part of visitors and contractors to avoid and prevent accidents.

Hammars Hill Energy places emphasis on the responsibilities of employees, visitors and contractors to co-operate fully on Health and Safety matters. Authorised visitors and contractors on the windfarm should pay due regard to undertaking activities in a way which is safe and does not present risks to their own safety or that of other persons.

2. Visitors and Contractors on Site

Authorised visitors on site are the responsibility of Hammars Hill Energy Ltd; such visitors to the wind turbine site will be accompanied and remain the responsibility of their host. Hammars Hill Energy Ltd will ensure that permitted visitors are not placed at risk during site visits, and in particular, visitors will be kept out of wind turbines when operational, as far as possible.

It is recognised that the gate on the access track at Savisgarth is not locked, and casual visitors do travel to the site. There is signage at the entrance to the site which identifies potential hazards and states that access is at their own risk.

The conduct of contractors on site is the responsibility of the relevant Maintenance Company. It should be ensured that all employees and sub-contractors of the Maintenance Company are aware of the windfarm hazards. The Maintenance Company should also ensure that contractors have appropriate Personal Protective Equipment, such as climbing harnesses, hard hats, protective footwear and gloves, available for their use. The Maintenance Company is required to advise the Site Manager of any accidents and injuries to their employees on site.

Authorised visitors and contractors arriving on site for the first time should report to the Site Manager for induction, and information should be provided regarding any plant and equipment that is to be used by the contractors. The Site Manager will obtain assurances that the plant and equipment is in good condition and will provide advice when necessary.

Visitors and contractors found to be disobeying safety rules, failing to make use of necessary Personal Protective Equipment, using defective or dangerous equipment or working with disregard to their own safety or that of others will be asked to leave the site.

3. Accident and First Aid Procedures

A First Aid kit is located in the windfarm switchgear building. It is the responsibility of trained individuals to provide first aid treatment and to ensure that details of the treatment are recorded. Employees and contractors are obliged to report any injury that has been treated.

Details of First Aid treatments will be recorded in the site Accident Book, and the Site Manager is responsible for ensuring adequate investigation of all accidents.

In the event of a serious incident help should be requested from the national emergency services by calling 999. There is an Accident & Emergency Service at the Balfour Hospital in Kirkwall.

Notification to the Health and Safety Executive is required in the event of a major injury. This notification will be made by the Site Manager, after liaison with company directors.

Detailed investigation will be undertaken in the case of accidents that are reportable to the Health and Safety Executive. Appropriate persons will be invited to assist in the investigation, so that the circumstances of the accident can be established and necessary actions taken to prevent recurrence.

4. Emergency and Evacuation Procedures

Hammars Hill Energy Ltd has ensured that work on site is properly planned, appropriately supervised and carried out in a safe manner. Contractors are expected to provide risk assessments for emergencies and provide suitable procedures based upon the results of the risk assessment; these should include procedures that allow for evacuation and escape from wind turbines when required.

All persons working on site should be competent and familiar with the Work at Height Regulations, and should be trained and familiar with the emergency arrangements. The Maintenance Company must provide a suitable emergency descent device, and should have a functioning method of communications at all times.

An emergency could arise due to a fault with a wind turbine, possibly leading to a fire with electrical machinery. Evacuation will depend on the source and size of any fire, with an extinguisher used if necessary. The correct procedures for use of the descent device should be followed when external evacuation from the nacelle is required.

Personal emergencies relate to injury, sickness, the result of a fall or other disability. Minor injuries can be treated using the site first aid kit and the turbine evacuated using normal procedures. Serious and major injuries may require specialised assistance from the emergency services, particularly if there has been a suspected spinal injury or heart attack, or if the casualty is unconscious.

Any casualty should be removed from danger as quickly and as safely as possible.