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■ 25 wind turbines considered for Stena Line development

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STENA Line's new port at Cairnryan could be the unlikely location for a 25-turbine wind farm.

The slick, streamline turbines — described as “more akin to street lights” — are being proposed to line the car park and boundaries of the terminal, set for completion this week.

London-based firm, Quietrevolution has approached Dumfries and Galloway Council to ask for a screening opinion as to whether or not an Environmental Impact Assessment would be required, if they were to submit plans for this venture.

The firm hopes to put forward a proposal to build 25 turbines — with a maximum height of 23.5 metres — at the Cairnryan site, which becomes operational in early November.

This step in the procedure is not a proposal to build, nor is it an actual planning application, but merely a procedural query.

Quietrevolution are keen to gain support from the authorities and locals alike for their adventurous vision — amidst a growing wave of opposition to wind farms in the area.

Steve Allen, UK Business Development Manager, told the Free Press: “This is not a planning application that we have enquired about. What we have sent is a screening request, which is just an initial approach.

“It asks what are the views of our proposals, who do we need to consult with and just asking how to be best equipped should we submit an application.

“Our turbines are not visually intrusive, and if this turns out not to be an appropriate place, then we won't do it. We would welcome having a public forum to discuss the proposals along the way.”

Quietrevolution has already successfully implemented turbines into urban landscapes, and have been praised for their inventiveness and resourcefulness.

Sites at Leyland and the Cleveleys Promenade in Lancashire, as well as a site at Helmond in Holland have been well received from locals, and pictures

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URBAN LANDSCAPE . . . These Quietrevolution turbines don't look out of place at the Cleveleys Promenade in Lancashire. (NN)

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show that the turbines actually blend in with built up areas. Mr Allen said: "Our turbines are more in keeping with the urban environment, they are not anywhere near the size of the industrial wind turbines creeping up in the UK."

"They are more akin to a street light column. The initial plans we have are six miles away from Stranraer on Lochryan and our turbines have been put in sea front areas like this before, because they are a pleasant design."

"Our turbines are not visually intrusive, but again, if it's not the right place or the public don't want them, then we won't."

Dumfries and Galloway Council has confirmed that as of yet, no planning application for this proposal has been submitted.

The new and improved Stena Line terminal will be finished on schedule and on budget, with the substantial completion of key components of the project already achieved.

Landscaping and car parks will be given a slightly longer period of time for completion, however, it is likely to be over a

year before any plans for Quietrevolution to implement any turbines on site, should they be successful.

One of the main benefits of Stena's move is the reduction in speed limitations on ferries entering and leaving the bay.

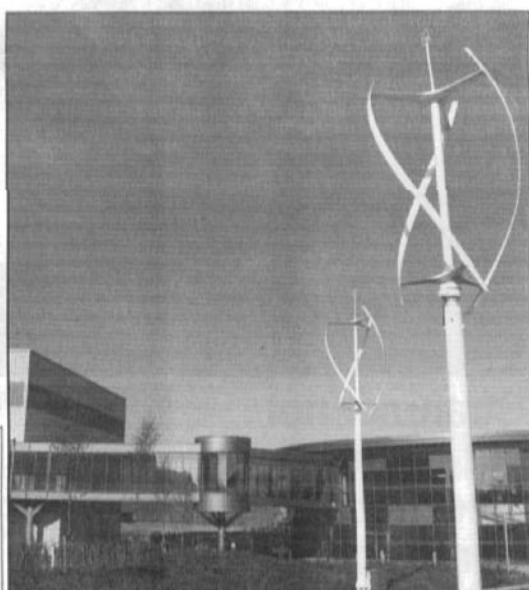
Being based at the top end of the loch, ferries can now get up to maximum speed quicker than previous, shaving a full 45 minutes off the current journey time.

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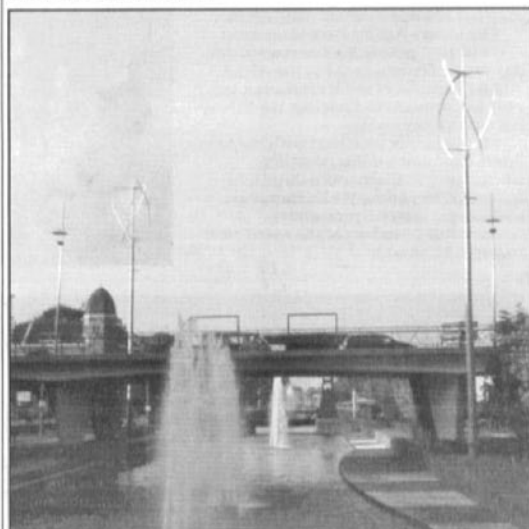
comment as the Free Press went to print.

The Free Press will be featuring more on the new Stena terminal in the coming weeks, including an exclusive sneak-peak tour of the premises before it opens to the public.

• What do you think of the Quietrevolution turbines? Are these less intrusive than industrial turbines? Let us know by emailing us at news@stranraer-freepress.co.uk or texting us on 07767 297 629



MODERN . . . The wind turbines look sleek upon entrance to this building at Leyland, Lancashire. (NN)



A NICE DUTCH . . . The turbines add an artistic touch to this area of Helmond in Holland. (NN)

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