UK Energy and Data Centres

What public Facebook campaign groups posted about wind, solar, the grid and data centres on 23 and 24 November 2026

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LEAD STORY

30 AI data centres for Scotland 'could add over £300 a year' to bills, a report warns

A post in Scotland Against Spin shares a Daily Record report that thirty hyper-scale AI data centres planned for Scotland could raise household energy bills by more than £300 a year. The report says researchers from the Scottish Greens calculate that the schemes would need so much power that they would push up wholesale electricity prices across the UK.

It adds that a Sunday Mail investigation found a briefing from the Scottish Parliament's own research centre. As the post gives it, one of the proposals alone, a 600 MW site at Auchtertool in Fife, would use as much energy as 1.6 million households.

These are the warnings of political researchers and a newspaper's reading of a briefing, as the post reports them; the post does not show the calculation.

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£300
a year more on bills, a report warns of 30 AI data centres

50 MW
new data-centre size above which an EIA is needed; the advice is withheld

188 MW
Teviot, near Hawick: 23 turbines plus a 100 MW battery

30 MSPs
have signed up to Our Power's energy campaign

WIND

Two Scottish schemes, a seabed overlap and blade waste

Teviot, near Hawick: 23 turbines up to 240 m and a 100 MW battery

Scotland Against Spin lists a pre-application Section 36 scheme for the Teviot Wind Farm, 8 km south-west of Hawick: 23 turbines with a blade tip height of up to 240 m and about 188 MW, plus a battery energy storage system of 100 MW and ancillary infrastructure.

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Cruach Bhreac, Cowal: up to 12 turbines in a consultation

The same group lists a consultation on the Cruach Bhreac Wind Farm, on land south of Loch Fyne on the Cowal Peninsula, about 1.5 km south and south-east of Lephinmore and 2.9 km north-east of Largiemore. It would have up to 12 turbines with a blade tip height of up to 200 m.

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Acorn carbon storage and the Marram wind lease: a post asks who is paying

Wind Energy's Absurd picks up a remark that a project 'needs tens if not hundreds of millions of pounds' from the UK government, and says it relates to the Acorn carbon capture and storage scheme. It reports that Enearth, a subsidiary of the Greek company Energean, has bought a 30% stake in Acorn after Storegga put its share up for sale; Shell and Harbour Energy hold 30% each and North Sea Midstream Partners holds 10%.

The post says the Acorn site is the same area as ScottishPower's Marram floating wind farm proposal, of up to 225 turbines up to 350 m high, which is awaiting consent and a Gate 2 grid connection. It recalls a First Minister's Questions exchange in June last year in which a Labour MSP asked about the overlap and the First Minister replied that the leasing round was run in an orderly process.

This is the group's account and its questions; the post does not say how the two uses would be reconciled.

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Blade waste: projections from 2 to 44 million tonnes by 2050

Environmentalists Against Wind Turbines shares a post on what happens when wind turbines retire. It says many blades last about 20 to 30 years, and that a UK government review cites global projections ranging from over 2 million to 30 to 44 million tonnes of blade waste by 2050, depending on the study.

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SCHEMES IN THESE POSTS

Scheme	Place	Size	Stage
Teviot	8 km SW of Hawick	23 turbines to 240 m; about 188 MW; 100 MW battery	Pre-application, Section 36
Cruach Bhreac	Cowal, south of Loch Fyne	Up to 12 turbines to 200 m	Consultation
Marram (floating)	Same area as Acorn	Up to 225 turbines to 350 m	Awaiting consent and Gate 2

SOLAR, GRID AND POLICY

A councillor's land, a queue to reform and swans on the wires

Angus: a councillor's land and a 490-acre solar and battery scheme

Scotland Against Spin shares a Courier exclusive saying a Montrose councillor has been silent about his link to the largest green energy plan in the area. The report says his family farming operation holds land that could form part of the Craigo Glenskinno solar farm and battery energy storage site, about 490 acres overlooking Montrose.

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Northamptonshire: a council's solar farm legal challenge moves ahead



The image of the linked BBC article, as the post showed it. It does not show the site.

The same group shares a BBC headline that a Northamptonshire council's legal challenge over a solar farm is moving ahead, with the comment 'Well done that Council'. The post gives no further detail.

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Grid connections: Ofgem's inquiry and a queue 'half rebuilt'

Scotland Against Spin says Ofgem's and NESO's attempt to reform the grid connections queue 'has gone backwards', and asks whether it is worrying that Ofgem calls generators its customers. The post links an Ofgem page on an inquiry into delays to phase 1 projects.

A second post shares an Energy Voice headline: half of Great Britain's grid connections queue has been dramatically rebuilt, while the other half continues to lag.

Scotland Against Spin · 24 Nov 2026

Six swans die after hitting power lines near Turriff

Scotland Against Spin shares an STV report that six whooper swans died near the River Deveron, north of Turriff, on Sunday morning after hitting overhead power lines. As the post gives it, the landowner found them after losing power; five were dead and the sixth was so badly hurt that animal rescue officers euthanised it.

Scotland Against Spin · 23 Nov 2026

Our Power: 30 MSPs have signed up to its energy campaign

Our Power says 40,000 emails have been sent to Holyrood and 30 MSPs have pledged to push for a fairer energy system that keeps Scotland's renewable wealth in local communities rather than repeating the missed chances of the 1970s oil boom. It names four MSPs who have commented, and launches an MSP tracker so supporters can see whether their own representative has signed.

Our Power · 23 Nov 2026

Also shared: a petition, a league table and a substack on variability

Help Save Mochrum Fell shares a UK Parliament petition to suspend Climate Change Act targets and carry out a full national impact assessment. Scotland Against Spin shares a Herald report that Scotland tops a new league table of the 12 UK nations and regions in an insurer's business resilience index, with the highest share of green jobs in the UK at 2.8% of full-time-equivalent employment, and part 2 of a substack series on variability in electricity systems (load and price).

Help Save Mochrum Fell; Scotland Against Spin · 24 Nov 2026

DATA CENTRES

Withheld advice, a refused consultation and a reader's claims

Scientists' advice on the 50 MW data-centre rule withheld

Say No To Cato Data Centre shares a report that the Scottish Government has redacted in full the advice it received from the Scottish Science Advisory Council before introducing a new 50 MW threshold above which proposed data centres need an environmental impact assessment. The papers were obtained by Stop Climate Chaos Scotland under freedom of information.

As the post gives the timeline, the council provided advice on 9 September, described by its chair as high-level outputs provided at pace; an 'Immediate' briefing went to the minister the next day; and the new direction was issued on 16 September. The Government also redacted the questions put to the council and the briefing. A campaign group says the public therefore cannot tell whether the 50 MW figure has scientific backing.

The report says a minister had earlier said the rule was developed with input from the council.

Say No To Cato Data Centre · 23 Nov 2026

UK petition for a data-centre consultation gets a 'no'

Say No To Cato Data Centre posts the government's response to a UK Parliament petition asking for a UK-wide public consultation before further expansion of AI data centres: the group's summary is that it is a 'no'. A second post, 'So England can hold a public consultation', shares a government page on data centres that applies to England.

The group also shares a message from a march: that money has no value when the planet is at a tipping point. The post does not give the place or date of the march.

Say No To Cato Data Centre · 24 Nov 2026

A Scotsman letter: constraint costs and data centres

Scotland Against Spin shares a reader's letter to the Scotsman replying to an 18 November article on ministers accused of hiding a data-centre report. The writer argues that Scottish energy policy has produced far more generation than demand: he gives 18 GW of wind and about 4 GW of firm plant against a winter peak demand of 5 GW.

He says the constraint payment bill would reach £8 billion by 2029 once Berwick Bank is in service, and that data centres would use up the surplus; he also says an independent Scotland would mean about £3,000 a year more on bills. These are one reader's claims, as the post gives them, and have not been checked.

Scotland Against Spin · 24 Nov 2026

East Havering: an article on a neighbouring area

NO to East Havering Data Centre in Upminster shares a Future Intelligence article, 'The aliens on the edge of town', which the group says features a neighbouring affected area, Epping Forest.

NO to East Havering Data Centre in Upminster (Residents Group) · 23 Nov 2026

ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER

How this newsletter was made

A two-day issue. Posts dated 23 and 24 November 2026: 20 posts from 7 groups were used, out of 24 Facebook posts added to slava.it.com for those days.

Selection. Included: UK wind, solar, grid and data-centre proposals, consents, reports and campaigns. Left out: a Canadian project's light-pollution post, a comment on AI data-centre delays, a health opinion piece, and an event poster with no detail. There were too few posts on offshore wind, batteries or hydro for their own sections: Marram appears under wind and the Craigo Glenskinno battery under solar.

Balance. The posting groups are campaign groups, so the posts lean one way. Officials are named only by role; no private individuals are named.

Reliability. Campaigners' views, not checked; figures as the posts give them. One photo comes from a post and is a news-site link image: check rights before publishing. Not advice.

Posts used (public group posts; the address opens the post)

Date	Group	Post
23 Nov	NO to East Havering Data Centre in Upminster (Residents Group)	slava.it.com/?sel=1076511022080362
23 Nov	Our Power	slava.it.com/?sel=122140616727244466
23 Nov	Wind Energy's Absurd	slava.it.com/?sel=1583870967103531
23 Nov	Say No To Cato Data Centre	slava.it.com/?sel=1616112803129995
23 Nov	Say No To Cato Data Centre	slava.it.com/?sel=1616415126433096
23 Nov	Environmentalists Against Wind Turbines	slava.it.com/?sel=29256116084041804
23 Nov	Scotland Against Spin	slava.it.com/?sel=30275719905363683
23 Nov	Scotland Against Spin	slava.it.com/?sel=30276431095292564
23 Nov	Scotland Against Spin	slava.it.com/?sel=30276472321955108
23 Nov	Scotland Against Spin	slava.it.com/?sel=30280708094864864
23 Nov	Scotland Against Spin	slava.it.com/?sel=30280768141525526
23 Nov	Scotland Against Spin	slava.it.com/?sel=30282099271392413
23 Nov	Help Save Mochrum Fell	slava.it.com/?sel=3658903707590765
24 Nov	Say No To Cato Data Centre	slava.it.com/?sel=1617141906360418
24 Nov	Say No To Cato Data Centre	slava.it.com/?sel=1617160453025230
24 Nov	Scotland Against Spin	slava.it.com/?sel=30288356857433321
24 Nov	Scotland Against Spin	slava.it.com/?sel=30288647460737594
24 Nov	Scotland Against Spin	slava.it.com/?sel=30288684174067256
24 Nov	Scotland Against Spin	slava.it.com/?sel=30288904284045245
24 Nov	Scotland Against Spin	slava.it.com/?sel=30288990847369922