



### **Onshore Wind Energy**

Starting with the ground. Tensar has the experience and expertise to make a real difference with planning, design, and delivery of your wind energy project.







#### VIKING WIND FARM, SCOTLAND

Tensar® stabilised floating roads reduced the need to excavate peat and minimised hydrological and ecological impact.

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## All onshore wind energy projects start from the ground.

To get turbines in place and operational requires extensive groundworks: foundations; crane platforms; access roads; laydown areas; and cable runs.

These all present technical problems but also impact on planning constraints, hydrology and ecology concerns and other stakeholder issues. Tensar has proven groundworks solutions, which if considered from the earliest stages of a project, can reduce environmental impact, lower construction costs and address many stakeholder concerns.

#### **DECARBONISE**

Minimising the construction carbon footprint of any project is essential. It is particularly so for renewable energy projects. Tensar solutions deliver meaningful savings in total carbon emissions by significantly reducing the volume of quarried aggregate required on a project — helping to decarbonise the project supply chain.

#### **PROTECT**

Every hydrogen production and storage project will impact the local environment. Stakeholder concerns will need to be addressed at the planning stage and measures should be taken in the design and construction stage to minimise and mitigate impacts on hydrology, ecology, local infrastructure, and communities. Tensar solutions, when adopted from the outset, can help to protect the environment while minimising hydrological and ecological impacts, as well as aid progress towards biodiversity net gain targets.

#### **REDUCE**

Local communities and infrastructure can be heavily affected during the construction of any major project. Low volume rural roads are particularly at risk from the higher truck loading from construction traffic. Tensar solutions significantly reduce the volume of aggregate required and material excavated and removed from site. This alleviates the traffic management schedule by reducing vehicle movement on and off site, improving safety — minimising damage and congestion to local roads and reducing impact on local communities.



#### **TRIED & TESTED**

With Tensar Renewable Energy Solutions, you can save time, cost and carbon, and have a positive community impact on your next project.

#### TENSAR® SOLUTIONS FOR WIND ENERGY

- → Access roads (floating roads over peat)
- Working platforms and crane platforms

- → Earth retaining walls and slopes



### The three key project stages where **Tensar can make a difference.**

When can Tensar involvement have maximum effect and benefit your project?



#### **PLANNING**



#### **DESIGN**



#### CONSTRUCTION

### **Planning Input**

- Preliminary proposals and outline design for planning purposes.
- Environmental impact assessment — minimise and mitigate effect on hydrology and ecology.
- O Decarbonisation measures.
- Planning enquiry support.

### **Design Input**

- Scheme proposals advice based on 40+ years experience.
- Optimised and detailed design solutions with quantified carbon savings.
- Free Tensar+ cloud-based design software.
- Costed alternative solutions.

### **Construction Input**

- Value engineering of crane platforms, laydown areas, compounds and temporary access roads.
- Expert on-site support.
- Unrivalled experience in construction over extremely weak soils and peatland.
- Obecarbonsing the supply chain.

# How does Tensar Technology benefit wind energy projects?

Tensar InterAx geogrids are engineered to stabilise and strengthen granular soils. The geogrid interlocks with the granular particles, stabilising the soil to create a stronger, stiffer material (MSL Mechanically Stabilised Layer).

By incorporating one or more layers of Tensar geogrid in a layer of aggregate, the bearing capacity is increased, protecting the weaker soils below. This enables thinner aggregate layers to be used, reducing cost and weight, as shown to the right. A technique often referred to as 'floating roads,' is of major benefit for access over peatland and other weak ground.

#### **Access Track**

With geogrid

Without geogrid





- → Access roads
- → Working platforms
- → Crane platforms

#### **Compound Area**

With geogrid

Without geogrid





**50% reduction in thickness** (Typical)

- → Laydown areas
- → Cable trenching
- → Site compounds

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