Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning for Onshore Wind Energy in Highland: Consultation Paper

LAUNCH OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The Highland Council are reviewing existing Supplementary Guidance for managing onshore wind energy development. We are now consulting on the Main Issues for the review of our existing guidance as set out in a Consultation Paper. This is an important stage because changes to national planning policy mean the way we are required to plan for wind energy has changed.

The Consultation Paper that we have published sets out 11 main issues that we are inviting comments on. It is important to share your views on these issues because they will help us to shape the draft Supplementary Guidance.

After this consultation stage a draft of the Supplementary Guidance will be presented to the Council’s Planning, Development and Infrastructure Committee and the approved version consulted on thereafter.

For most people the easiest way to read the Consultation Paper will be to view it online at www.highland.gov.uk/onshorewind. You can then submit comments using the online form. Anyone without access to the website can request a paper copy by contacting us. Any comments on the Consultation Paper need to be received by us no later than 12 noon on Monday 11th May 2015.

If you have questions you can email the Development Plans Team at devplans@highland.gov.uk. If you do not have access to the internet or want to request a paper copy of the Consultation Paper you can contact us in writing at: Development Plans Team, Development and Infrastructure Service, Glenurquhart Road, Inverness IV3 5NX, or by telephone via the Council’s Service Centre on 01349 886608.

Yours faithfully,

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