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Dear Sirs

14/00008/EIA Erection of 11 x 115m wind turbines – Blairadam Forest, Kelty, Fife

I wish to **object** to the above planning application as it is contrary to policy R1 of the Fife Structure Plan 2009, policies E15, E19 and I1 of the Dunfermline & West Fife Local Plan 2012 and Supplementary Planning Guidance Wind Energy June 2013. Fife Council SPG Wind Energy deems the site an area of significant protection with no capacity for wind turbines. The site is located within a designated Local Landscape Area which will suffer a significant adverse affect on the overall landscape integrity and setting should this be wind farm be approved. Fife Landscape Character Assessment specifically states that Outh Muir should remain free of development.

The turbines are too high to be accommodated successfully by the landscape and are unsuitable due to their significant landscape and visual impacts. The turbines would become dominant features within the landscape resulting in a significant adverse impact on the existing landscape character and visual amenity of the area which cannot be economically or socially justified. The proposal is therefore contrary to Scottish Planning Policy, Policies E15, E19 and I1 of the Dunfermline & West Fife Local Plan 2012 and Fife Council Supplementary Planning Guidance Wind Energy June 2013. The proposal is not in accordance with the Development Plan and there are no material reasons which justify departing from the Development Plan.

Fife Council SPG Wind Energy deems the location of these adjacent sites as ‘an area of significant protection with no capacity for wind turbines’. The sites are located in a designated Local Landscape Area which will suffer a significant adverse affect on the overall landscape integrity and setting should either or both these wind farms be approved.

Fife Landscape Character Assessment specifically states that, ‘the introduction of built development into the undeveloped parts of the Cleish Hills...would not only be difficult to screen but entirely alien to the character of the hills. The open areas, particularly at Outh Muir should remain free of development.’

Furthermore, there is considerable concern about the following issues:

- Significant adverse impact on the landscape
- High visibility of the turbines on the skyline
- Damaging impact on protected wildlife
- Detrimental impact to peatland of SSSIs on the site

- Harmful to bats
- Negative impact on recreational users of the area
- Adverse impact on historic environment
- Cumulative impact – multiple wind farms in the area
- Adverse visual impact on local communities and wider population
- Loss of residential amenity due to noise and shadow flicker for nearest neighbours

This Application also contravenes the Perth and Kinross Council Local Development Plan – Proposed Plan January 2012, adopted by PKC Feb 2014: Policies PM1A: Placemaking, HE1A Scheduled Monuments, HE2 Listed Buildings, HE4 Gardens and Designed Landscapes, ER1A New Proposals, Managing Future Landscape Changes to Conserve and Enhance the Diversity and Quality of the Area’s Landscapes. Perth and Kinross Wind Energy Policy and Guidelines (WEPG) 2005. Sensitive Landscape Areas (SLA) – Identifies Cleish Hills as an SLA

Perth and Kinross Council has also rejected Planning Applications for Wind Farms at Dowhill Muir, Cleish and at Tillyrie, Milnathort. Tillyrie has also been rejected by the Reporter for the Scottish Government