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From: Eneas Mackintosh REDACTED
Sent: 19 January 2021 17:56
To: Representations Mailbox
Subject: Representation 001 Objection - Corriegarth 2 Wind farm application.

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I write to register my opposition to this project. Stratherrick is already awash with wind farms and applications to extend same, - Dunmaglass, Corriegarth, Dell, Stronlairg, Cloiche, Glenshero, Aberader and Farr in Strathnairn and no doubt others to come. We do not need any more turbines. I can understand why the principal benificeries - the landowners and owning companies - are eager to push the argument that since some of the infrastructure is already there why not take advantage to further industrialise the landscape; this is a spurious thesis akin to saying "well, the land is already compromised so it doesn't matter if we damage it some more". It does matter and I don't think that you should allow this project to go ahead.

Yours sincerely

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I am writing this in support of a planning application published in today's Inverness Courier-JANUARY 29TH-2021 by BAY-WAr.e. in respect of the above project.

I have been involved in Highland Tourism for over 30 years and my company Loch Ness Marketing is 27 years old this year and in all that time I have never come across any tourists who have said they would not be returning to The Highlands because of Wind Farms,in fact many find the structures very pleasing and tranquil as well as generating eco friendly power which is what we all want to achieve to save our planet.

The Development will contribute greatly to the local economy by utilising our local supply chain as we have seen with other developments and at a time of economic stress due to Covid 19 we require all the input to the area we can get

As a company Bay Wa r.e. have engaged with Inverness Chamber of Commerce of which I am a member and also with Highland Tourism through the Highland Tourism Awards-sadly postponed this year due to pandemic.

I warmly welcome this development to the area of Corriegarth and wish the Planning Committee of Highland Council to pass and support this application

Many Thanks
Willie Cameron

William M Cameron-Loch Ness Marketing
Visit Scotland-Silver Thistle Award Winner-2019
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Representation 003 objection

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Correigarth 2 Wind Farm – Comprising 16 wind turbines and associated infrastructure, Corriegarth Estate, Highlands

I am writing on behalf of the North East Mountain Trust (NEMT). The NEMT is a voluntary body (Scottish Charity SCIO 008783) based in the Grampian area, representing hill-goers and those who enjoy visiting Scotland's finest natural heritage. NEMT membership, comprising both individual members and twelve hillwalking and climbing clubs, totals about 1000 people. The Trust members position is that we are, as regular visitors to Scotland's mountain regions, acutely aware of the need to move to a decarbonised economy and take this into account when looking at proposed Wind Farm developments.

The proposed Corriegarth 2 turbines are distributed around the existing Corriegarth Wind Farm. It is an expansion of the several wind farms in the western Monadhliath currently constructed or with planning permission. This magnificent landscape is under severe visual pressure and wind turbines are rapidly becoming the dominant visual feature. A realistic assumption to what will happen in future years is that when replaced the turbine size will be increased and the dominance will be magnified.

We would agree that most of the proposed Corriegarth 2 turbines would add little additional impact to the existing situation. However some, 8,9 and 10, would have an increased unacceptable direct visual impact when seen from the Munros and Corbetts to the north, south and east as these are consistently in view from these upland areas. The proposed height of 7 and 11 is such that they would also have a limited impact.

The North East Mountain Trust therefore does not object to the proposed development, subject to the deletion of turbines 8,9 and 10 and the reduction in height of turbines 7 and 11 to 120 m BTH.

Yours faithfully,

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Brian Heaton (Trustee)

Mcgroarty K (Kirsty)

From: janet smith Redacted
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Subject: Representation 004 Objection - Objection to Corriegarth 2 windfarm
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please see enclosed document,
Thank you, Janet McNaughton

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OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSED CORRIEGARTH 2 WINDFARM REF: ECU00002175

I write to object to the proposed Corriegarth 2 windfarm as described in the developers (BayWa r.e.UK) environmental impact statement. Ref: Corriegarth 2 windfarm ECU 00002175. Address: Land at Carn na Saobhaidhe, Gorthleck, Inverness.

My objection is based on the following concerns, some being specific and others more general.

The creation of further industrial disturbance to both the rural area and the rural communities within it. Enough has already been more than enough. We neither need nor want further damage to this environment, and especially not at any cost.

These windturbines are extremely tall, and especially so when you consider the hosting landscape. They are also too close to, and therefore will adversely affect the local community settlements, roads and trails and mountains, as does the initial Corriegarth windfarm that we have been forced to tolerate. I suspect there will therefore be more noise and further light disturbance to the close communities at least. This fact has caused me to consider the cumulative noise (both the audible and the more insidious infrasound) and the effect of the aviation lighting, on the local people, landscape and wildlife. How many birds and which specific breeds have been reported as killed so far since Corriegarth was first created? You will surely have contacted the RSPB for this advice and to record counts.

This aviation lighting, if flickering/flashing due to blade passage, is constant and detrimental to at least any epileptics who are subject to it, and birds and bats. This is not an insignificant insult as these species are representative of a healthy ecosystem which they rely on to survive. It is also a permanent light that is an insult to Scotland's rural Dark Skies. And this effect is magnified during our long dark winter nights. Real light pollution: one of the very sensory insults that people choose to escape to the country to avoid. Indigenous people chose to stay in these rural places because this is their natural way of life; their culture, which they have the right to enjoy. (UN legislation).

One representative of a large windfarm Developer, when asked what they would do if a windfarm was situated too close to their home replied: "no one is forcing you to stay"…."if you don't like it you can move". My memory reflects on The Clearances……. Please do not encourage history to repeat itself.

Windfarm noise is constant and in quiet rural areas it is magnified. Many people live in the country to escape constant noise. Tourists come here for the peace and the quiet; to get away from lights and noise. Our rural economy thrives off that fact. Wildlife is scared away from its habitats and therefore under threat from predation in new less suitable environments. Wildlife is biologically suited to its best/favoured natural environment. As crofters and sustainable rural people we borrow the landscape. We work with it for our mutual survival and sustenance. We do not industrialise our native free landscape.

The silent infrasound: noise that damages us silently. And infrasound travels much further than audible sound. The effects on native wild birds in this area could be catastrophic with this cumulative disturbance further destroying our avian homes and their breeding, feeding and hunting territories. Bird flu is also catastrophic in its effects: it should not be assisted in its deathly passage by more unwanted ill-advised industrialisation and consequent destruction of native biodiverse habitat.

Environmental effects that accompany such rural industrialisation are huge. As part of the UK, Scotland is already described as one of the most nature deprived areas in the world. Please do no more damage to what is left of our once

pristine landscape. Scotland has already given up more than enough in the name of renewable energy. This scourge is progressing faster than evolution and as such is unsuitable to the future of Scotland. And its people.

Our Scottish government has announced that they have evidence of 'dramatic declines in biodiversity across Scotland' and that 'almost all of the land surface has been altered by us' which has led to 'one of the lowest biodiversity intactness indexes in the world' which is allowing the environment to lose its carbon stocks and 'sequester greenhouse gas emissions'.

So why do we have to keep fighting against this insult to our iconic Scottish landscape, with industrialisation, with windfarms, just to meet a government target, and at the expense of the Scottish public? This is anything but democratic. Our voted-in MSPs are forgetting that their allegiances should be with the people who voted for them, the people who once believed in them. We do not have the time to wait for the next general election in 2 to 3 years to ensure our voices are heard. Please listen to us now and show us the democracy that we trusted in you. We are asking to be listened to. It is our human right.

This 'Rich Rush' is further damaging our environment by being a carbon hungry development in its own right and it is taking our habitats, ecosystems and biodiversity along with it. Loss of habitats(Gordonbush W/F in Brora killed off 80% Golden Plovers in that area within the first year…..). In the name of humanity we must stop this Scottish drive for more and more economically-greedy and environmentally-greedy windfarms. A fortune of our economy is lost in constraint payments to W/F owners when the lack of infrastructure means that the energy produced has nowhere to go. These excessive costs are paid by the consumers. There is already an overpowering lack of suitable infrastructure so why support more windfarms?

And as a final insult, these developments and proposals just do not go away. There should be a mechanism for assessing if it is an unrealistic proposal at an early stage and rejecting it.

In this area and the wider community there is a definite feeling that this area needs to be saved. Scotland has done way more than enough for renewable energy. Sheer oversized windfarms are disabling Scotland and it is not balanced with evolution. Not at any cost.

I needed to spend so agonisingly long searching for the real detail of this proposal and it's history which appears to have been littered with objections. I also found that strong objections came from numerous community councils and others.

Can you explain why the loss of 2 turbines and a relocation of 8 became deemed as a satisfactory answer to objections received? Enough for this proposal not to have been rejected?

What are the actual recorded planning conditions that are said to 'further mitigate the impacts' that the large group of objectors so rightly fear? It does have an overriding cumulative impact on motorists, travellers, tourists, hill walkers, hillrunners and mountaineers, and local communities, who thankfully have their local community councillors to stand up with them to be counted in strong opposition to this proposal. Me too.

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Janet McNaughton