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Dear Sir/Madam

Breakish Wind Farm, Isle of Skye: Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Report

ECU reference: ECU00004641


Background and Context

1. Arise, a Swedish company, has submitted a scoping report for a wind farm on Skye, south of Breakish, southeast of Broadford. It is scoping 20 turbines at 180m BTH.
2. Mountaineering Scotland is a membership organisation with more than 15,000 members and is the only recognised representative organisation for hill walkers, climbers, mountaineers and ski-tourers who live in Scotland or who enjoy Scotland's mountains. We represent, support and promote Scottish mountaineering, and provide training and information to mountain users for safety, self-reliance and the enjoyment of our mountain environment.

Assessment

3. This appears to be a sensitive location for a range of interests. Mountaineering Scotland's concern at this stage is ensuring that the proposed viewpoints will allow a comprehensive assessment of the proposed development from a mountaineering/hillwalking perspective should an application be made. We have no comment on other aspects of the Scoping Report.
4. The proposed LVIA viewpoints in Table 7.1.2 numbered 7, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17 and 18 are appropriate and supported. (Viewpoints 7 and 16 are roadside locations but should allow an impression to be formed of the visibility from adjacent hills provided the imagery avoids foreground clutter.)
5. Figure 7.2.2 shows a viewpoint on Beinn na Caillich, east of the site, which is not listed in Table 7.1.2 or shown in Figure 7.2.1. We think a viewpoint on Beinn na Caillich, the nearest high ground within the Cuillin Hills NSA, is highly desirable.

Yours sincerely


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