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Dear Sir/Madam

**Cloiche Wind Farm, Monadhliaths: Additional Information Consultation**

**ECU reference: ECU00002054**

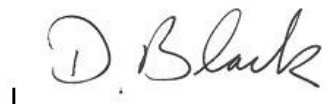
**Background and Context**

1. SSE Generation Ltd applied in April 2020 for planning permission for 36 turbines of 149.9m blade-tip height. The turbines would be in two groups abutting the operational Stronelaig Wind farm: 8 turbines to the east and 28 turbines to the west. The applicant has now submitted Additional Information, reducing the west cluster by six turbines and the east cluster by one – reducing the application to 29 turbines of 149.9m 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. We have reviewed the Additional Information of July 2022. Despite the reduced scheme producing some improvement on the original application, substantial and widespread adverse visual impacts remain. It is possible that the removal of the full eastern cluster may diminish these impacts to an acceptable level. Mountaineering Scotland **maintains its objection** to the revised proposed development set out in the Additional Information.

Yours sincerely

  
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