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Dear Sir/Madam

Culachy Wind Farm: Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Report

ECU reference: ECU00003423

Background and Context

1. Fred Olsen Renewables has submitted a scoping report for a wind farm at Culachy Estate, Fort Augustus, for 10 turbines of up to 220m 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. Mountaineering Scotland has comments only on the proposed viewpoints, with reference to Scoping Report Question in Section 4.11, which we have reviewed for their appropriateness to making, in due course, an assessment of the mountaineering impact of the proposed development.
4. Our opinion is that for assessing the potential impact on hillwalkers we endorse the proposed viewpoints 1-5, 13-15, 17, 18.

Yours sincerely



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