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Dear Mr McFadden

Fiag Wind Farm, Loch Shin, Lairg, Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Report

ECU reference: ECU00005163

Background and Context

1. EnergieKontor has submitted a Scoping Report for a wind farm of 22 turbines of 230m BTH at Glen Fiag, north of Loch Shin.
2. Mountaineering Scotland is a membership organisation with more than 16,000 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

4. 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, specifically towards Ben More Assynt, Ben Leoid and Ben Hee, or northeast into the Ben Armine Forest.
5. We endorse the proposed upland viewpoints suggested in the Scoping Report: VP2, VP6, VP7, VP10, VP12, VP13, which we think are sufficient for a proper assessment of visual impact on hillwalkers.

Yours sincerely



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