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Dear Sir

**ELECTRICITY ACT 1989  
THE ELECTRICITY WORKS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) (SCOTLAND)  
REGULATIONS 2017**

**SCOPING OPINION REQUEST FOR PROPOSED SECTION 36 APPLICATION FOR  
SHEPHERDS RIG WIND FARM, 5KM EAST OF CARSPHAIRN IN DUMFRIES AND  
GALLOWAY.**

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the Shepherds' Rig Wind Farm Scoping Report.

Arcus Consultancy on behalf of Infinergy has submitted an updated scoping report for a proposed wind farm at Shepherds' Rig, approximately 5km east of Carsphairn, Dumfries and Galloway. The updated scoping consultation proposes a layout of up to 30 turbines with a tip height of 149.5m, on land at an altitude between 200 and 400m. The proposed location lies from Craigengillan Hill in the north to the slopes north and east of Marscalloch Hill in the south of the proposed site.

The proposed approach to the EIA appears to be standard and Mountaineering Scotland has no comment to offer on it. Mountaineering Scotland comments here only on those aspects of the Scoping Report of direct relevance to its interests.


**Viewpoints**

We agree with viewpoints 10, 13-16, 19 and 21 as representing mountain users' interests, specifically Cairnsmore of Carsphairn 797m, and Corserine 814m, both of which are Corbetts. Corbetts are peaks in Scotland with a height of 762m (2500ft) or more and less than 914m (3000ft) with a drop of at least 152m (500ft) between each peak and any higher land. They are a popular destination for hillwalkers in Scotland. The other tops identified provide hillwalking destinations with a view of the surrounding landscape.

**Cumulative Impact**

We agree with the SNH concerns about saturation of development in the landscape. The cumulative and sequential analysis needs to look at saturation around the points of the compass to assess whether cumulative impact is clustered in certain quadrants or widespread throughout the panorama. A widespread distribution will have a greater impact on walkers' sensitivity and appreciation of the landscape.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. Black". The letter "D" is large and stylized, followed by a period and the name "Black".

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