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Dear Sir/Madam

APPLICATION FOR THE PROPOSED GRAYSIDE WINDFARM IN THE PLANNING AUTHORITY AREA OF SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SUBMITTED

ECU reference: ECU00003446

1. Grayside WF Ltd. Had in March 2022 submitted an application for a wind farm of 21 turbines of 200m blade-tip height above the Cowgill and Culter valleys, south of Biggar. The turbines, in separate east and west arrays, would sit immediately north of, and abutting, the Clyde (including Extension) Wind Farm.
2. Mountaineering Scotland objected to the proposed development on grounds of obtrusive visual impact upon hillwalkers on Tinto Hill and Culter Fell.
3. Additional information received on a revised turbine layout in November 2023 indicated the removal of six turbines on eastern array. This eastern portion of the original application was the part of the development that raised concerns about the visual proximity to popular hillwalking summits, leading to Mountaineering Scotland objecting because of the obtrusiveness those turbines specifically, when contrasted with other turbines in the landscape.
4. The removal of the six turbines in the eastern array removes the basis for Mountaineering Scotland's objection.
5. Mountaineering Scotland therefore **withdraws objection** to the Grayside windfarm proposal, based on the additional information supplied by the developer in November 2023.
6. If subsequent revisions arise, then Mountaineering Scotland will review them against the original proposal and our objection, and may revise our opinion on that basis.

Yours sincerely

Stuart Younie.

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CEO, Mountaineering Scotland

