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Dear Mr Robinson

15/P/2/0337 | ERECTION OF 15 WIND TURBINES (11 AT MAX HEIGHT 130M TO BLADE TIP AND 4 AT MAX HEIGHT 149.9M TO BLADE TIP), 2 PERMANENT 100M HIGH ANEMOMETER MASTS, CONTROL BUILDING AND SUBSTATION AND FORMATION OF ACCESS TRACKS, HARDSTANDING, TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION COMPOUNDS AND BORROW PIT AND ASSOCIATED WORKS | LORG WIND FARM, 12.3KM SW OF SANQUHAR

The Mountaineering Council of Scotland (MCoFS) is an independent organisation with almost 13,000 members who are hill walkers, climbers and ski tourers. It was established in 1970 as the national representative body for the sport of mountaineering in Scotland. We are recognised by the Scottish Government as representing the interests of mountaineers living in Scotland. We also act in Scotland for the 80,000 members of the British Mountaineering Council (BMC), which fully supports our policy relating to wind farms and contributes direct financial support to our policy work.

The MCoFS has just had this application drawn to its attention and strongly objects to the proposed development on grounds of visual and recreational impact, particularly upon Cairnsmore of Carsphairn and the Southern Upland Way.

We support the analysis of SNH regarding the detrimental impact of this proposal. We have not objected to numerous wind farms proposed north of the Windy Standard line, recognising the need for a component of wind in Scotland's electricity supply generation, but now find multiple applications and proposals that would ring Cairnsmore of Carsphairn in a noose of turbines.

And each successive application wants turbines just that little bit higher. This proposal would also destroy the tranquillity of the upper Water of Ken. The design is incoherent - it is two wind farms in one application.

Yours sincerely

David Gibson
Chief Executive Officer