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Dear Mr Duncan

15/P/2/0155 | ERECTION OF 16 WIND TURBINES (MAX HEIGHT 125M TO BLADE TIP), 1 PERMANENT METEOROLOGICAL MAST, SUBSTATION COMPOUND, UPGRADING OF SITE ACCESS AND FORMATION OF ACCESS TRACKS, 3 TEMPORARY BORROW PITS AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE | WINDY RIG, APPROXIMATELY 8KM NORTH-EAST OF CARSPHAIRN

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 very strongly objects to the proposed development on grounds of visual and recreational impact, particularly upon Cairnsmore of Carsphairn.

We fully concur with the analysis by 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 to be totally unacceptable.

Yours sincerely

David Gibson
Chief Executive Officer