



STOP TURBINES AT GLENURQUHART

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For the attention of Mr Christian Egal, CEO

Dear Mr Egal,

Cnoc an Eas Windfarm, Balnain, Glen Urquhart, Scotland

We are writing to you to ensure that you are aware of the sentiment of local people in Glen Urquhart who would be most adversely affected by the construction and operation of the proposed wind farm known as Cnoc an Eas.

The proposed development will have a significant impact on the local landscape and the amenity enjoyed by local residents. We consider this and other developments in the area will put at risk the local tourist trade which is vital to so many people. Any short term economic benefits arising during the construction phase will be insignificant compared to the long term impact on our sustainable tourist industry.

The proposed scheme will be very close to homes and local residents are concerned about the potential noise and health implications of living so close to an operational wind farm. The construction phase will be a nightmare for those living close to the proposed access route. There are significant safety concerns about the traffic flows during the construction phase and risk to local residents and children.

Scottish Government statistics suggest that this scheme is not required to meet the 2020 targets and will only make a very minor contribution to the country's energy supply.

We would highlight the fact that Historic Scotland has objected to the scheme because of the impact the scheme will have on a local historic site. The John Muir Trust, The Mountaineering Council of Scotland and the Glen Urquhart Community Council are among many bodies who have also objected to the scheme. Scottish Natural Heritage has also raised serious concerns.

Your partner, Force9 Energy, is well aware of the local sentiments - as was expressed at a public meeting held by the Glen Urquhart Community Council - but we want to be sure that you have also been made aware of this local opposition.

The meeting was held specifically to gauge the level of public opinion. The hall was full to capacity with over 140 people in attendance. Presentations were given by both Force9 Energy and Stop Turbines At Glenurquhart (STAG). At the end of the

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meeting a vote was taken and one person expressed support, three people were neutral and the remainder of those attending were bitterly opposed. We would also add that we believe that the one person that expressed support was a relative of one of the Force9 Energy team and also from outside of the local area.

Stop Turbines At Glenurquhart is a group of local residents opposed to the scheme. We have 229 members and all but a few are from the local area. We are also supported by 56 local businesses either directly or indirectly engaged in the tourist industry.

We would urge you to reconsider this proposed development which is not wanted by the local community.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Dan Luscombe,

Secretary

For and on behalf of

Stop Turbines At Glenurquhart (STAG)

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