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Dear Mr Park

Shepherds' Rig wind farm section 36 application, plantation land between Marscalloch Hill and Craigengillan Hill, approximately 6km to the east of Carsphairn, northern Dumfries and Galloway.

Submission of Additional Environmental Information.

The section 36 application for the Shepherds' Rig wind farm proposal (ECU 00000735) was submitted in December 2018 and has undergone technical and public consultation during 2019. On receipt of consultation responses, the applicant has considered the matters raised and has undertaken further design and assessment work.

The applicant is now making an amendment the wind farm layout and submitting Additional Environmental Information.

The number of turbines has been reduced compared to the earlier proposals from 19 to 17. The two turbines that have been removed are T7 and T11. None of the turbine tip heights have been altered, they all remain at 149.9m to tip, except that two of the northern turbines are 125m to tip. In addition, several turbines on the western side of the site have also been re-sited slightly.

The description of the development now therefore reads as follows:

An application under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 to construct, operate and decommission a wind farm with a generating capacity in excess of 50MW, consisting of up to 17 wind turbines and associated infrastructure, including a battery energy storage facility. Fifteen of the wind turbines have a ground to blade tip height of 149.9m and two have a ground to blade tip height of 125m.

The Additional Environmental Information (AEI), together with the original EIA Report, provide an assessment of the environmental implications of the amended scheme. The AEI has also been provided in response to the information requested on peat, in the letter from the Energy Consents Unit dated 27th March 2019.

The Additional Environmental Information consists of the following:

AEI Report

Non-technical summary

Volume 1: Written Statement

Volume 2: Figures

Volume 3: Landscape and Visual and Cultural Heritage Visualisations

Volume 4: Appendices

Other accompanying documents (not part of the AEI Report)

Updated Planning Statement

The figures in Volume 2 of the AEI Report largely consist of the corresponding original EIA report figures amended to reflect the revised development. Where a figure has not changed, it has not been re-provided.

As a result of the deletion of two turbines and the re-siting of others, all of the landscape and visual and cultural heritage visualisations in the original EIA report have been revised and are provided in Volume 3 of the AEI Report.

The original Non-Technical Summary has been amended and re-issued in its entirety so that there is an up to date comprehensive summary of the EIA findings.

AEI Figure 4.1 in Volume 2 of the AEI Report shows the amended overall wind farm layout.

As previously discussed, it is understood that you will be forwarding the link to the ECU application webpage with the AEI submission documents to the relevant statutory and non-statutory consultees and requesting responses. Infinergy is arranging for additional hard copies and/or CDs of the AEI Report and the updated planning statement to be sent to those consultees who received the original application information.

Please find enclosed one hard copy set and two CDS of the AEI submission documents for the ECU.

The AEI Report and updated planning statement will be available for public viewing at the following venues:

Carsphairn Shop and Tearoom, Carsphairn Castle Douglas DG7 3TQ

Dumfries and Galloway Council Development Management Kirkbank House English Street Dumfries DG1 2HS

Scottish Government Library, 41 Victoria Quay, Broomhouse Drive, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ





The Additional Information notice will be published in the Edinburgh Gazette (6th and 13th December), the Herald Newspaper (5th December) and the Galloway News (5th and 12th December). Please note we are advertising a date of Friday **31st January 2020** as the timescale for further responses to be received, which is longer than the usual 30 day period.

I hope that the information submitted is appropriate to enable you to confirm that it can be circulated to consultees. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like anything further.

Yours sincerely



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