

Craiginmoddie Wind Farm

Additional Information III

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1 INTRODUCTION

Background

- 1.1 This Additional Information ("Additional Information III") is submitted in support of a Section 36 application (ECU00002196) by Energiekontor UK Ltd ("the Applicant") to the Energy Consents Unit (ECU) for fourteen wind turbines and associated infrastructure ("the Proposed Development") on land at Craiginmoddie ("the Site"). The application was accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("the EIAR") as required under the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations.
- 1.2 The application was transferred to the Planning and Environmental Appeals Division (DPEA) in July 2022 (reference WIN-370-4) and will be determined by Scottish Ministers following a public local inquiry, to be held in the summer of 2023.
- 1.3 Regulation 19 of the Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 directs that in order to ensure the completeness and quality of an EIAR, the Scottish Ministers must seek from the developer supplementary information about any matter mentioned in Schedule 4 which in the opinion of the Scottish Ministers is directly relevant to reaching a reasoned conclusion on the significant effects of the development on the environment.
- 1.4 Regulation 20(1) of the Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 requires that, where additional information is provided to the Scottish Ministers, the developer must publicise the information in accordance with various requirements.
- 1.5 Regulation 20(6) of the Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 sets out that the requirements for the developer to publicise the information do not apply in relation to additional information to the extent that:
 - (a) the information is provided for the purposes of an inquiry held under the Electricity Act 1989;
 - (b) the written requirement for the information states that it is to be provided for such purposes; and
 - (c) the information is required to be publicised as part of that inquiry.
- 1.6 This Additional Information submission will be publicised as part of the public local inquiry for Craiginmoddie.

Request for Additional Information

- 1.7 A pre-examination meeting (PEM) was held on 10 January 2023. A note was issued on 17 January 2023 by the reporters appointed by Scottish Ministers following the PEM (the "PEM note") setting out a summary of the PEM and confirming the requirements for the

submission of further written submissions and additional information in relation to various topics.

1.8 In relation to landscape and visual effects, the PEM note requires that the following information be submitted by 8 March 2023:

- Updated cumulative landscape and visual assessments (and associated figures/visualisations/photomontages where required) based on an agreed baseline;
- Updated assessments for landscape and visual impact in the event of any changes to aviation lighting schemes to those submitted; and
- Additional cumulative photomontages for various individual residential properties.

1.9 This Additional Information III submission contains this information.

Structure of this Additional Information

1.10 This Additional Information is structured as follows:

- Annex 1 provides an update to the landscape and visual impact assessment (LVIA) set out in Chapter 6 of the EIAR. Specifically it provides an update on the following matters:
 - Updated cumulative assessment;
 - Updated impact assessment concerning changes to aviation lighting;
 - Additional cumulative residential property photomontages; and
 - Additional viewpoint assessment judgement of effects.
- Annex 1 is accompanied by the following appendices:
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Contact for Further Information

1.11 For additional copies, a charge of £15 will be made for a full electronic copy of this Additional Information on CD or memory stick. Hard copies can be made available for a £250 charge.

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