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ECU Reference: ECU00005211**Project: Creachan Wind Farm**

Application for consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 and deemed planning permission under Section 57(2) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended) to construct and operate Creachan Wind Farm, including associated ancillary development, which would have an installed capacity in excess of 50 megawatts (MW).

Dear Mr Watt,

An application for consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 has been submitted to the Energy Consents Unit (ECU) for Creachan Wind Farm ('the Proposed Development').

The application is submitted by AECOM Ltd on behalf of RWE Renewables UK Onshore Wind Ltd ('the Applicant'), with company registration number 03758407, having its registered office at Windmill Hill Business Park, Whitehill Way, Swindon, Wiltshire, SN5 6PB.

Application Documents

The following documents have been submitted to support this application for consent:

- Planning Statement,
- Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR), which is comprised of five volumes:
 - Volume 1: Non-technical Summary,
 - Volume 2: Main Report and Figures,
 - Volume 3: Visualisations,
 - Volume 4: Appendices,
 - Volume 5: Confidential Appendices,
- Design Statement,
- Pre-application Consultation Report, and
- Socio-economics, Recreation and Tourism Assessment.

The application documents have been uploaded to the ECU portal, with exception of the Confidential Appendices which contain sensitive information on protected species, therefore will be provided separately to the ECU, the Highland Council and NatureScot.

In addition to the application documents above being available to view through the websites of the Energy Consents Unit and the Highland Council, they will also be displayed on the Applicant's website for the Proposed Development (<https://www.rwe.com/creachan>).

A copy of the application will be provided to the Highland Council, as the lead planning authority, in accordance with the Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017.

Hard copies of the EIAR will be made available for public viewing at the following publicly accessible locations:

- Ardross Community Centre, Ardross, IV17 0XW (by appointment only),
- Kyle of Sutherland Hub, South Bonar Industrial Estate, Bonar Bridge, IV24 3AQ,
- Alness Library, Averon Leisure Centre & Library, High Street, Alness, IV17 0QB.

The application documents can also be made available on request to the Applicant in other formats if required (via email to creachan@rwe.com). Hard copies are available on request at a charge of £1,500 per copy. Hard copies of the Non-Technical Summary can also be made available free of charge.

Project Overview

The Proposed Development is an electricity generating station with a generating capacity in excess of 50 MW. It is located on land ('the Development Site') 6.7 kilometres (km) northwest of Alness, within the local authority area of the Highland Council.

The Development Site is approximately 2,558 hectares in size and currently includes an area of undeveloped land and an existing forestry access track, approximately 12 km long.

The Proposed Development will comprise up to 13 wind turbines - with ground to blade tip heights of up to 180 m and up to 200 m - a battery storage facility, and all associated ancillary infrastructure, along with widening and upgrades to the existing forestry access track.

The proposed turbines, battery energy storage facility and main ancillary infrastructure are located within an area referred to within the application documents as the Main Development Area. Figure 1.2 (EIAR Volume 2) provides the layout of the Proposed Development along with location and extent of the Main Development Area.

The operational lifetime of Creachan Wind Farm is proposed to be 40 years.

Consultation

A consultation list has been submitted to the ECU for approval.

Section 36 Advert

An advert has been prepared and agreed with the ECU prior to submission of the application. The papers listed below will be used to publish the application for consent:

- The Press and Journal (advert will run for two consecutive weeks),
- Ross-shire Journal and Northern Times (advert will run for two consecutive weeks),
- The Herald (advert will run for one week), and
- Edinburgh Gazette (advert will run for one week).



The advertisements will provide details on how representations should be made to the Scottish Government.

Application Fee

The application fee was paid to the Energy Consents Unit on or around the 11th December 2025 with the reference ECU00005211.

We trust that the submitted application meets the requirements of the Energy Consents Unit. Should you require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Siobhan Wolverson

Associate Director
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