

03 December 2025

Ms Cheryl Glen
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Application Reference: ECU00006095

Dear Ms Glen

APPLICATION FOR CONSENT UNDER SECTION 36 OF THE ELECTRICITY ACT 1989 AND DIRECTION FOR DEEMED PLANNING PERMISSION UNDER SECTION 57(2) OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997, AS AMENDED TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE GOLTICLAY EXTENSION WIND FARM, IN THE HIGHLANDS COUNCIL PLANNING AUTHORITY AREA.

RWE Renewables UK Swindon Ltd, with company registration number 02550622, having its registered office at Windmill Hill Business Park, Whitehill Way, Swindon, Wiltshire, SN5 6PB, has applied for consent under section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 as amended, together with a direction under section 57(2) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, as amended, to construct and operate Golticlay Extension Wind Farm ("the Proposed Development"). The Proposed Development constitutes an extension to the Golticlay Wind Farm, which was granted consent for variation by the Scottish Government in 2024. This proposal builds upon the design principles established under the approved variation. The appropriate application fee has been paid.

The Proposed Development is an electricity generating station with a generating capacity in excess of 50 megawatts. It is located on land approximately 6 km north of Latheron and 18 km south-west of Wick, within the planning authority area of the Highland Council. It will include:

- Up to four turbines with a maximum ground to tip height of 180 m;
- Up to two turbines (T2 and T4) with a maximum ground to tip height of 160 m;
- Permanent foundations supporting each wind turbine;
- Associated crane hardstandings at each turbine location;
- A series of new on-site access tracks with passing places;
- Three watercourse crossings;
- Underground cabling within the Site (also including cabling from the Golticlay Wind Farm);
- A control building and substation compound, with electrical cabling between this and the turbines;
- A Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) compound, which will be constructed on the same footprint as the temporary construction compound, following completion of main construction works;
- A temporary construction compound and laydown area;
- Up to three temporary borrow pits within the proposed search areas;
- A permanent meteorological mast of up to 105 m, including associated foundations and hardstanding;
- Micrositing allowance of up to 50 m for all proposed infrastructure (except for T1);
- Micrositing allowance of up to 100 m for T1 and all other infrastructure; and,
- Temporary widening works to the C1053 between the Access Points and the A99 Junction.

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report is submitted with the application in accordance with The Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017. It includes:

- Volume 1 Non-Technical Summary (NTS);

- Volume 2: Main Report;
 - Volume 3a: Figures;
 - Volume 3b: Visualisations;
 - Volume 4: Technical Appendices; and
 - Volume 5: Confidential.
- Supporting Documents:
 - Planning Statement;
 - Pre-Application Consultation Report;
 - Socio-economic Statement;
 - Design and Access Statement; and
 - This covering letter.

Confidential Technical Appendices have also been produced containing sensitive information on protected species. Confidential Technical Appendices will be provided to NatureScot, the Energy Consents Unit ("the ECU") and the Highlands Council on request.

With exception of the Confidential Technical Appendices, the EIA Report and supporting documents have been uploaded to the ECU portal.

A copy of the application will be served on the Highlands Council as lead planning authority in accordance with The Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017.

The application and EIA Report will be advertised in accordance with The Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017, as follows:

- on the project website <https://www.rwe.com/golticlayextension>;
- in the Edinburgh Gazette for one week;
- in a national newspaper (The Scotsman) for one week; and
- in a local newspaper (the John O'Groats Journal) for two successive weeks.

The advertisement will provide details of the date by when representations should be made. The Scottish Government will invite formal representations on the Proposed Development. All those submitted will be taken into account before any decision is reached on the application.

Following consultation with Community Councils, The Highland Council and the ECU, a paper copy of the EIA Report will be made available to view at the following publicly accessible locations:

- Latheron, Lybster & Clyth Community Development Company Offices (LLCCDC) – Seaview House – Harbour Rd, Lybster, Caithness, KW3 6AH
- Wick Service Point – Caithness House, Market Square, Wick, KW1 4AB

For anyone who has difficulty accessing the documentation online, a USB, DVD or CD copy will be made available at £10 per unit; hard copies are available on request at a charge of £1,500 per hard copy. Hardcopies of the Non-Technical Summary can also be made available free of charge by contacting golticlayextension@rwe.com.

Yours sincerely



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