RWE Renewables UK Swindon Ltd ELECTRICITY ACT 1989

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

THE ELECTRICITY WORKS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2017

Notice is hereby given that RWE Renewables UK Swindon Ltd (the Company), with company registration number 02550622, having its registered office at Windmill Hill Business Park, Whitehill Way, Swindon, Wiltshire, SN5 6PB has applied to the Scottish Ministers for consent under section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 to construct and operate, for a period of 40 years, a wind farm and Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) known as Golticlay Extension Wind Farm on land approximately 6 km north of Latherton and 18 km south-west of Wick, in the Highlands, Scotland (Central Grid Reference X 319693 Y 940663).

A previous variation of the Golticlay Wind Farm was submitted to and approved by the Energy Consents Unit (ECU). This new application seeks to extend the Golticlay Wind Farm, currently under construction, building on the design approved in that variation consent.

The installed capacity of the proposed generating station would be over 50 MW, comprising six turbines, two with a ground-to-blade tip height of 160 metres and four with a ground-to-blade tip height of 180 metres, and a BESS with capacity of up to 55 MW.

The Proposed Development is subject to Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report has been produced.

The Company has also requested a direction under section 57(2) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 that planning permission for the development be deemed to be granted.

A copy of the application, with a plan showing the land to which it relates, together with a copy of the EIA Report discussing the Company's proposals in more detail and presenting an analysis of the environmental implications, are available for public inspection in person, free of charge, during normal office hours at:

Location	Opening Hours	Address
Latheron, Lybster & Clyth Community Development Company Offices	Monday to Friday - 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Saturday - Closed Sunday - Closed	Seaview House, Harbour Road, Lybster, Caithness, KW3 6AH
	Closed from the 22 nd Dec to the 4 th Jan.	
Wick Service Point	Monday to Friday -	Caithness House,
(Highland Council)	9:30 am to 12:30 pm &	Market Square,
	1:30 pm to 4:30 pm	Wick,
	Saturday - Closed	Caithness,
	Sunday - Closed	KW1 4AB
	Closed on the 25 th & 26 th Dec, and the 1 st and 2 nd Jan.	

A hard copy of the application, together with the EIA Report, will also be available for viewing by appointment at the Highland Council Headquarters, Glenurquuhart Road, Inverness, IV3 5NX, by emailing SPT@highland.gov.uk.

A summary of the application, a copy of the application, and the EIA Report prepared in relation to the Proposed Development can be viewed at https://uk.rwe.com/project-proposals/golticlay-extension/ and at www.energyconsents.scot. This EIAR is available in other formats if required.

Copies of the EIA Report may be obtained from RWE Renewables UK Swindon Ltd (email: golticlayextension@rwe.com) at a charge of £1,500.00 hard copy and £10.00 on CD/DVD/USB storage device. Copies of a short Non-Technical Summary are available free of charge.

Any representations in respect of the application may be submitted via the Energy Consents Unit website at www.energyconsents.scot/Register.aspx; by email to The Scottish Government, Energy Consents Unit mailbox at representations@gov.scot or by post, to The Scottish Government, Energy Consents Unit, 4th Floor, 5 Atlantic Quay, 150 Broomielaw, Glasgow, G2 8LU, identifying the proposal (ECU00006095) and specifying the grounds of representation.

Written or emailed representations should be dated, clearly stating the name (in block capitals), full return email and postal address of those making representations. Only representations sent by email to the address stipulated will receive acknowledgement.

All representations should be received not later than **30**th **January 2026**, although Ministers may consider representations received after this date, although Ministers may consider representations received after this date.

Any subsequent additional information which is submitted by the Applicant will be subject to further public notice in this manner, and representations to such information will be accepted as per this notice.

Where the Scottish Ministers decide to exercise their discretion to do so, the Scottish Ministers may cause a Public Inquiry to be held.

Following receipt of all views and representations, the Scottish Ministers will determine the application for consent in one of two ways:

- Consent the proposal, with or without conditions attached; or
- Reject the proposal.

General Data Protection Regulations

The Scottish Government Energy Consents Unit processes consent applications and consultation representations under the Electricity Act 1989. During the process, to support transparency in decision making, the Scottish Government publishes online at www.energyconsents.scot. A privacy notice is published on the help page at

<u>www.energyconsents.scot</u>. This explains how the Energy Consents Unit processes your personal information. If you have any concerns about how your personal data is handled, please email <u>Econsents_admin@gov.scot</u>.