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For the attention of Kirstin Keyes

**ECU00003283 - APPLICATION FOR SECTION 36 CONSENT AND DIRECTION FOR DEEMED PLANNING PERMISSION UNDER SECTION 57(2) OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997**

This covering letter along with the supporting documents listed below, comprise an additional information submission supporting the application made under section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 (as amended), made by RWE Renewables UK Onshore Wind Limited (the Applicant), for:

- 1) A section 36 consent for a new wind farm generating in excess of 50MW (The 'Proposed Development'); and
- 2) A Direction under section 57(2) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (the "1997 Act") that deemed planning permission be granted.

**Site Location**

The Development Site is located mainly in Dumfries and Galloway with a small proportion of it being located in East Ayrshire between Carsphairn (located approximately 11km to the south west) and Sanquhar (located approximately 12.3km to the north east). The National Grid Reference (NGR) for the Site centre is 266700 600800.

**Background to the Further Environmental Information (FEI) Report**

The FEI Report has been prepared by WSP UK Ltd on behalf of RWE Renewable UK Onshore Wind Limited (hereafter referred to as the "Applicant"). The purpose of the document is to supply additional information regarding comments received from a number of consultees in response to the Lorg Wind Farm Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report (2022) ("the EIA Report") that accompanied the November 2022 application for section 36 consent (reference ECU00003283) (the "Section 36 Application") and in light of design changes to the Proposed Development.

The FEI Report should be read in conjunction with the EIA Report which accompanies the Section 36 Application.



## **The Revised Development**

Following receipt of consultation responses to the Section 36 Application and detailed discussions with various consultees, a design review was carried out and the western cluster of five (5) turbines (T11-15) have been removed from the Proposed Development along with the associated areas of hardstanding, access tracks and permanent met mast. The revised Proposed Development is henceforth referred to as the “Revised Development” for clarity when differentiating between the two infrastructure layouts. The location and Site boundary for the Revised Development is shown on Figure 2-1 of the FEI Report.

The Applicant is seeking consent for the Revised Development which comprises the following infrastructure:

- Up to 10 wind turbines of up to 200m to blade tip height;
- Access tracks and ancillary development connecting infrastructure elements;
- Access from B729 and C class road (Lorg road) for HGVs only (no turbine deliveries);
- Hard standing areas e.g. crane pads and storage areas;
- Borrow pit(s) (to be located within the borrow pit search areas);
- One ‘permanent’ anemometer mast of up to 100m to monitor weather conditions;
- Temporary works, i.e. two construction compounds and gatehouse; and
- On-site electrical infrastructure including a wind farm control building and a Scottish Power Energy Networks (SPEN) 132/33kV substation and underground cabling between the building and the turbines.

As a result of the removal of the western cluster, the Revised Development is now similar to the consented Lorg Wind Farm.

## **Additional Information Documents**

The FEI Report, including appendices and illustrative figures, has been uploaded to the Energy Consents Unit (ECU) Web Portal (Reference: ECU00003283). The Applicant has also uploaded copies of these documents to their website at: <https://uk-ireland.rwe.com/project-proposals/lorg>.

## **Adverts, Publication & Consultation**

At the time of submission, the Applicant shall arrange for the advertisement of the notice of the additional information and accompanying FEI Report in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 14 of the Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017, as amended.

The Applicant will provide copies of these notices to the ECU once advertised.

The Applicant will ensure that hard copies of the FEI Report will be made available for public viewing at Carsphairn Shop & Tearoom, Hillview Leisure Centre, Dalmellington Community Centre and New Cumnock Bowling Club at the addresses below, during the dates specified in the public notices.



Carsphairn Shop & Tearoom Carrick House, Carsphairn, Dumfries and Galloway, DG7 3TQ  Mon-Fri: 09:00-14:00; Sat 10:00-14:00	Dalmellington Community Centre 33 Ayr Rd, Dalmellington, KA6 7SJ  09:00-16:00; 18:00-20:00
Hillview Leisure Centre, Kirkland Drive, Kelloholm, Kirkconnel, DG4 6ST  Mon-Tues: 14:00-21:00; Weds-Thurs: 09:30-12:00; 14:00-21:00; Fri: 09:30-12:00	New Cumnock Bowling Club 31-33 Castle New Cumnock Cumnock Ayrshire KA18 4AN  Mon-Sat 10:00 - 20:00

Prior to the advertisement of the above notices, and in accordance with Regulations 6 and 7 of the Electricity (Applications for Consent) Regulations 1990, as amended, and Regulation 14 of the Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017, as amended, it is understood that the ECU on behalf of Applicant shall serve copies of the relevant documentation via weblinks to the relevant statutory consultees: Dumfries and Galloway Council; East Ayrshire Council; Historic Environment Scotland; NatureScot; and SEPA.

It is also understood that the ECU shall send web links to the relevant internal Scottish Government advisors and non-statutory consultees, including the relevant community councils.

The registered office of The Applicant is Windmill Hill Business Park, Whitehill Way, Swindon, Wiltshire, SN5 6PB and WSP are the lead EIA consultant for the Revised Development.

On the basis of the information provided in this application and in the supporting documents, the Applicant requests that the Scottish Ministers grant the application for section 36 consent subject to such other directions or conditions as the Scottish Ministers may see fit.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

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