

APPENDIX 1: CONSTITUENT LOCAL AUTHORITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN POLICIES AND GUIDANCE.

| Local Authority/Plan | Policy | Contents (summarised) |
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| Highland Council | | |
| Structure Plan 2001 | E1: Distributed Renewable Energy Developments. | Proposals will be supported but assessed against the General Strategic Policies. Approvals will normally be for a temporary period, with provision for site reinstatement. |
| | E2: Wind Energy Developments. | Proposals will be supported subject to the assessment of 6 categories of impact, inc. visual impact and cumulative effects. |
| | E3: Wind Farm Safeguarding. | Approved and existing sites will be protected from other development. |
| | E4: Hydro Energy Developments. | Will be supported, in accord with Strategic Policies G2&4, provided that there is satisfactory provision for the discharge and monitoring of a compensation flow. |
| | E5: Abstraction Controls. | Controls, through SEPA, should be improved. |
| | E7: Centralised Renewable Energy Developments. | Proposals, such as energy-from-waste and biomass, will be supported, in line with Strategic Policy G2 and that: a) schemes be compatible with existing land uses. b) transport issues are satisfactory. c) by-product disposal is acceptable. d) grid/utiliser connections are satisfactory. |
| | E8: Small Community Renewable Energy Developments. | Will be supported. |
| Badenoch & Strathspey Local Plan 1997 | 2.4.17 | The Council will encourage development of alternative energy schemes where these provide economic benefits and are environmentally acceptable. |
| Moray Council | | |
| Development Plan 2000 | S/ED4A: Renewable Energy | The Council will review areas of greatest wind farm potential to provide a policy framework. |
| | L/ED10: Renewable Energy Proposals | Proposals will be favourably considered where they meet 6 environmental criteria. Decommissioning proposals are required, and may lead to Section 75 Agreement. |

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| Wind Energy Policy Guidance October 2001 | | This document expands on the two Policies above, discusses the policy background and the content for an Environmental Impact Assessment. There is also a map of preferred sites, all of which are outwith the CNP boundary. |
| Aberdeenshire Council | | |
| NEST Structure Plan 2001-2016 | Policy 5: Renewable Energy Facilities | Proposals shall be favourably considered subject to economic and landscape considerations. Proposals for wind farms will be assessed against tiered planning designations (in Policy 26); assuming Tier 2 for the CNP, proposals must not affect the integrity of the area, adverse effects must be outweighed by national benefits, there should be no alternative sites in lower tier areas. |
| Finalised Local Plan August 2002 | Inf7: Renewable Energy Facilities ~ Wind Farms. | Will be approved, in principle, subject to the 'tiered' designation of the site and 3 further environmental criteria are met (inc. that the landscape impact is acceptable). |
| | Inf8: Other Renewable Energy Sources. | Other renewable sources will be acceptable, subject to: a) public health & safety. b) mitigation of negative impacts, and c) site restoration. |
| Angus Council | | |
| Dundee&Angus Structure Plan 2001-2016 | Environmental Resources Policy 10: renewable Energy. | Proposals will be favourably considered where they deliver quantifiable environmental and economic benefits, and any significant or cumulative adverse impacts can be satisfactorily addressed. |
| Angus Local Plan 2000 | INF 12: Renewable Energy Development. | Positive consideration will be given to proposals which meet a set of environmental criteria (inc. landscape impact). |
| | INF 13: Wind Power | Further to Policy INF12, further criteria are set-out, an Environmental Assessment may be required, and a Section 75 Agreement for site restoration post-decommissioning will be required. |
| | INF 14: Safeguarding of Renewable Energy Facilities. | Existing renewables sites will be safeguarded from inhibitive new development. |