

APPENDIX I

REPRESENTATIONS

Application Comments for 11/00657/FUL



Application Summary

Application Number: 11/00657/FUL

Address: Land 35m East Of The Watertank Faebuilie Cromdale

Proposal: Proposed erection of 1no. 20kw wind turbine and 1no. temporary 20m high wind measuring mast

Case Officer: Andrew McCracken .

Customer Details

Name: Mr C Lane

Address: Faebule Cottage, Faebuilie, Grantown-on-Spey PH26

Cairngorms National Park Authority	
Planning Application No.	11/00657/FUL
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ACKNOWLEDGED	25.03.11

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I am very concerned about the proposed development:-

It will have a significant impact on a very open area within the Cairngorms National Park and would fundamentally change the character of the area, and environment.

This development will neither conserve nor enhance the landscape character.

It would be visible over a large area of surrounding countryside, including many local viewpoints and would have an adverse impact on the visual amenity of the area.

The area is frequented by ground nesting birds such as Lapwing, Oyster Catcher, Curlew, etc; This development is sure to have an impact on these and other observed bird species in this area such as Owls, Buzzards, Red Kite's etc;

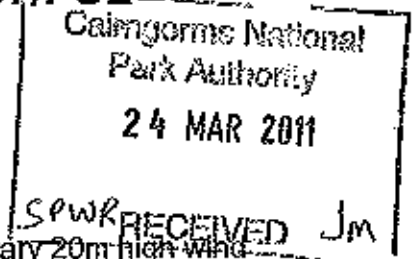
Noise levels in what is a very quiet area would be increased. The amenity of nearby residents will be negatively affected by these increased noise levels.

This proposed development could set a precedent for further similar applications and development.

Extra vehicular activity on the single track roads due to servicing/maintenance etc;

The Scottish Natural Heritage Siting and Designing Wind Farms in the Landscape 2008 pg 34 clearly states:-elsewhere it will be important to retain areas free from development to maintain landscape diversity." - which is highly relevant to this area.

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Name: Mr. James Grogan

Address: Saoirse, Faebuie, Cromdale, Grantown-On-Spey PH26 3PF

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Other

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: This is a rural area with lots of flying wild life, Bats, Owls etc., the proposed site is very close to High Voltage Pylons.

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Planning Application No. 11/0911/CF

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ACKNOWLEDGED 25.03.11

Customer Details

Name: Miss B Vallance

Address: Faebuie Cottage, Faebuie, Grantown-on-Spey PH26 3PF

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I wish to object to this proposal for the following reasons: the details in the notification have a duty to be accurate, however the actual size of this proposal is not 20 metres high as suggested but 20.5 metres high however from the base to the tip it would be 27 metres, the advertised info is therefore inaccurate. Why does this proposal require a temporary metre mast? is it so it can be assessed for a larger future development? Won't this set a precedent? Has Road safety, traffic, access or parking been considered? Whilst a photomontage has been provided it could be suggested that it could be misleading as the backdrop chosen is so pale that it masks/disguises the significant impact the actual Wind turbine mast could have. The alternative shot has been taken at such a vast distance, it appears to encourage the viewer to believe this to be a less substantial construction than it actually in reality would be.

The Cairngorms National Park Local Plan helps to protect the outstanding natural and cultural heritage of the Park from harmful development. It delivers in the following three key areas: Conserving and Enhancing the Cairngorms National Park, Living and Working in the Cairngorms National Park, Enjoying and Understanding the Cairngorms National Park. The Local Plan is one of the key tools in delivering the Cairngorms National Park Plan's objectives for development and land use.

There should be a presumption against Wind Farm development in Sensitive Areas. The siting and design of the development should respect the special nature of the area. Development within, or which would have a significant impact on the, National Scenic areas, (presumably a National Park is a NSAs), will only be permitted where it can be demonstrated either that the proposed development will not compromise the areas scenic, and overall integrity: or any significant adverse effects on the scenic interest and integrity of the area, are clearly outweighed by social or economic benefits of national importance. Such proposals should have regard to the character

and appearance, scale, density, massing and materials, of adjacent area, of which it will form a part of and will have no material adverse impact on the local landscape character and is compatible with its landscape setting and the landscape character of the area. The design, siting and external appearance of the proposal should be appropriate to its rural location and setting.

Noise can travel for long distances and reports of turbine noise disturbing residents at least 1 mile and up to 4 miles from the respective sites. Topography, atmospheric condition, wind speed and direction all play a part. This needs serious consideration given how quiet and unspoilt this area is. Has this been investigated or considered?

The following animals have been identified by locals, who know the area, to be present, either breeding or as visitors to the land in question: Bats, Barn Owls, numerous Small Mammals, Buzzards, Red Kite, Curlews, Oyster Catchers and numerous other wading birds are abundant. The presence of numerous small mammals such as short tailed voles, mice and shrews is indicated by the presence of suitable habitat and regular sightings of the birds of prey mentioned. Migratory birds such as geese, numerous waterfowl, wild pheasant, wildfowl species and of course butterflies, moths and insects that are attracted to the many varied habitats across the site. The site provides a range of varied and species rich habitats including, Wetland area, and Rough areas of grassland are teeming with wildlife within the Cairngorm National Park. Raptors are particularly susceptible to collisions with wind turbines. When they are hunting their attention is focused on their prey and collisions with blade tips travelling at around 200mph become more likely.

Bats are one of the most heavily protected species in the country. They are of international importance and the UK has signed up to The Agreement on the Conservation of Populations of European Bats (Eurobats). This aims to protect all 45 species of bat identified in Europe. One of its recommendations is that turbines should be placed at least 200m from a bat foraging route. The proposed site has many features conducive to bat activity, namely ditches, ponds, and woodland. Bats are listed as a UK Priority Species and it is an offence to: * Intentionally or deliberately kill, injure or capture bats * Deliberately disturb bats (whether at roost or not) Risk to bats depends to an extent on the species as different types present different behaviours. The risk cannot be assessed until a detailed bat survey of the entire site has been done and the specific bat species present identified. Is an Environmental Impact Assessment required as part of the planning application? Will surveys have to be carried out to assess the flora and fauna present on the site and such surveys done thoroughly and at a Naturally appropriate time?