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The Hillocks,
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IV32 7NL
15th March, 2013

Dear Sir/Madam,

Town and Country Planning (Schemes of Delegation and Local Review Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2008 Request for Review : Planning Application 12/01696/APP Erect 20kW wind turbine (13.1 metre rotor diameter) and installation of underground cables at Whinnyhaugh Farm, Burnside Road, Garmouth, Fochabers, Moray IV32 7NY

I refer to the above and your notification of the Notice of Review process.

Following further consideration of this application I remain utterly opposed to the erection of this turbine in that particular location, which would clearly be in conflict with the approved local and structure plans.

As highlighted in the original decision, the height and location of this device would unquestionably create an unacceptable level of visual intrusion which would dominate the surrounding countryside to its inevitable detriment, with a particular impact on the eastern approach into the village.

I have discussed this matter with a number of village residents and members of the Community Council, all of whom are in agreement that to change the original decision would be extremely negative in every sense.

In addition, due to the close proximity of my garden perimeter to the intended turbine site, I am convinced that there would be an impact on the wildlife which abounds in the area. I regularly see a wide variety of bird species, rabbits, deer and foxes both in my garden and also in the field near the area of the potential build site. I have no doubt that there would be considerable displacement of such wildlife which has become such a natural part of the local habitat.

I also have concerns regarding noise pollution, and although I cannot provide any statistical research to justify my concerns, I have anecdotal evidence from residents in similar situations who did not have their objections considered, that their lives are now overwhelmingly affected by the noise emissions from devices erected near their homes. It is inconceivable that a structure and mechanism such as this could operate silently.

Furthermore, the photographs shown in the planning application are extremely misleading from the angle at which they have been taken, as none of them accurately portray the correct view from each direction as described. They clearly give the impression that my house is some distance away and shows a dubious line of sight at best. The distance from my house to the planned site is shorter than that from the applicant's house, and the topography is such that the affect is far greater for me. Therefore, I would invite any members of the review board to visit my home subject to suitable arrangements, in order that they get an accurate assessment of this potential "blot on the landscape" at the entry to the beautiful, unspoilt, rural village that is Garmouth.

In conclusion, I would like to reiterate that the naturally beautiful and gentle land and seascapes for which Moray, and Garmouth in particular, are so well known are hugely at risk if this decision is reversed, and for all of the aforementioned reasons I continue to strongly oppose and reject this application.

Yours Faithfully

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Mrs M.M. Stephen.