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Your ref  
Our ref DRL/LR/SG/FM

Dear Sirs

### **CONSULTATION ON WIND DEVELOPMENT**

Thank you for your recent correspondence seeking views on East Lothian's Guidance for Wind Turbines of over 12MW and modifications to Guidance for Lowland Wind Turbines.

The Guidance for Wind Turbines of over 12MW implements Scottish Planning Policy (SPP) that planning authorities prepare a spatial strategy for windfarms over 20MW. The inclusion of windfarms between 12 and 20MW within the guidance seems appropriate to the topography of East Lothian and the similarity of issues which would arise in the area from windfarms of this scale and those over 20MW. I consider this to be compatible with SPP.

The guidance identifies areas requiring significant protection and I note that as required by SPP the Edinburgh Green Belt is included in this area due to the effect which large scale windfarm development would have on the landscape setting of the city. The area of search identified is remote from Edinburgh and for this reason the guidance does not raise any significant planning issues for Edinburgh.

The modifications to guidance on Lowland Wind Turbines are to incorporate the recommendations of East Lothian Supplementary Landscape Capacity Study for Small Wind Turbines. I note that this was approved following consultation in 2011 and have no comment to make on the inclusion of these recommendations within the guidance.

If you have any further queries, please telephone Lindsay Robertson on (0131) [REDACTED] (Direct Dial).

Yours faithfully

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