

FORESTRY COMMISSION RESPONSE

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Subject: RE: CONSULTATION ON PLANNING GUIDANCE FOR WIND TURBINE DEVELOPMENT IN EAST LOTHIAN

Good afternoon Sirs,

CONSULTATION ON PLANNING GUIDANCE FOR WIND TURBINE DEVELOPMENT IN EAST LOTHIAN

First of all we would like to thank you for giving Forestry Commission Scotland the opportunity to comment to both these guidance documents:

Guidance for Wind Turbines of Over 12MW

We welcome the document which places a great emphasis on the environment and the character of East Lothian landscapes.

We also welcome the identification of trees and woodland as potential constraints that developers should consider at the initial stage of development proposals and make the necessary enquiries with Council officers and other stakeholders. In particular we support the statements included in 6.111-6.114 with particular reference to the Policy on Control of Woodland Removal and the strong presumption against loss of woodland resources, the Forest Habitat Network and a presumption against habitat fragmentation, and the importance to protect Ancient and Semi-Natural woodland.

We also welcome the inclusion of forestry as a carbon store (6.140).

Modification to the Council's Planning Guidance for Lowland Wind Turbines, 2010

We welcome the Key Consideration as highlighted under 4.21-4.23.

We look forward to continue to work with you for the implementation of this guidance.

Kindest regards

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