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To: Policy & Projects

Subject: Modification to Planning Guidance for the Location and Design of Wind Turbines in the Lowland Areas of East Lothian (Dec 2010)

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Modification to Planning Guidance for the Location and Design of Wind Turbines in the Lowland Areas of East Lothian. We welcome the provision of planning guidance to assist in the determination of wind turbine applications and offer the following comments.

Unfortunately we have missed the deadline for responses to your formal consultation, but nonetheless wish to pass on our comments.

We are not comfortable that that the modifications proposed comply accord with Scottish Planning Policy due to the additional constraints added beyond those set out in the current three-stage approach. Areas of search should not be reduced in extent beyond those identified in the SPP approach – e.g. Local Areas of Significant Protection included at Stage 1 and the buffers included under Stage 2. The maps on overhead lines, gas pipelines and wind speed are helpful, but should not reduce areas of search.

We are happy to discuss any of the points raised.

Best regards,

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