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Dear Sir or Madam

CONSULTATION ON EAST LOTHIAN GUIDANCE FOR WIND FARMS OVER TWELVE MEGAWATTS

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above guidance as trunk roads authority.

Transport Scotland have also been developing guidance on the location wind turbines adjacent to trunk roads. At the present time we advise potential developers through our website to contact us for advice. Our Guidance covers a number of issues such as visual assessment, shadow flicker and set back distance from the trunk road.

While it may be possible to integrate our guidance within your draft document it would probably be best to add a section for Transport Scotland within the "*Potential Constraints for which developers should make prior enquiries*" as follows.

Trunk Roads

Where Wind Farms are proposed either close to the A1 trunk road or it is proposed to transport wind turbines on the A1 trunk road, developers will require to contact Transport Scotland for further advice.

In addition paragraph 6.136 states the set back dimension from roads, Transport Scotland's requirement for the set back distance is different from this and the following should be added at the end of the paragraph.

The required set back distance for trunk roads is to be a minimum of 1.5 times the height of the wind turbine (from ground level to the uppermost tip of turbine blade) away from the nearest kerb line of the Trunk Road carriageway".

If you require any further details please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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Transport Scotland