

Limekiln Wind Limited

ELECTRICITY ACT 1989 (S36C)

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

**THE ELECTRICITY GENERATING STATIONS (APPLICATIONS FOR VARIATION OF
CONSENT) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013**

**THE ELECTRICITY WORKS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) (SCOTLAND)
REGULATIONS 2017 (AS AMENDED)**

Notice is hereby given that Limekiln Wind Limited, company registration number 08074755, with its Registered Office at 16 West Borough, Wimborne BH21 1NG, has applied to the Scottish Ministers to vary the section 36 consent to construct and operate a wind farm known as Limekiln Wind Farm, 2km south of Reay, in Caithness, Highlands within the administrative area of The Highland Council (Central Grid Reference 98270 60620) previously consented on 21st June 2019 by the Scottish Ministers (“variation application”). The proposed variation is subject to Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). An EIA Report has been produced to accompany the variation application for consent. Limekiln Wind Limited has also applied for a direction under section 57(2ZA) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 to vary the planning permission deemed to be granted by a direction given by the Scottish Ministers under section 57(2) of that Act on 21 June 2019 (“the section 57(2) direction”)

The variation application seeks to make the following variations:

- Increasing the maximum tip height of all turbines to 149.9m;
- Removal of one borrow pit;
- Rerouting certain access tracks to take account of the removal of a borrow pit;
- Increasing the operational period of the wind farm from 30 to 40 years;
- Relocating the construction compound and increasing its size from 100m x 100m to 150 x 100m.
- Relocating five water crossings and allowing for an additional two water crossings;
- Increasing the size of the crane hardstandings from 40 m x 22 m to 40 m x 35 m; and
- Removal of the permanent anemometer mast.

Limekiln Wind Limited has now submitted additional information to Scottish Ministers, which includes information relating to the removal of two turbines (T22 & T23), reducing the wind farm from 21 turbines to 19 turbines.

A copy of the additional information along with a summary of the variation application, a copy of the variation application, a copy of the original section 36 consent and section 57 direction decision letter and the EIA report prepared in relation to the proposed varied development are available for public viewing on the application website: www.limekilnwindfarm.co.uk and on the Scottish Government Energy Consents website at www.energyconsents.scot under application reference ECU00003303.

Copies of the variation application, EIA Report and additional information may be obtained from Limekiln Wind Limited (telephone: 01202 847680 / email: info@limekilnwindfarm.co.uk)

at a charge of £750 per hard copy and free on DVD/CD. Copies of a short Non-Technical Summary are available free of charge.

Any representations to the application may be submitted via the Energy Consents Unit website at www.energyconsents.scot/Register.aspx; by email to the Scottish Government, Energy Consents Unit mailbox at representations@gov.scot; or by post to the Scottish Government, Energy Consents Unit, 4th Floor, 5 Atlantic Quay, 150 Broomielaw, Glasgow, G2 8LU, identifying the proposal and specifying the grounds for representation. Please note that there may be a delay in the Energy Consents Unit receiving representations by post.

Written or emailed representations should be dated, clearly stating the name (in block capitals), full return email and postal address of those making representations. Only representations sent by email to representations@gov.scot will receive acknowledgement.

All representations should be received not later than **Monday 28th March 2022**, although Ministers may consider representations received after this date.

Any subsequent additional information which is submitted by the developer will be subject to further public notice in this manner, and representations to such information will be accepted as per notice.

Where Scottish Ministers decide to exercise their discretion to do so, Scottish Ministers may cause a Public Local Inquiry (PLI) to be held.

Following examination of the environmental information, Scottish Ministers will determine the application in two ways:

- Consent the proposal, with or without conditions attached; or
- Reject the proposal

All previous representations received in relation to this development remain valid.

General Data Protection Regulations

The Scottish Government Energy Consents Unit processes consent applications and consultation representations under the Electricity Act 1989. During the process, to support transparency in decision making, the Scottish Government publishes online at www.energyconsents.scot. A privacy notice is published on the help page at www.energyconsents.scot. This explains how the Energy Consents Unit processes your personal information. If you have any concerns about how your personal data is handled, please email Econsents_admin@gov.scot.