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Dear Mr Ashton

Please quote in any correspondence: DIO 10043421

Site Name: Kirkan Wind Farm

Proposal: ELECTRICITY ACT 1989 SECTION 36 AND SCHEDULE 8: APPLICATION FOR THE PROPOSED KIRKAN WIND FARM IN THE PLANNING AUTHORITY AREA OF THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL.

Planning Application Number: ECU00001800

Site Address: Approximately 5.8km NW Of Garve

Thank you for consulting the Ministry of Defence (MOD) on the above Section 36 application in your communication dated 23/04/2019.

I am writing to tell you that the MOD has no objection to the proposal.

The application is for 17 turbines at 175.00 metres to blade tip. This has been assessed using the grid references below as submitted in the planning application or in the developers' or your pro-forma

Turbine	Easting	Northing
1	235,462	867,812
2	235,872	868,005
3	236,288	868,428
4	235,808	867,559
5	236,279	867,953
6	236,776	868,364
7	235,908	867,197

8	236,272	867,532
9	236,692	867,870
10	237,095	868,304
11	236,197	867,046
12	236,642	867,329
13	237,156	867,947
14	236,477	866,794
15	236,864	867,151
16	237,068	867,559
17	236,738	866,676

In the interests of air safety, the MOD will request that the development should be fitted with MOD accredited aviation safety lighting in accordance with the Civil Aviation Authority, Air Navigation Order 2016.

The principal safeguarding concern of the MOD with respect to the development of wind turbines relates to their potential to create a physical obstruction to air traffic movements and cause interference to Air Traffic Control and Air Defence radar installations.

Defence Infrastructure Organisation Safeguarding wishes to be consulted and notified of the progression of planning applications and submissions relating to this proposal to verify that it will not adversely affect defence interests.

If planning permission is granted, we would like to be advised of the following prior to commencement of construction;

- the date construction starts and ends;
- the maximum height of construction equipment;
- the latitude and longitude of every turbine.

This information is vital as it will be plotted on flying charts to make sure that military aircraft avoid this area.

If the application is altered in any way, we must be consulted again as even the slightest change could unacceptably affect us.

I hope this adequately explains our position on the matter. If you require further information or would like to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Further information about the effects of wind turbines on MOD interests can be obtained from the following websites:

MOD: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/wind-farms-ministry-of-defence-safeguarding>

Yours sincerely

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