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Please find attached objection letter for your consideration.

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7th August 2019

Dear Sir/Madam,

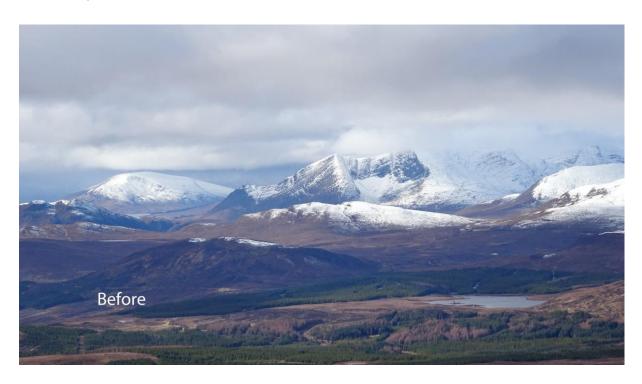
OBJECTION TO KIRKAN WINDFARM

Please note my strong objection to this proposal. The visual impact of the current clusters of LochLuichart and Corriemoillie and their associated infrastructure is already unacceptable; there is an extension planned and this development would add further insult to injury. It would bring the total number of turbines in the area to 68. However,

- 1. This is an area adjacent to Wild Land Area 28 and clearly visible from Wild Land Area 29, significantly diminishing their character, in particular for hill-walkers.
- 2. The turbines would be sited close to the A835. This forms part of the North Coast 500, a route that is supposed to impress visitors with its scenic views. There is growing evidence that tourist opinion about Scotland is being negatively impacted by inappropriate siting of windfarms and associated infrastructure.
- 3. The proposed turbines are larger than those currently in place, thus even more intrusive and setting a precedent for 'repowering' the older turbines.

To show the current impact, please see the following photographs:

1. Taken approximately 500m up Little Wyvis looking WNW towards the Fannaichs, then with the turbines in place:



For hill-walkers on the very popular mountains of Ben Wyvis and Little Wyvis, this is a good view and one to savour. However, now.....



2. The following are taken from the A835 just west of Tarvie. It is at this point when travelling to the west coast that you first get a hint of the landscape to come on the North Coast 500.



If ever there was a time when Scotland's natural assets needed protecting, this is it. I hope you will agree with me that the cumulative impact is unacceptable. Visually and economically.

Yours Sincerely,

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