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Dear Debbie

THE ELECTRICITY WORKS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2017

ELECTRICITY ACT 1989, SECTION 36 AND SCHEDULE 8:

APPLICATION FOR THE PROPOSED UISENIS WIND FARM IN THE PLANNING AUTHORITY AREA OF COMHAIRLE NAN EILEAN SIAR

Further to the consultations received in relation to the application by Uisenis Wind Power Limited, under section 36 of the Electricity Act 2017, for the Scottish Ministers' consent to construct and operate the proposed Uisenis Wind Farm, I can confirm that the Comhairle as planning authority, at its meeting of 4 December 2024, resolved to offer the following view:

The Comhairle as Principal Consultee submits to Scottish Ministers the following:

- As a National Development, the principle of this type of development in this location does not need to be agreed; further, a large-scale wind farm has previously been considered to be acceptable;
- The developer has worked to address some objections and concerns with the relevant consultees and bodies since submission of the EIA Report and this is reflected in the SEI and consultation feedback received, which is to be welcomed;
- The Comhairle recognises that there are aviation concerns that require further consideration by the developer and by Scottish Ministers. The Comhairle's support for this development is therefore subject to the removal of the aviation objection from HIAL, following an updated IFP Assessment for Stornoway Airport, before any consent is issued by Scottish Ministers;
- Should the Scottish Ministers then be minded to issue a consent for the development, Comhairle support for the development is subject to:
 - (i) The application of appropriate conditions on the s36 consent and the application of a suite of suggested planning conditions, as set out in Appendix 1 to this Report, to ensure that specific matters will be addressed, including those required to secure

- the necessary mitigation and monitoring measures, (Note: the proposal to paint one blade black on each of the turbines 19-25 is to be omitted);
- (ii) The completion of a Section 75 planning obligation between the Comhairle, the developer and other interests, which addresses measures (including a bond) to ensure appropriate decommissioning and restoration; and
 - (iii) The completion of a legal obligation between the Comhairle, the developer and other interests, under the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to secure the Local Contractor Policy, procurement aims, paid apprenticeship scheme, footpath improvement fund and Eagle Conservation Programme, and other relevant matters.

I have attached a copy of the Committee Report and its Appendices, for ease of reference. Please refer in particular to Section 14 (Reasoned Conclusion).

Please note that at its meeting, the Comhairle also agreed that the Section 75 planning obligation should include an agreement not to proceed with the consented scheme(s) for the Muaitheabhal Wind Farm and its extensions.

Yours sincerely



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