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Enquiry Text

Please see below my response to the MIR addendum consultation.

I object to the preferred option for Question 1 (wind energy) and I support the 'reasonable alternative' stated in paragraph 2.6 of the MIR addendum for the following reasons:

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On the subject of visual envelopes, SPP2014, Table 1, page 39 states: "The extent of the area will be determined by the planning authority based on landform and other features which restrict views out from the settlement." I believe that this is a clear indication that SPP2014 places responsibility for identification of the 'visual envelope' of a settlement firmly in the Council's hands.

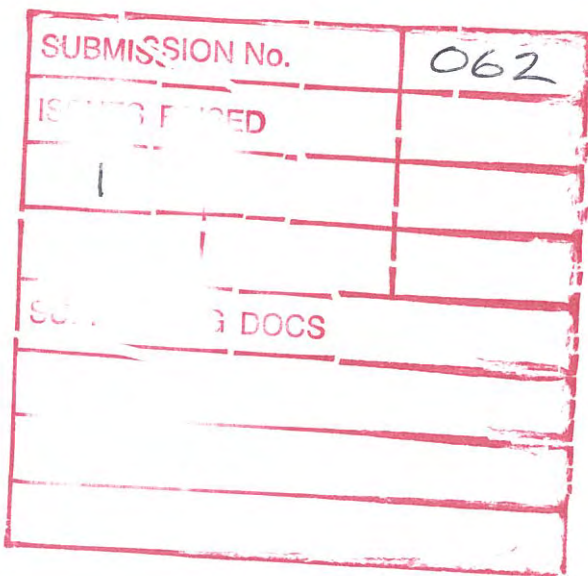
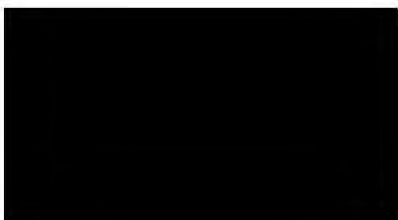
I believe the addendum exaggerates the time required and complexity of producing visual envelopes. Determination of these envelopes for turbines of differing heights is a relatively simple procedure using viewshed analysis.

The addendum lacks information on the measures that would be taken by the Council to ensure that visual envelopes are impartially delineated. Given this lack of information, I am not convinced that the Council can guarantee that visual envelopes are determined in an impartial way, i.e. in a way that does not favour the applicant.

At the special meeting of the Garioch Area Committee held on 27 and 28 May 2014, the Committee agreed to recommend to Infrastructure Services Committee "3. that clarification be provided that the height is always measured to hub height and a second measurement to tip of blade height should be identified in documents". I believe that visual envelopes should be based on maximum blade tip height if loss of amenity and erosion of quality of life are to be avoided. The MIR addendum lacks information on this and requires clarification.

Questions 2, 3 & 4 - no comment

Regards,



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