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Question 1

Do you have any comments on the Revised Spatial Framework for Wind Energy Development, or the proposal to require the development industry to assess the "visual envelope" of settlements through the planning application process?

With response to the revised spatial frame work, I personally hope that this is just a proposal, I hope that Aberdeenshire council are strong enough to stand up to the Scottish government and look after the best interests of the Aberdeenshire countryside, The original framework was developed for the very purpose of protecting the little areas of Aberdeen shire that have not been polluted with the Industrial wind turbine,

This revised special frame work should be rejected and a sterner version closer to the original should be fought for as this is a very important report for the future of Aberdeen shire .

I am concerned the original findings and concerns of the impact and over populous of industrial wind turbines in the Aberdeenshire countryside have been put to one side by the Scottish government and they are only interested in their own targets which are not the best for our area!!

This report was seen as a chance to stop the charge of the wind turbines in the countryside area's but looks like there will be no change as the amendments only really consider the effect that any turbines would have on national parks and urban area's with inclusion of the 2km buffer zone; surely to prevent discrimination to countryside dwellers this buffer zone should also include any and all country dwellings, as they would suffer the same visual pollution and an even greater change in noise pollution than urban dwellers would notice.

The wind turbine issue in this country must generally affect countryside dwellers largely more than urban settlements, but the Spatial frame work seem to focus more on protecting the urban settlements (Visual envelope) rather than the people that are being affected in the countryside hence my previous view that each dwelling should have the same 2km buffer Zone as it doesn't matter if it is a town of two thousand people or a household of 4 that could be affected by any such wind development

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