

**APPLICANT'S RESPONSE TO FURTHER
REPRESENTATION**



Angus Council Development Management Review Committee (Local Review Body)
Angus Council
County Buildings
Market Street
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7th November 2014

Dear Karen

Re: DMRC-11-14 (13/00290/FULL) - Cotton of Pitkenney wind turbine planning application review - Appellant Response to Interested Party Representation

Thank you for your letter on 24th October informing us of an additional representation from an interested party (Mrs E Lashly), and for giving my client an opportunity to respond. This document sets out the Appellant's response.

Mrs Lashly states that the proposed wind turbine will have a '*major negative impact on our lives, our home and our landscape*'.

The Council's report of handling finds, following consultation and professional assessment, that impacts on residential amenity (due to noise or shadow flicker) will be acceptable.

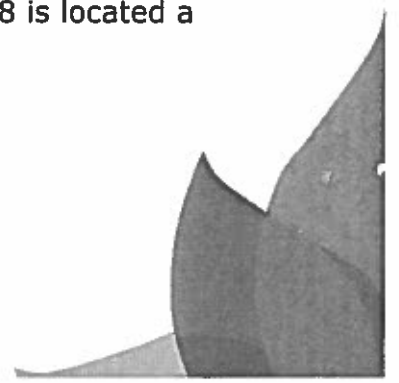
Regarding landscape impacts, Mrs Lashly provides more detail, questioning why there is no information about the view of the site from the north, and no photomontage provided from the south side of Angus Hill - between the B9134 and Melgund Castle. She believes the proposal would greatly affect this area, and refers to its historical/pastoral nature and skyline, which requires protection.

The locations of the viewpoints are shown on Figure 6.4. Each of the viewpoints were agreed with the Council prior to submission. Although there is no viewpoint on the southern slope of Angus hill, viewpoint 18 is located a

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short distance to the east, at Melgund Castle, which is a similar distance from the proposal.

The Council's report of handling concludes following consultation with professional advisors that the proposal '*would not give rise to unacceptable impacts in terms of cultural heritage interests*'. Historic Scotland noted in its consultation response that '*the turbine will not challenge the [Turin Hill] monument for dominance within its setting or disrupt any key relationships with other sites or landmarks*'.

Regarding effects on landscape character, Members of the Development Management Review Committee will be aware that wind turbines very rarely have positive effects in that regard. The question for the decision maker is whether those effects are acceptable, taking into account the planning policy context, and the professional assessments undertaken by the applicant and the Council's specialist consultees. As illustrated in the Appellant's notice of review statement, the appointed officer's assertion that landscape impacts are unacceptable has not been justified and contradicts the Council's own capacity assessment and the site specific assessments provided by the applicant and the Council's own consultees, which predict no significant effects.

The Appellant respectfully requests Members to visit the site of this single turbine project, which represents a genuine farm diversification opportunity.

Please contact me if you require any other information.

Yours sincerely

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