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Dear Kirstin

Following previous discussions and Gate Check, please find enclosed an application for consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 and for a direction that planning consent be deemed to be granted under Section 57(2) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended) for the proposed development of Scawd Law Wind Farm (the Proposed Development). The Proposed Development is located in the Scottish Borders local authority area and lies to the north-east of Innerleithen approximately 3 km to the east of the B709 and some 4 km north of the A72. The application for consent is being submitted by Natural Power Consultants Limited (Natural Power) on behalf of Fred Olsen Renewables Ltd (the Applicant).

The Proposed Development may comprise the following main elements:

- Up to 8 turbines
 - Turbine foundations
 - Crane pads
 - Associated infrastructure
- Substations, control building and compound
- Potential for battery/energy storage infrastructure of up to 12 MW
- Approximately 6.8 km of new access tracks, with 31 watercourse crossings identified
- Underground electricity and telecommunication cables
- Up to one anemometry mast
- Signage
- Temporary borrow pits
- Temporary construction and storage compounds, laydown areas and ancillary infrastructure
- Drainage and drainage attenuation measures (as required)

Any public road required for access to the site entrance may be utilised subject to upgrades where necessary. Habitat management will be undertaken within the Proposed Development Area or, alternatively, offsite within the broader region.

In addition to this covering letter, the application is supported by a Planning Statement, a Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) Report, draft Annex 1,2 and 3 and an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR). The EIAR comprises of four volumes as follows:



- Volume 1 of the EIAR presents the Non-Technical Summary (NTS)
- Volume 2 presents the 15 Chapters of the EIAR.
- Volume 3a of the EIAR presents the technical figures associated with the EIAR Chapters except for Chapter 6 (Landscape & Visual Impact Assessment).
- Volume 3b of the EIAR presents the technical figures associated with EIAR Chapter 6 and visualisations produced for EIAR Chapters 6 and 10 (Landscape & Visual Impact Assessment and Cultural Heritage).
- Volume 4 presents the Technical Appendices associated with the EIAR Chapters.

Attached for reference is Annex 3: Site Layout and location which illustrates the Proposed Development for which consent is sought.

All of the above documents (besides the confidential figures) have been submitted to the ECU Portal and the Applicant's website: <u>https://fredolsenrenewables.com/windfarm-collection/united-kingdom/scawd-law/</u>

The Applicant intends to advertise the application as follows:

- Glasgow Herald (05/01/2023)
- Edinburgh Gazette (06/01/2023)
- The Southern Reporter (05/01/2023 and 12/01/2023)

Yours sincerely

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