

SSE Generation Limited

ELECTRICITY ACT 1989 (SECTION 36C)

THE ELECTRICITY GENERATING STATIONS (APPLICATIONS FOR VARIATION OF CONSENT)(SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

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

Notice is hereby given that **SSE Generation Limited**, company registration number **02310571** and office at **55 Vastern Road, Reading, RG1 8BU** has applied to the Scottish Ministers to vary the section 36 consent to construct and operate an extension to the existing **wind farm at Gordonbush Estate, approximately 9.5km to the north west of Brora** (Central Grid Reference **285000, 913700**) previously consented on **29th September 2017** by Scottish Ministers ("the variation application").

The variation application seeks to make the following variations: **The applicant is proposing to reduce the number of turbines from 15 to a maximum of 11 and increase the tip height of the remaining turbines from 130m up to a maximum tip height of 149.9m (and a maximum rotor diameter of up to 136m). Other changes include a reduction in the length of access track given reduced number of turbines, removal of the consented additional operations building, repositioning of temporary batching plant, amendment to indicative borrow pit extraction volumes, removal of permanent operational met mast, repositioning and substitution of the permanent meteorological mast to a LiDAR and associated 4x4 track; and retention of existing operational Gordonbush Wind Farm meteorological mast (southern). No change to the turbine layout of the remaining turbines is proposed. The installed capacity of the proposed generating station would exceed 30MW, which combined with the existing Generating Station capacity exceeds 50MW. The proposed varied development is subject to Environmental Impact Assessment and an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report has been produced.**

SSE Generation Limited has also applied for a direction under Section 57(2ZA) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 that planning permission for the development be deemed to be granted.

A summary of the variation application, a copy of the variation application, a link to the original section 36 consent decision letter and the environmental reports prepared in relation to the proposed varied development can be found at the following website: **www.sse.com/gordonbushextension**

The variation application and environmental reports are also available for inspection, free of charge, during normal office hours at:

Brora Library and Culture Centre
Gower Street, Brora KW9 6PD
(Monday 1-5pm, 6-8pm,
Tuesday 10-5pm,
Thursday 2-5pm, 6-8pm
Friday 10-12.30, 1.30-4.30)

Planning and building
standards office
Sutherland and Easter Ross
Drummuie, Golspie KW10 6TA
(open during normal
office hours)

They can also be viewed at the Scottish Government Library at Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ and at the following website: **www.energyconsents.scot**.

Copies of the variation application and environmental reports may be obtained from **SSE Renewables Developments (UK) Ltd (tel: 0141 2247245)** at a charge of **£350** per hard copy and **£10** on CD. Copies of a non-technical summary are available free of charge.

Any representations to the application may be submitted via the Energy Consents Unit website at **www.energyconsents.scot/Register.aspx** or by email to the Scottish Government, Energy Consents Unit mailbox at **representations@gov.scot** or alternatively by post to the Scottish Government, Energy Consents Unit, 4th Floor, 5 Atlantic Quay, 150 Broomielaw, Glasgow, G2 8LU, identifying the proposal and specifying the grounds for representation.

Written or emailed representations should be dated, clearly stating the name (in block capitals), full return email and postal address of those making representations. Only representations sent by email to the address stipulated will receive acknowledgement.

All representations should be received not later than 11th March 2019, although Ministers may consider representations received after this date.

Should additional substantive information be made available in relation to this application, then further public notices will give advice on how this information may be viewed by members of the public, and how representations may be made to Scottish Ministers.

Where Scottish Ministers decide to exercise their discretion to do so, Scottish Ministers may cause a Public Local Inquiry (PLI) to be held.

Following receipt of all views and representations, Scottish Ministers will determine the application for consent in one of two ways:

- Consent the proposal, with or without conditions attached; or
- Reject the proposal

General Data Protection Regulations

The Scottish Government Energy Consents Unit processes consent applications and consultation representations under The Electricity Act 1989. During the process, to support transparency in decision making, the Scottish Government publishes online at **www.energyconsents.scot**. A privacy notice and a fair processing notice are published on the help page at **www.energyconsents.scot**. These explain how the Energy Consents Unit processes your personal information. If you have any concerns about how your personal data is handled, please email us at: **Econsents_admin@gov.scot** or write to Energy Consents Unit, 4th Floor, 5 Atlantic Quay, 150 Broomielaw, Glasgow, G2 8LU