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ECU00004851 - Section 36 Application for Carn Fearna Wind Farm

Electricity Act 1989

Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

The Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017

Carn Fearna Wind Farm Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Statkraft UK Limited (Statkraft) is applying for consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 and for a direction that planning permission be deemed to be granted under section 57(2) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 to install and operate a wind farm and associated ancillary infrastructure (the Carn Fearna Wind Farm) on land north-east of the village of Garve in Ross-shire. The wind farm site is centred on Ordnance Survey National Grid Reference (NGR) E-242260, N-862627 and covers an area of approximately 1,003 hectares (ha) in total within the Highland Council (THC) area (within the Garve and District and Strathpeffer Community Council areas).

The installed capacity of the proposed generating station would be over 50 MW and would comprise of nine wind turbines which would be up to 200 m to blade tip in an upright position for five of the turbines (T1, T2, T3, T4 and T8), and up to 180 m for the remaining four turbines (T5, T6, T7 and T9). Consent is sought for an operational lifespan of the Proposed Development of up to 50 years.

The Application

The application has been uploaded electronically to the Scottish Government's Energy Consents Unit portal and comprises the documentation set out in Table 1.

Table 1: Carn Fearna Wind Farm Application Documents

Application Covering Letter
EIA Report, comprising: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Volume 1: Non-Technical Summary (NTS);• Volume 2: Written Statement (Chapters 1-17);• Volume 3a: Figures to support Chapters 1-16 of the EIA.• Volume 3b: Figures 7.16 – 7.48 Visualisations for Viewpoint 1 – Viewpoint 33 (following NatureScot standards).

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volume 3c: Figures 7.49 – 7.81 Visualisations for Viewpoint 1 – Viewpoint 33 (following The Highland Council standards). Volume 3d: Figures 11.4 – 11.13, Cultural Heritage Visualisations. Volume 4a-b: EIA Report Technical Appendices.
Planning Statement
Design Statement
Pre-application Consultation Report
Marine Directorate - Checklist

In addition to the application documents in Table 1 that have been uploaded via the portal, it is confirmed that the carbon calculator has been completed (Technical Appendix 16.1) and the excel spreadsheet (Version 2.14.1) has been submitted to Nicola Kennedy by email on 11 April 2025). When the online carbon calculator comes back online this will be completed.

An electronic copy of the confidential sections of the EIA Report (Technical Appendices 9.2 (confidential ornithology) and 9.4 (Golden Eagle GET Assessment) and Confidential Figures 8.9 (Confidential Protected Terrestrial Mammal Survey Results), 8.10 (Protected Terrestrial Mammal Desk Study Results (Sensitive)), 8.11 (Bat Desk Study Results (Sensitive)), 9.7a-b (Existing Ornithological Records), 9.8a-b (Annex 1 & Schedule 1 Breeding Raptor Survey Results (Year 1 & 2)) and 9.9a-c Breeding Black Grouse Survey Results (Year 1 & 2)) has also been emailed to you and other relevant consultees (NatureScot and The Highland Council) separately.

As agreed, the Onshore Wind Standard Conditions for Section 36 Consent and Deemed Planning Permission will not form part of the Application. The Applicant will provide comments on this document before the end of the consultation process.

As agreed, we have sent to you by email the GIS shape files for the Application site red line boundary and understand the Energy Consents Unit will upload these to the NatureScot InformedDECISION platform when the consultation commences.

I can confirm that the Application documents have been uploaded electronically to the ePlanning Portal as required by THC and have also sent by email the various GIS shape files it requires.

Application Fee

The requisite application fee (£150,000) has been paid electronically via BACS (Reference Number ECU00004851 – Carn Fearna Wind Farm).

Advertising

A copy of the newspaper advertisement to be placed has been previously agreed. The agreed advert will be published in the newspapers on the dates shown in Table 2 below.

Table 2: Newspaper Notices

Publication	Date of Public Notice
The Scotsman	25 th April 2025
The Press and Journal	25 th April and 2 nd May
Ross-shire Journal	25 th April and 2 nd May
Edinburgh Gazette	25 th April 2025

Publicity

In accordance with Regulation 18(1) of The Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017, hard copies of the EIA Report will be made available for public viewing at the following venues:

- Strathpeffer Community Centre, School Road, Strathpeffer, Ross-shire, IV14 9AG; and
- Garve Village Hall, Station Road, Garve, Ross-Shire, IV23 2PR

All of the application documents identified in Table 1 have been uploaded to the ECU portal and the project website at the link below:

- <https://projects.statkraft.co.uk/Carn-Fearna/>

I trust that the above and the enclosed are sufficient to allow you to accept the application. I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely

Scott Vallance, Principal Project Manager, Carn Fearna Wind Farm Limited