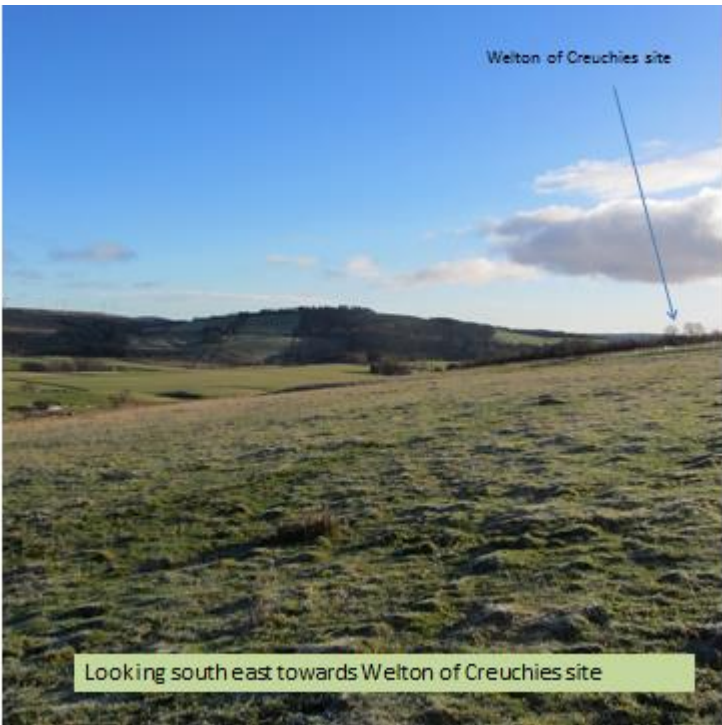
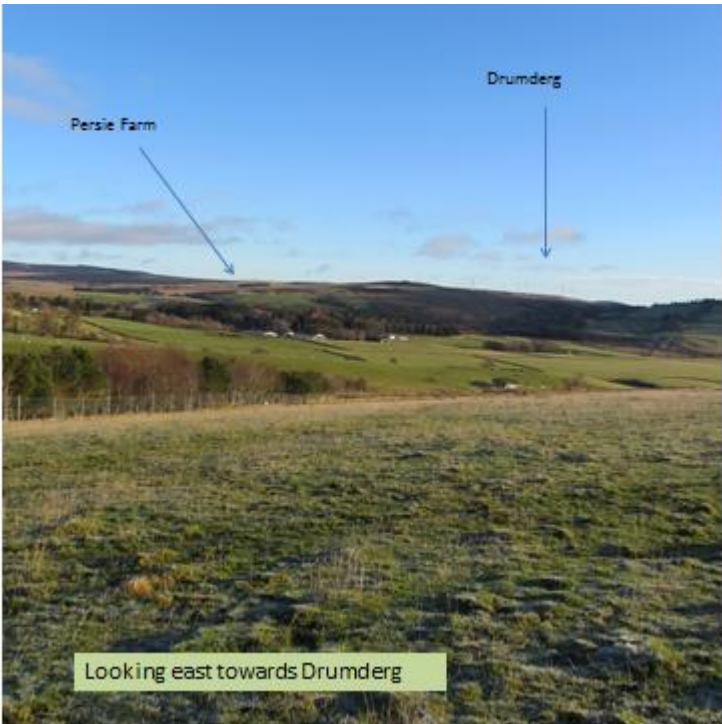


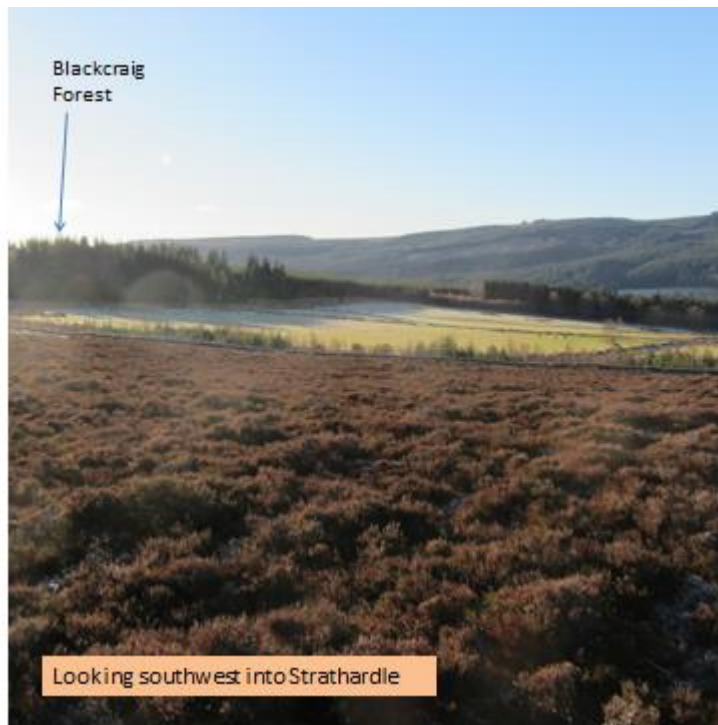
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SITE VISIT PHOTOS

- Site Visit Photos
- Comments from Morag Reid, dated 2 February 2014
- Comments from Sarah Rivett-Carnac, dated 2 February 2014
- Comments from the Agent, dated 7 February 2014
- Comments from Mrs H Wilkinson, dated 8 February 2014
- Comments from Kevin Beaumont, dated 8 February 2014
- Comments from Claudia Adams, dated 9 February 2014
- Comments from Justin Adams, dated 11 February 2014
- Comments from Shirley Shay, dated 11 February 2014
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- Comments from Chris Thompson, dated 12 February 2014
- Comments from Thomas Rivett-Carnac, dated 14 February 2014





T3 position



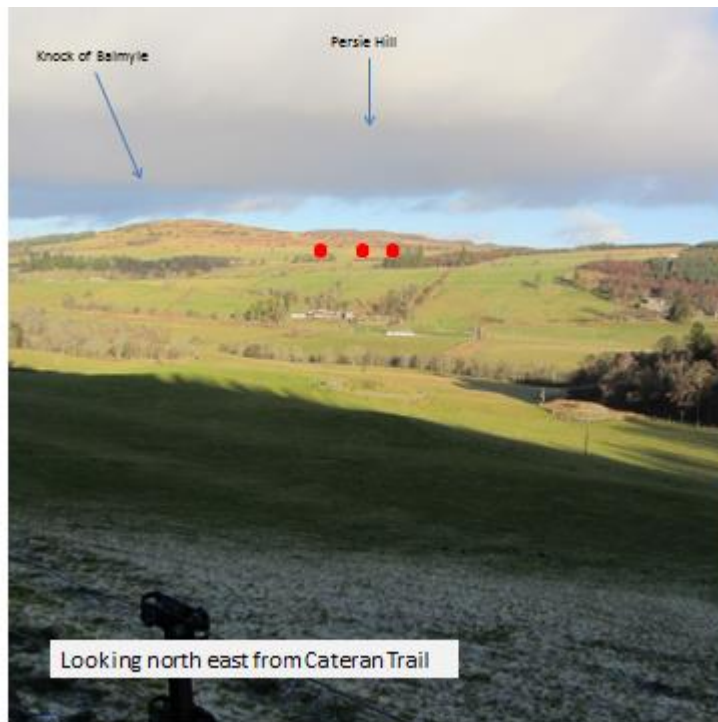


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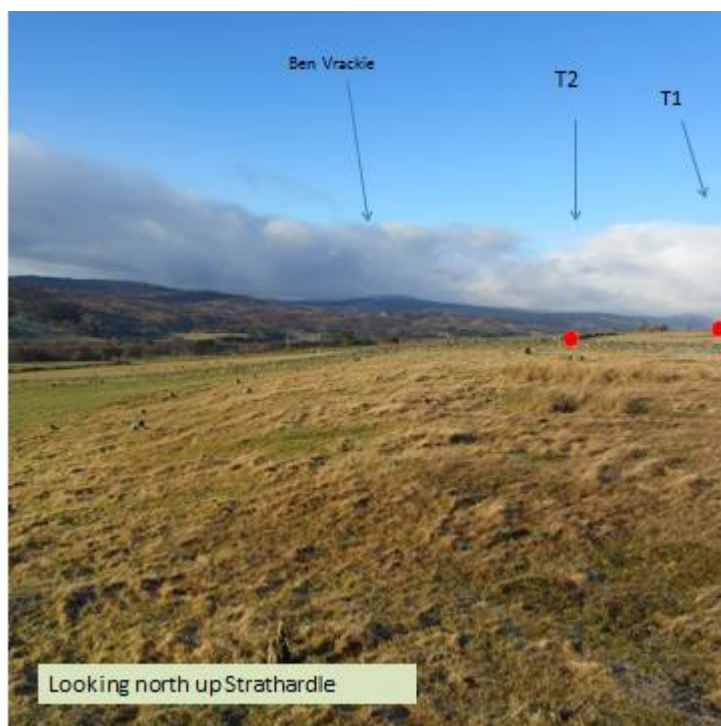


Looking east towards Drumderg









Audrey Brown - CHX

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 02 February 2014 23:03
To: CHX Planning Local Review Body - Generic Email Account
Subject: attn Gillian Taylor

Dear Gillian Taylor

Please find my comments in response to photos taken by the Local Review Body's representative regarding the proposed development **TCP/11/16 (276) - 11/01485/FLL - Erection of three wind turbines, Ardlebank Farm, Ballintuim, Blairgowrie, PH10 7NQ**

I object to the proposed turbine development and want to record further concerns following the photos taken from across the glen.

1. The red blob marks don't accurately represent the 84 metre high, revolving turbines and their visual impact on the landscape. They belittle the size and scale of the turbines and, as such, I believe they are a misleading visual representation of the proposed development. To give the LRB a fuller, clearer picture of the impact, I think the blobs should be replaced by scale images of the planned turbines.

2. The photos taken from the actual site of the proposed turbines are largely irrelevant - the photographs should represent the impact of the turbines as viewed from either the properties or from key vantage points (eg. CATERAN TRAIL).

Also, some of the photos taken from the CATERAN TRAIL do not appear to point towards the site of the proposed turbines and could only be used as some kind of scene setting illustration.

I hope you reject this planning application and I look forward to hearing your decision in due course.

Morag Reid

Audrey Brown - CHX

From: sarah rivett-carnac [REDACTED]
Sent: 02 February 2014 14:49
To: CHX Planning Local Review Body - Generic Email Account
Subject: Re: TCP/11/16 (276) - 11/01485/FLL - Erection of three wind turbines, Ardlebank Farm, Ballintuim, Blairgowrie, PH10 7NQ - Mr G Richardson
Attachments: windfarm scan 1.pdf; windfarm photos 2.pdf

Dear Gillian,
thanks very much for that. I have attached scans of the photos and annotated them because they have got the wrong position for Blackcraig Forest and also the photos don't show the height of the turbines which rather lessens the impact. Please could you pass them on to the Review Body with this email.

In addition I would like to stress the main points in objecting to this application which are as follows:

1. Ruining the natural environment of the glen, which the photos show as a totally unspoilt area of Perthshire.
2. Diminishing the allure of the CATERAN trail which is promoted as passing through unspoilt areas with the knock on effect on tourism.
3. Impact on birdlife much of which has a haven in Blackcraig forest and would be affected by turbines in its path to forests and lochs in the area.
4. The FACT that Mr Richardson has other landowners on board to put up an additional 9 turbines should his 3 get approval. So don't think permission is being asked for 3, it is 12 in total.
5. The cumulative impact when taking into account other windfarms, such as Drumderg, which mean that the whole skyline from Perth looking north would be littered with turbines. What is happening to Bonnie Scotland?

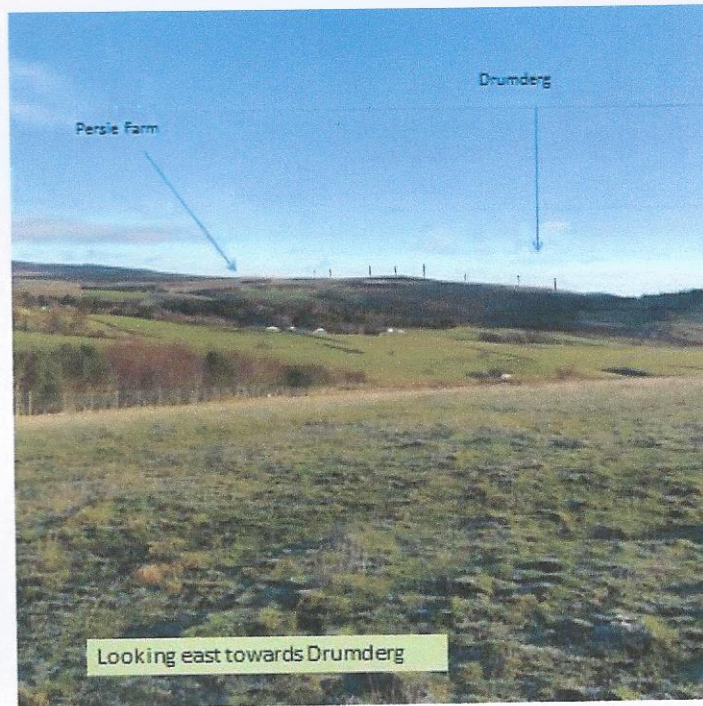
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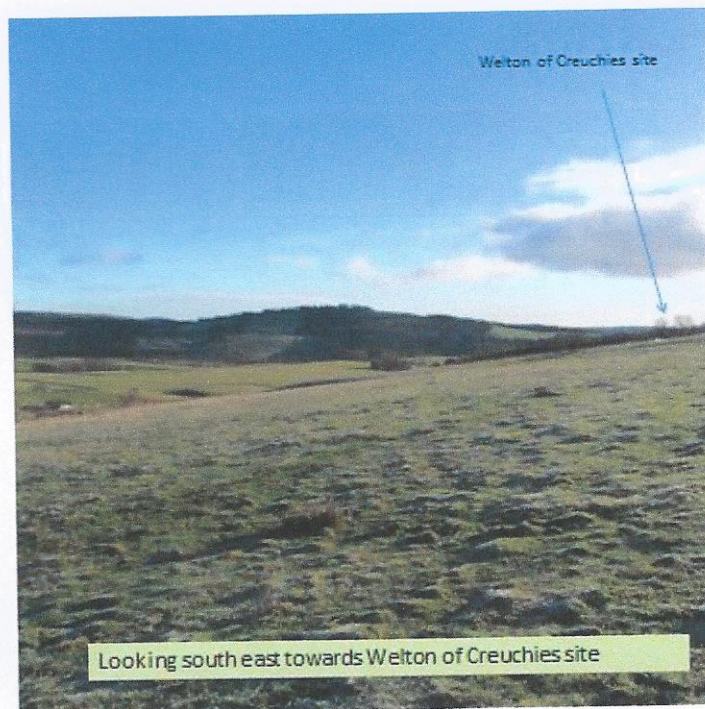
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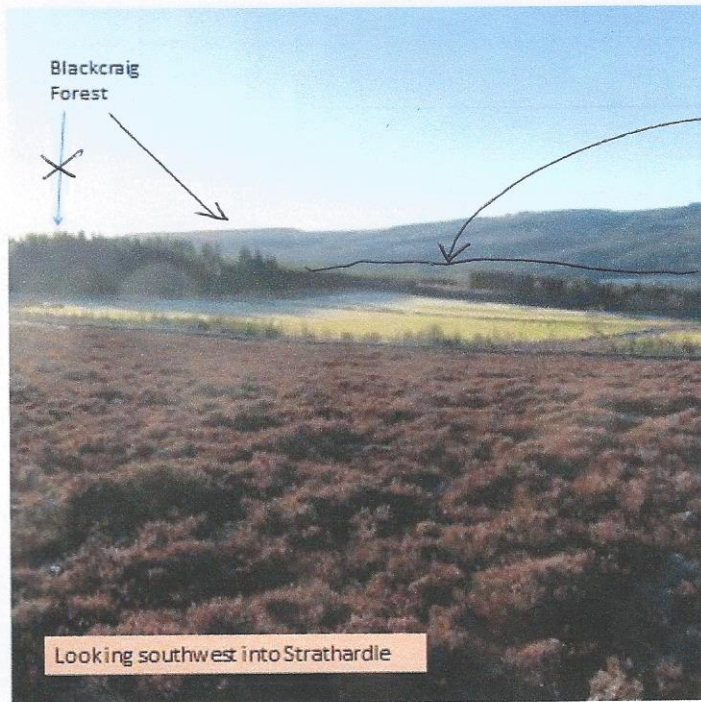
Sarah
Sarah Rivett-Carnac

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NOTE: CUMULATIVE
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Looking southwest into Strathardle



Looking west into Strathardle

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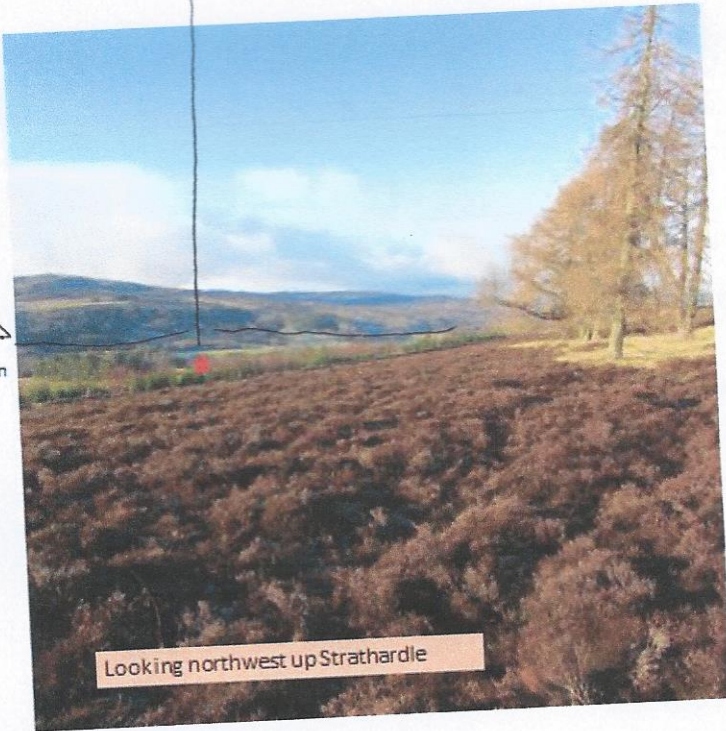
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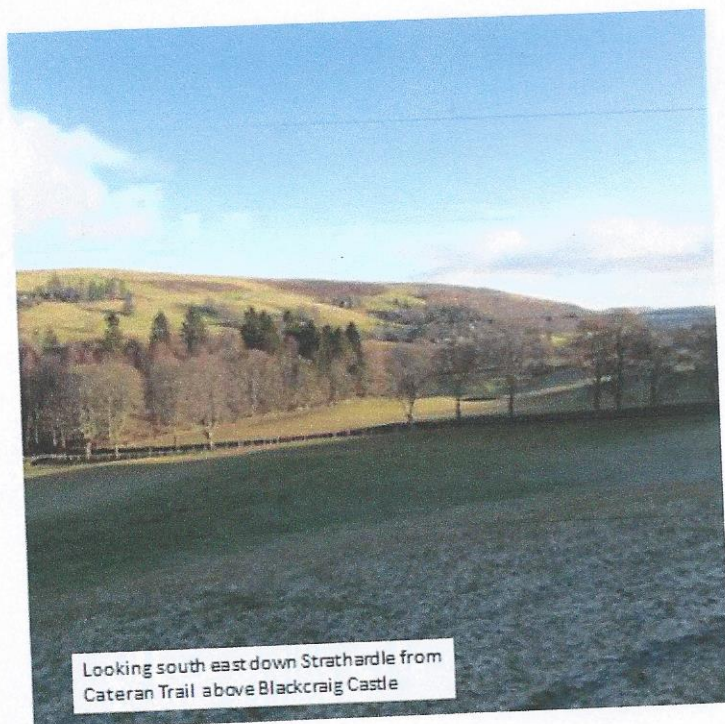
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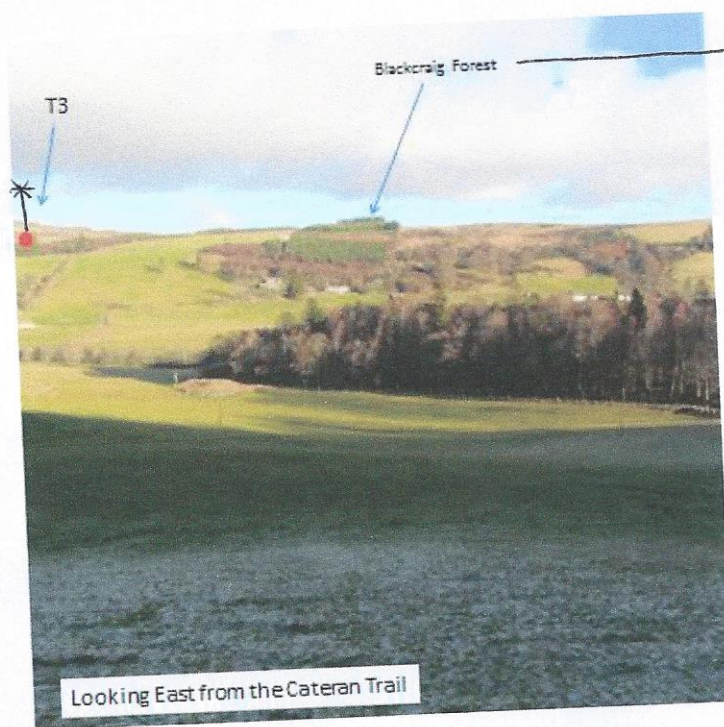
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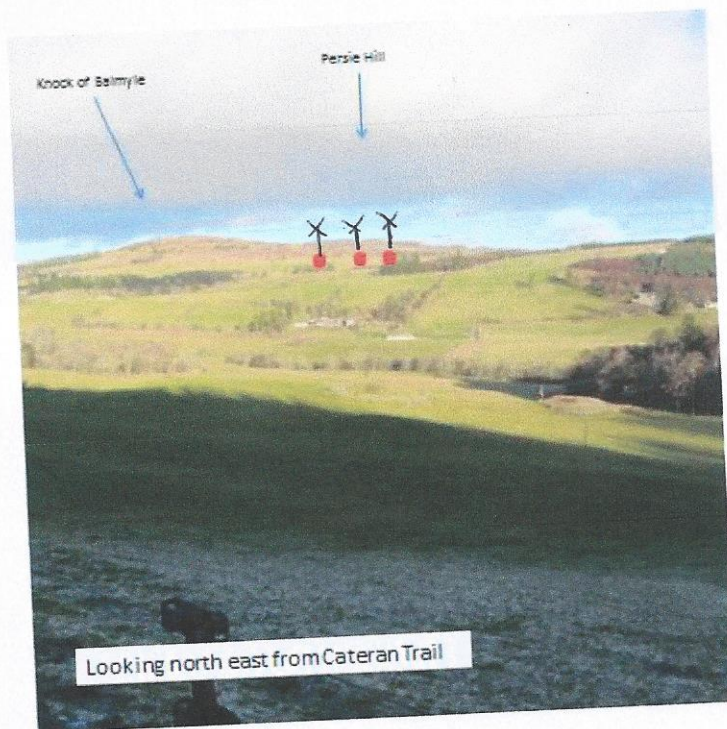


Looking south east down Strathardle from
Cateran Trail above Blackcraig Castle

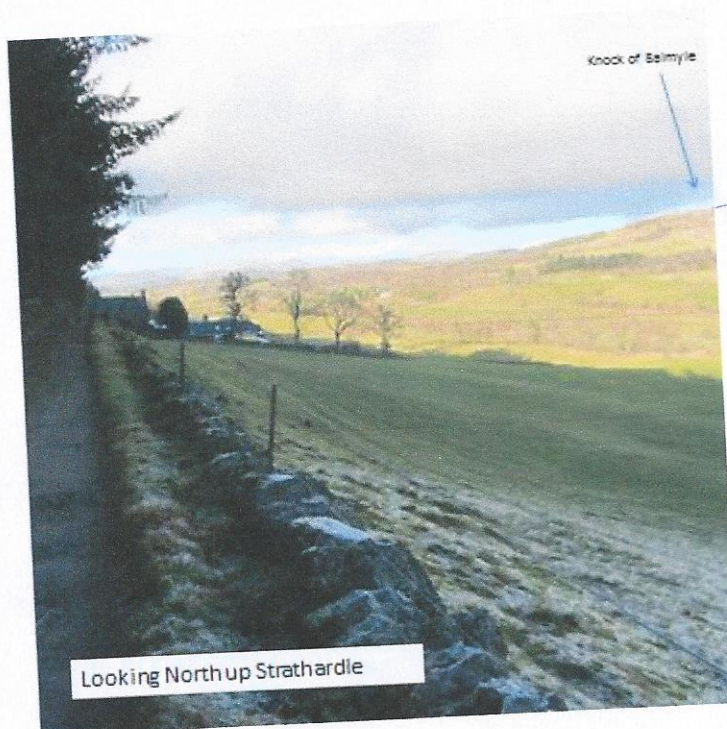


Looking East from the Cateran Trail

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NOT BLACKCRAIG
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BEHIND THE PHOTOGRAPH

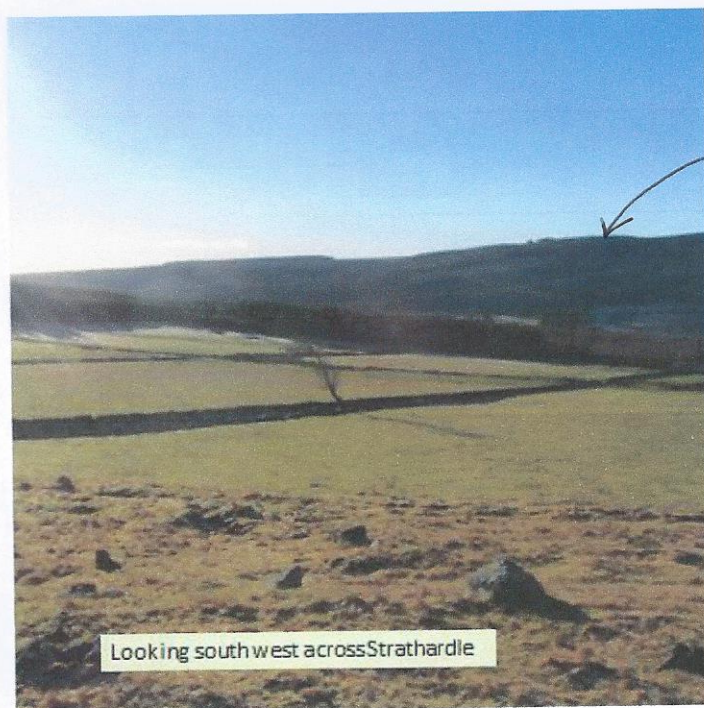
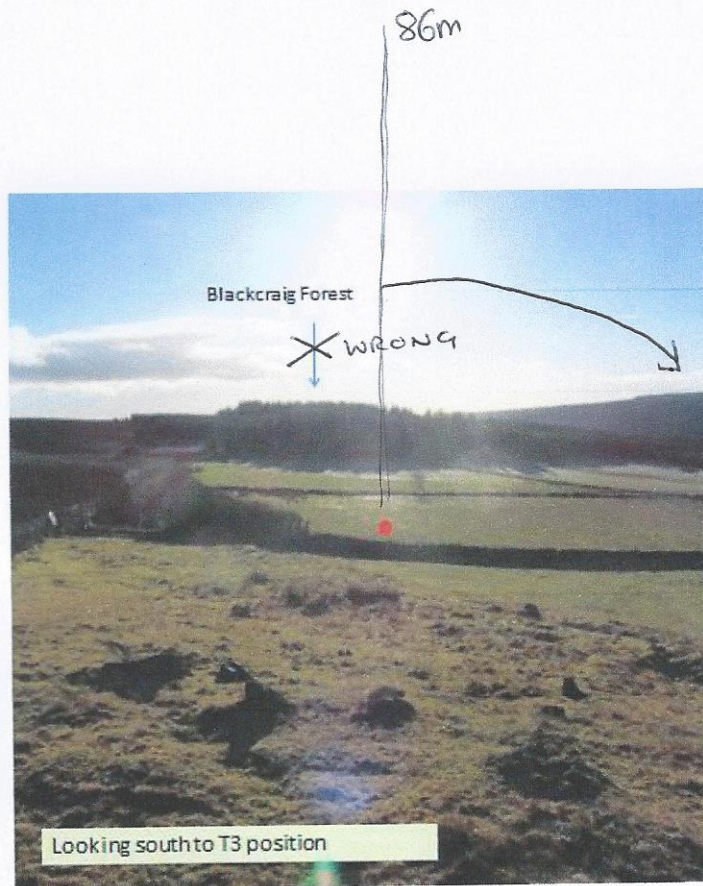


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PERMISSION IS GIVEN.
THEY WOULD DOMINATE
THIS SKYLINE



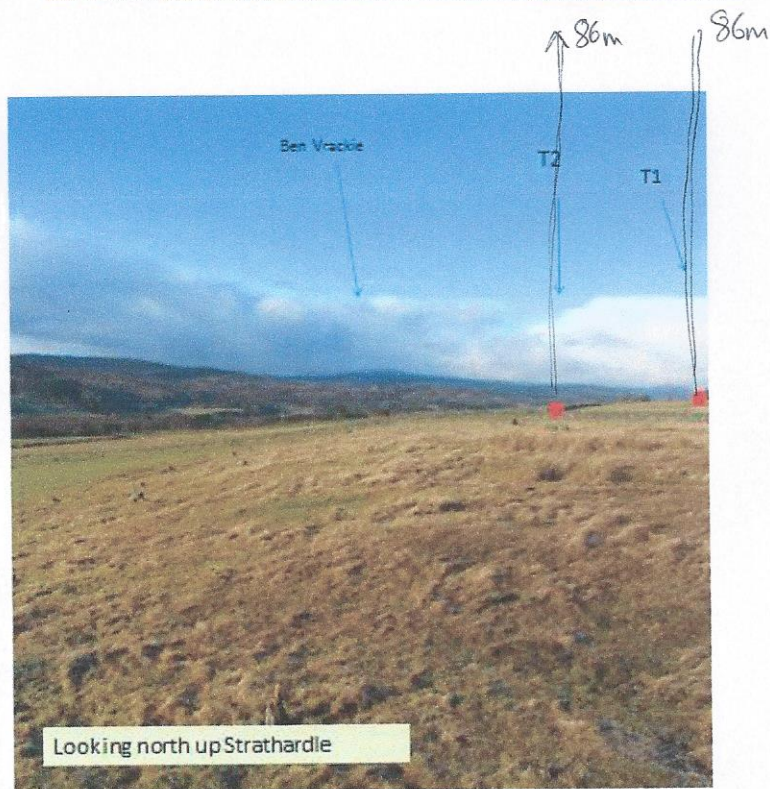
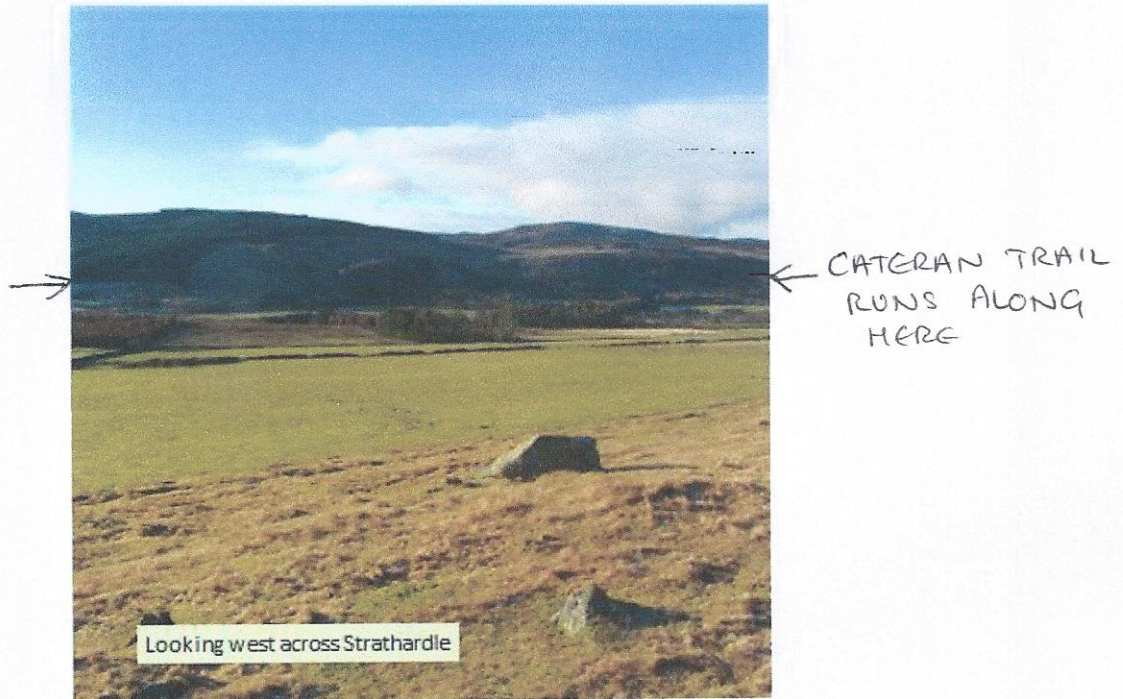
X ↑ X Turbines here.

THIS IS THE CATERAN
TRAIL.



BLACKCRAIG FOREST

← CATERAN TRAIL



Audrey Brown - CHX

From: Cedric Gerbier <cedric@greencatrenewables.co.uk>
Sent: 07 February 2014 13:29
To: Yvonne Oliver; committe@pkc.gov.uk
Cc: CHX Planning Local Review Body - Generic Email Account
Subject: RE: TCP/11/16 (276) - 11/01485/FLL - Erection of three wind turbines, Ardlebank Farm, Ballintuim, Blairgowrie, PH10 7NQ - Mr G Richardson

To Whom it may concern,

Please see below our comments in relation to the photographs taken by the LRB.

I would be grateful if you could confirm receipt of the email and that these comments will be taken into consideration.

Kind regards

Cedric

Set One

These photos look across the valley towards the site where the proposal will be seen to the left of the view. The photos illustrate where Drumerg will be visible from however in reality these sit behind the landscape and will not be visible.

Set Two

These photos are located up on the site itself and as such the turbines will be prominently visible, with T3 identified on the photos. The property at Blackcraig Forest will be completely screened by the woodland seen to the left of the first image and as such views of the turbines from here will be rare. Whilst there are views over the valley from this location it is not one which has footpaths or prominent walking routes, which will limit the number of receptors which will experience these closer views.

The remainder of the views look towards the Knock of Balmyle where the turbines will be to the rear of the viewer. There would still be no view of Drumerg from this lower point, however once up on the saddle between Knock of Balmyle and Hill of Cally do the turbines begin to appear. They would be visible across the valley on the horizon.

Set Three

These pictures have been taken on part of The Cateran Trail which runs alongside the western side of Strathardle. They are located near Blackcraig Castle and over look the valley offering views both up and down the valley. From this location the turbines will be visible on the opposite side of the valley indicated in the second and third photos. From here there will be no cumulative views with Drumerg. The woodland at Blackcraig Forest can be seen to the right of T3 and will provide screening to the property located Blackcraig Forest.

When walking this route views do tend to be drawn up and down the length of the valley due to the direction and orientation of the walking route. This would mean that whilst visible the turbines would not be in direct view of walkers for long periods of time and would be visible obliquely. It is accepted that walkers do stop to take in the view and there are 360 degree views, however there would be no continuous visibility whilst walking as the eye is drawn along the route of the valley.

Set Four

These pictures are again located up on the site and the first photo show the view back towards the property at Blackcraig forest and as can be seen the woodland here provides significant levels of screening.

The turbines from this location would be prominent features but it should be stressed that this is not an area popular with walkers and these views are not likely to be experienced by a large number of receptors. Whilst there are long distance views towards Ben Vrackie where the turbines would be seen in conjunction with this prominent summit, these effects are restricted to this particular area and would only be experienced when on the site itself. Typical views of Ben Vrackie would be unaffected by the development as the turbines would be to the rear of the viewer when down on the lower slopes of Strathardle.

Cedric Gerbier

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Date: 8/02/14



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Attn: Gillian A Taylor – Local Review Body
Ref: 11/01485/FLL – Erection of 3 wind turbines, Ardlebank Farm,
Ballintuim, Blairgowrie PH10 7NQ - Mr G. Richardson

Dear Ms Taylor,

Further to my previous letters of objection to the above proposal, thank you for providing me with the photographs.

The photographs have given me a better insight into this matter and have made my objections even stronger, I do hope this application will finally be rejected and refused.

I own a 17 acre agricultural smallholding at Blackcraig, the Cateran Trail passes through the middle of my land. Visitors and walkers on the Cateran Trail often comment on the views and how peaceful this part of the glen is. I can clearly see the area of the proposed Wind Turbine site, from my land and my house.

Frequently I can hear the constant "whirring" noise from Drumderg, although I cannot see the turbines from here. I have no wish to be living in closer proximity to more turbines, in my opinion they will ruin my view and spoil what is a beautiful Scottish glen. My husband was born here and lived in this property all his life and I have lived here for 42 years and we love Strathardle, the wildlife and beauty. To spoil this with three wind turbines, will, in my opinion, only benefit the absentee applicant. I feel sure, if he actually lived here, he would be of a different opinion. He has obviously given no thought to the residents on the opposite side of the glen. Has he considered that this un-necessary, unsightly, addition to the landscape may devalue our properties, I think not.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Audrey Brown - CHX

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 February 2014 10:43
To: CHX Planning Local Review Body - Generic Email Account
Subject: Re: TCP/11/16 (276) - 11/01485/FLL - Erection of three wind turbines, Ardlebank Farm, Ballintuim, Blairgowrie, PH10 7NQ - Mr G Richardson

Sirs

I am in receipt of your email with the attached 16 photos relating to the above application. I wish to pass comment on them, in the context of their usefulness as evidence either for or against this planning application.

1. The majority of the photos (in the order that they are displayed in the attachment: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 16) have been taken looking from the proposed turbine sites, looking in various directions around the glen. The views from the turbines are irrelevant. It is how the turbines are viewed from around the glen that is crucial, and is the crux of my and all other objections to the proposed development.
2. Of the photos taken from the Cateran trail side of the glen, 9 and 12 do not even look in the direction of the proposed sites, and photo 10 claims to only just include site of T3 – so again these photos are irrelevant.
3. This only leaves photo 11 which features a view looking towards the proposed sites for the three turbines, but even this does not give a true impression of the visual impact of three 84 metre revolving white/grey turbines on an otherwise beautiful unspoilt landscape. Three red blobs they will not be.
4. There are no other photos from different parts of the glen, particularly residential sites, looking towards the site of the proposed development.

The original planning application was refused. I sincerely trust that these photos, which prove absolutely nothing, will be used to overrule that original decision.

Yours faithfully,

Kevin Beaumont

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Audrey Brown - CHX

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 February 2014 14:13
To: CHX Planning Local Review Body - Generic Email Account
Subject: Re: TCP/11/16 (276) - 11/01485/FLL - Erection of three wind turbines, Ardlebank Farm, Ballintuim, Blairgowrie, PH10 7NQ - Mr G Richardson

Dear Gillian -

Further to your e-mail I would like my views regarding the photographs as recorded below to be expressed to the LRB.

- 1) Some of the photographs taken were mis-labelled Blackcraig Forest which hardly fills one with confidence in the photographer's ability!
- 2) I am not sure of the point of the views taken from the proposed sites of the turbines... surely the point should be taken from key spots in the glen overlooking the proposed sites?
- 3) Some photographs WERE taken from the Cateran Trail - but these photographs were taken showing the south-eastern view... away from the proposed site of the turbines. What is the point of these?
- 4) The photographs correctly taken of the sites were not taken from the locations that will be affected the greatest (Crowhill, Easter Balmacreuchie, Woodside, etc) but from further down the track.
- 5) Photographs taken of the proposed sites had red "blobs" indicating the actual sites of the turbines. Whilst these are accurately positioned they in no way show the visual impact of 84 metre high whirling turbine blades at these sites. Surely the whole point of a visual representation is to show what the actual impact will be (heaven forefend)...? In this day and age an unbiased and accurate representation using software such as Photoshop must be possible...

Thank you in advance for passing these comments onto the LRB

Yours sincerely

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Crowhill Steading
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PH10 7PX

Justin Adams
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PH10 7PX

(via e-mail)

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Perth & Kinross Council
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11th February 2014

Dear Ms Taylor

Your Ref: TCP/11/16 (276)

Application Ref: 11/01485/FLL - Erection of three wind turbines, Ardlebank Farm

Thank you for your letter allowing me the opportunity to comment on the photographs as supplied purporting to show the proposed sites of the three wind turbine application at Ardlebank Farm. I use the term “purporting” as there are a number of both descriptive inaccuracies and confusing shots that do not fill me with a huge amount of confidence as to the veracity of the photographs or the sense of direction of the photographer.

To start with one of the blatant errors: in photographs 3, 10 & 13 the photographs are marked showing “Blackcraig Forest”. For the information of the LRB I would like it to be shown that the (approx) 35 acres of woodland so marked is not Blackcraig Forest at all. Indeed if whilst taking photograph number ten, the photographer were to turn a full 180 degrees and then walk forwards approximately 2 metres he/she would be on the perimeter of the “real” Blackcraig Forest which is approximately 3500 acres - a hundred times greater!!

Whilst I appreciate that this may not directly impact on the veracity of the photographs, it does raise a somewhat quizzical eyebrow.

I have to confess that the photographs as supplied did not come with any form of accompanying narrative which might have led to my next confusion and hence the following comment:

I am not entirely sure as to why we have been supplied with photographs taken from the proposed site of the turbines. Surely the visual impact of the turbines will be suffered from viewpoints of the sites?

This comment applies to photographs 1-8 and 13-16 leaving merely 4 photographs taken from viewpoints actually situated away from the proposed turbine sites. Of these 4 remaining photographs the person responsible must have been very confused as only one is pointing in the

direction of the proposed turbines (congratulations for getting it “nearly” right with number 11!!).

The use of the word “nearly” is due to the fact that, in their infinite wisdom, the turbines have been replaced with what appear to be 15 metre high “Russian Dolls” (as recently seen on the slopestyle venues in Sochi). I am taking my approximate measurements from the trees next to these red blobs (more closely resembling the aforementioned Russian Dolls than turbines!)

When I reviewed the initial planning application, I was under the impression that Richardson was intent on despoiling both the visual amenity and decapitating the winged fauna by erecting 84 metre high turbines whose blades can rotate at anything up to 140 miles per hour (wingtip speed). This is what impacts on visual amenity (for residents, tourists and visitors alike) as well as producing the humming which impact the auditory amenity. There was no mention of Russian Doll-like red blobs, which, whilst undoubtedly an eyesore, would be MORE welcome than the turbines as they are at least 5 times smaller and aren't moving (I hope!)

The point I am trying to make (somewhat tongue-in-cheek) is that I do not believe that the photographs bear a fair representation of the impact on the glen to both residents and visitors alike.

My final point is somewhat semantic and open to accusations of selfishness. The photographs taken from the west side of the glen (with the “real” Blackcraig Forest) have been taken from about 250 meters from my house. If the photographer had bothered to walk that additional 250 metres he/she will have really been able to understand the major visual impact for both myself, my family and my immediate neighbours.

In summary. Only 1/16 of the photographs is of the right subject matter and that does not portray an accurate representation of the visual impact of 3 x 84 meter high turbines. Surely in this day of computer generated graphics it would be possible to put together a realistic montage which would aid the LRB in their deliberations and also give a true representation of the impact to residents.

I look forward to hearing the outcome of the LRB's deliberations. If I can assist by taking more appropriate photographs then please do not hesitate to let me know.

Yours sincerely

Justin Adams

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11th February 2014

Dear Ms Taylor

Your Ref: TCP/11/16 (276)

Application Ref: 11/01485/FLL – Erection of three wind turbines, Ardlebank Farm

Further to your letter inviting comments with respect to the photographs presented for consideration, I would like to make my comments as follows.

Without explanation, it has been difficult to understand the rationale of some of the photographs taken during the site visit.

I can fully understand why photographs of Drumderg and Welton of Creuchies were taken, as these indicate the likely cumulative effect should this inappropriate application be granted. I am at a loss however, to understand why some of the other photographs from the site were taken; indeed one would be forgiven for thinking that there were no properties directly overlooking the site or within the 2km “protection” radius.

Moreover the proposed turbines would be visible for at least 1.7km of the Catheran Trail, and yet only one photograph indicates the potential blight to the landscape in this area. The photographs without any explanatory text, appear to underplay the blight to the landscape for both the residents and visitors to the glen.

Yours Sincerely,

Shirley Shay

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11th February 2014

Dear Ms Taylor

Your Ref: TCP/11/16 (276)

Application Ref: 11/01485/FLL – Erection of three wind turbines, Ardebank Farm

Further to your letter inviting comments with respect to the photographs presented for consideration I would like to make my comments as follows.

I found it difficult to understand exactly what information the photographs were designed to portray. The photographs seemed to be randomly taken, showing views that I do not believe are representative of the impact the proposed turbines will have on the area should they be allowed. It maybe that they were selected to convey specific information but without any real narrative they were difficult to interpret.

Where the photographs identified the turbine location by the use of “red blobs”, it would have been more representative if the blobs could have been in scale with the landscape. On several of the photographs by scaling with features that are of a roughly known height, I estimate that the blobs appear around one fifth of the scaled size they will be in reality, i.e. the impact of the turbines is under stated.

I believe what would have been more useful for identifying the impact the turbine may have would have been photographs from the properties which lie within 2km radius, as these are the properties guidelines seem to specifically designed to protect.

Yours Sincerely

Steve Shay

Audrey Brown - CHX

From: Chris Thompson [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 February 2014 15:54
To: CHX Planning Local Review Body - Generic Email Account
Subject: Re: TCP/11/16 (276) - 11/01485/FLL - Erection of three wind turbines, Ardlebank Farm, Ballintuim, Blairgowrie, PH10 7NQ - Mr G Richardson

Dear Ms Taylor,

Whilst an improvement on the inadequate LVIA provided with the application and amendments we still don't have a accurate representation of the impact to the dwellings at Crowhill. The closest view point is the photograph "looking north east from the Cateran Trail". This is taken from a location approx 100m south of the dwellings and clearly demonstrates that the turbines will be fully visible from this position (and along a significant portion of the Cateran Trail). However, as it does not contain a wireframe of the Turbines, it does not represent the scale (height/width) of the Turbines. In my opinion, given that they are > 80m tall with aircraft warning lights, they would be very prominent both day and night.

yours sincerely,

Chris Thompson
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Audrey Brown - CHX

From: Thomas Rivett-Carnac [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 February 2014 14:50
To: CHX Planning Local Review Body - Generic Email Account

Email of objection:

Quoting reference: TCP/11/16 (276) - 11/01485/FLL - Erection of three wind turbines, Ardlebank Farm, Ballintuim, Blairgowrie, PH10 7NQ - Mr G Richardson For the attention of Gillian Taylor, Clerk to the Local Review Body.

Dear Local Review Body Members,

I am grateful for the chance to offer further comment, those of us opposed to the application certainly always enjoy an opportunity to voice our opinions, this time on the photos taken by you. I will make my comments brief and concise, the thrust of my complaint is the use of red dots to signify the wind turbines instead of properly sized representations of a wind turbine. The issue is the red dot gives no sense of what 84m high turbines would look like in conjunction with our glen, as they give no sense of the scale of their impact. This gives a misleading impression and it certainly seems true to say that the photos in their current state do not do justice to the true visual impact on the glen. As a last word, in case my position on the matter has not been made explicit, I completely object to the application on the grounds above (directly pertaining to the given photos) and on other previously mentioned grounds which I have mentioned in submissions to the Local Review Body, the Perth & Kinross Council planning department and to the local newspaper The Courier.

Yours Sincerely,
Tom Rivett-Carnac

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