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Dear Paul Smith

Proposed Dersalloch Wind Farm (Grid Reference 242000 604500) near Dalmellington, Ayrshire.
Application for Consent by CRE Energy Addendum November 2006

I wish to object to the above proposal on the following grounds:

- The amendments described make no difference to the social, environmental and economic damage that would result from their enormous and alarmingly visual impact.
- The proposal is contrary to the principle of Environmental and Social Justice as defined by the First Minister on 18th February 2002.
- The proposal is contrary to the Structure Plan, including E11.
- The proposal is contrary to the central principles and objectives and nearly every detailed policy of the Finalised South Ayrshire Local Plan including E11, STRAT 4, STRAT 5, TOUR 1, ENV 2, ENV 8, ENV 10, BE 2, BE 3, BE 6 and SERV 3, and the recently adopted East Ayrshire Local Plan including SD 1, SD 2, SD 4, SD 6, NPPG 2, IND 10, NPPG 11, NPPG 15, TLR 1, PROP 3, NPPG 3, RES 11, NPPG 10, CS 8, CS 9, NPPG 14, NPPG 18, NPPG 7, ENV 1, ENV 4, ENV 6 AND ENV 12.
- The proposal would stifle the sustainable economic and environmental regeneration that is taking place here, which is based on green tourism. It would lead to a definite loss of at least 30 full time jobs and the prospect of very many more.
- The proposed development is contrary to NPPG6, and contrary to the Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan (specifically Policies STRAT 1, ECON 6, ECON 7, ECON 11, ECON 13, ECON 14, COMM 1, ENV 1 and ENV 6) finalised only six months ago. The preamble to the Structure Plan, 'Delivering the Vision', especially 8,9,10 & 11 is incompatible with the proposed development. Two flagship regeneration projects, the creation of an Outdoor Curling Centre and an Outdoor Activity & Environmental Centre have both received planning consent and will between them create over 60 jobs (and many more indirectly) and would help to establish Ayrshire as a centre for high quality sustainable green tourism. They would be complementary with existing activities such as the footpath network and proposed Mountain Biking Centre.

Neither of those two major projects will proceed if the Kyle turbine proposal is approved.

The footpath network is already attracting significant number of visitors which benefits the local economy.

Visitors will not come to a landscape dominated by industrial turbines.

STRAT 1 The turbine proposals are completely incompatible, for reasons including those above.

ECON 6 The proposal is outwith the two Preferred Areas of Search for large-scale commercial development.

ECON 7 The proposal would have a significant adverse effect on:

(i) Communities

- Because of prevention of regeneration and job creating projects
- Damage to community wellbeing as a result of the above and also because of the united and very strong feeling of the whole community against the proposal.
- Severe visual impact.

(ii) Landscape character and visual amenity. Total domination of sensitive landscape and Designed Landscape.

(iii) Natural Environment

Regeneration based on a natural environment that is respected and cared for leads to ever greater care and positive enhancement of natural habitats, as they are recognised for their economic and employment creating foundations. If regeneration projects such as those described earlier fail to happen as a result of the proposal, there will be less care of the natural environment.

(iv) Built and cultural heritage. The turbines would devastate the setting of the Conversation Area of Dalmellington, the Listed (many category A) buildings at Craigen Gillan and elsewhere, Scheduled Ancient Monuments and other archaeological sites.

ECON 11

The turbine proposal is in direct conflict, for all the reasons referred to above. In addition section 57 refers to cultural heritage, including historical figures and their local associations. In addition to John Loudon McAdam and others, the Upper Doon Valley is becoming increasingly associated with Robert Burns.

He not only stayed at Craigen Gillan but, wrote a poem to it. The attraction to visitors would be negated by the turbines.

ECON 13

Especially A and C

A. Outdoor access tourism would be stopped dead in its tracks.

C. Far from safeguarding the locations, landscapes and buildings associated with Robert Burns, approval of the turbine scheme would destroy them.

Section 60 is in conflict with the proposal.

ECON 14 The proposal is contrary to the promotion of leisure, recreation and tourism as referred to above. It would also deter small business development.

COMM 1 The proposal would fatally undermine the plan for regeneration of the Doon Valley.

ENV 1 The proposal would damage the quality of Ayrshire's landscape, including the Sensitive Landscape and the Designed Landscape of Craigen Gillan. It is contrary to sections 90 and 91.

ENV 6 The proposal would have a significantly adverse effect on Listed buildings, on the Conservation Area of Dalmellington, on the Designed Landscape of Craigen Gillan and on the setting of Scheduled Ancient Monuments (including Dalnean Hill) and other archaeological sites.

Yours faithfully

Signed: -----

Dated: -----