

# ScottishPower Renewables (UK) Limited

## ELECTRICITY ACT 1989

### TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

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

Notice is hereby given that ScottishPower Renewables (UK) Limited, company registration number NI028425, with its Registered Office at The Soloist, 1 Lanyon Place, Belfast, Northern Ireland BT1 3LP, has applied to the Scottish Ministers for consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 to construct and operate a renewable energy development known as Hollandmey Renewable Energy Development, at Hollandmey located approximately 8km south west of John O'Groats and 16km east of Thurso in the Scottish Highlands (central grid reference NGR ND 29621 69892). At the time of that application the installed capacity of the proposed generating station would be in excess of 50 Megawatts (MW), comprising up to 10 turbines with a maximum ground to blade tip height of 149.9 metres (around 50MW) and grounded mounted solar arrays (around 15MW). The proposed Development also includes approximately 15MW of battery energy storage (BESS). The proposed Development has been subject to Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). An EIA Report was produced to accompany the application for consent in November 2021.

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

ScottishPower Renewables (UK) Limited has now submitted Additional Information to the Scottish Ministers, which includes information relating to:

- (1) a Castle of Mey mitigation planting proposal prepared by RSK Headland Archaeology with support from RSK ADAS, RSK Stephenson Halliday and RSK Environment. This sets out proposed mitigation that aims to minimise potential effects on affected key views from the Castle of Mey and its Garden and Designed Landscape (GDL);
- (2) an amended visualisation from the Castle of Mey (CHVP09); and
- (3) a response prepared by The Natural Research Group (NRP) in response to some queries relating to ornithological matters raised by consultees.

A copy of this Additional Information and all other application related information is available for public inspection, free of charge on the application website [https://www.scottishpowerrenewables.com/pages/hollandmey\\_renewable\\_energy\\_development.aspx](https://www.scottishpowerrenewables.com/pages/hollandmey_renewable_energy_development.aspx) or on the Scottish Government Energy Consents Unit website at [www.energyconsents.scot](http://www.energyconsents.scot) under application reference ECU00003353.

Copies of the Additional Information may be obtained from ScottishPower Renewables (UK) Ltd (email: 'Hollandmeyred@scottishpower.com') at a charge of £100 per hard copy and free on DVD/CD/USB.

Any representations to the application may be submitted via the Energy Consents Unit website at [www.energyconsents.scot/Register.aspx](http://www.energyconsents.scot/Register.aspx); by email to the Scottish Government, Energy Consents Unit mailbox at [representations@gov.scot](mailto:representations@gov.scot); or 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. Please note that there may be a delay in the Energy Consents Unit receiving representations by post.

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 [representations@gov.scot](mailto:representations@gov.scot) will receive acknowledgement.

All representations should be received not later than 13th August 2022 though the Scottish Ministers may consider representations received after this date.

Any subsequent Additional Information which is submitted by or on behalf of ScottishPower Renewables (UK) Limited will be subject to further public notice in this manner, and representations to such information will be accepted as per this notice.

As a result of a statutory objection from the relevant planning authority, or where the Scottish Ministers decide to exercise their discretion to do so, the Scottish Ministers can also cause a Public Local Inquiry (PLI) to be held.

Following examination of the environmental information, the Scottish Ministers will determine the application for consent in 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](http://www.energyconsents.scot). A privacy notice is published on the help page at [www.energyconsents.scot](http://www.energyconsents.scot). This explains how the Energy Consents Unit processes your personal information. If you have any concerns about how your personal data is handled, please email [Econsents\\_admin@gov.scot](mailto:Econsents_admin@gov.scot).