RENEWABLE ENERGY SYSTEMS LTD.

ELECTRICITY ACT 1989

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

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

Notice is hereby given that Renewable Energy Systems Ltd. (RES) company registration number 1589961, with its Registered Office at Beaufort Court, Egg Farm Lane, Kings Langley, Hertfordshire WD4 8LR, has applied to the Scottish Ministers for consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 to construct and operate a wind farm known as Torfichen Wind Farm, south of Gorebridge, Midlothian (Central Grid Reference 33932 654430). The installed capacity of the proposed generating station would be over 50MW comprising up to 18 turbines with a maximum ground to blade tip height of 180 metres, and has been subject to Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). An EIA Report has been produced to accompany the application for consent.

RES 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.

A copy of the application, with a plan showing the land to which it relates, together with a copy of the EIA Report discussing the Company's proposals in more detail and presenting an analysis of the environmental implications, is available for public inspection, free of charge on the application website https://www.torfichen-windfarm.co.uk/ or on the Scottish Government Energy Consents website at www.energyconsents.scot under application reference ECU00004661.

The EIA Report is also available for public inspection in person, free of charge at:

Location	Opening hours	Address
Middleton Village	Fri 19:30 – 23:30	54 Borthwick Castle
Community Hall	Sat 19:30 – 23:00	Terrace, North
	(for other opening hours email	Middleton, Gorebridge
	info@middletonvillagehall.com)	EH23 4QU
Gorebridge Library	Mon & Fri 10:00 – 17:00	98 Hunterfield Rd,
	Tue & Thu 10:00 – 19:00	Gorebridge EH23 4TT
	Sat 10:00 – 13:00	
	(Closed Wed & Sun)	

Copies of the EIA Report may be obtained from RES (telephone: 0141 404 5500 or email: sam.mayes@res-group.com) at a charge of £1,500 in hard copy and £15 on a DVD/CD or USB. Copies of a Non-Technical Summary are available free of charge.

Any representations to the application may be submitted to Scottish Ministers via the Scottish Government Energy Consents Unit, either via the website at https://www.energyconsents.scot/Register.aspx; by email to representations@gov.scot; or by post to 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) and full return email and postal address of those making representations. Only representations sent by email to representations@gov.scot will receive acknowledgement.

All representations should be received not later than 12 January 2024 although Scottish Ministers may consider representations received after this date.

Any subsequent additional information which is submitted by the developer will be subject to further public notice in this manner, and representations on such information will be accepted as per this notice.

As a result of a statutory objection from the relevant planning authority, or where Scottish Ministers decide to exercise their discretion to do so, Scottish Ministers can also cause a public inquiry to be held.

Following examination of the environmental information, 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 is published on the help page at 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