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ECU Reference: ECU00004661

**RE: Torfichen Wind Farm
Additional Information Report 2**

Dear Nicola,

Renewable Energy Systems Ltd (RES) (hereafter refer to as ‘the Applicant’), 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 (“the Proposed Development”), located approximately 4 km south of Gorebridge at site centre British National Grid (BNG) 333932 654430 within the planning authority area of Midlothian Council. It will have a generating capacity exceeding 50 MW. An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report was produced to accompany the application for consent, which was published in November 2023 (ECU reference: ECU00004661).

An Additional Information (AI) Report was submitted in March 2025 to address consultee comments. Following further comments on the AI Report, the Applicant now submits an Additional Information 2 Report, which aims to provide responses to objections, comments and recommendations. The additional information contained within this AI 2 Report includes an Updated Cultural Heritage Assessment and associated figures, in order to allow a complete assessment by Midlothian Council’s cultural heritage consultants. There is also a response to Midlothian Council’s comments on ecology and biodiversity, and updates to the proposed mitigation for ornithology impacts on curlew and black grouse as recommended by NatureScot.

In addition to the above, the Applicant has used this AI Report to respond to recommendations by Midlothian Council and Historic Environment Scotland (HES) that three turbines, namely T1, T2 and T3; should be removed from the Proposed Development. The AI 2 Report therefore includes reassessments of the impacts of the Proposed Development if these turbines were removed from the layout. These assessments are provided as Appendices to the AI 2 Report and cover the following:

- Landscape and Visual Impact
- Archaeology and Cultural Heritage
- Ornithology
- Ecology

It should be noted that the above reassessments are for information purposes only, and that there are no changes to the Proposed Development as applied for within the Section 36 application.

The information set out within the AI 2 Report is intended to be read in conjunction with the EIA Report and March 2025 AI Report. Reference is made to the EIA Report chapter, associated technical appendices and figures where the original remains applicable.

The Applicant will arrange for the advertisement of the notice of the Additional Information in accordance with the requirements of the Electricity (Applications for Consent) Regulations 1990, as amended, and the Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017, as amended. Copies of the notices will be provided to the Energy Consents Unit once advertised.

The newspaper adverts will be published in:

- The Edinburgh Gazette for one week.
- The Midlothian Advertiser for one week.

Hard copies of the AI Report and the EIA Report documentation will be made available for public viewing at Gorebridge Library during the dates specified in the public notices.

In accordance with the above, it is confirmed that the AI Report has been uploaded to the ECU portal and the project website <http://www.torfichen-windfarm.co.uk/>.

I trust the enclosed information is sufficient for you to formally validate and commence consideration of the AI 2 Report. I would be grateful if you could confirm receipt and validation of the AI 2 Report by email. Please do not hesitate to get in contact with me if you have any queries or require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

Danny McLean

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