

To the new Scottish Parliament regarding 3 windfarm proposals on the Isle of Lewis - 40 MILE WINDFARM ?

Dear Scottish Ministers

I wish to **object** to 3 windfarm proposals and associated infrastructure on the Isle of Lewis, Scotland, both individually and in combination:

- **Pairc Windfarm** - the Scottish and Southern Energy PLC 57 turbine, 205MW windfarm on Pairc Estate, Pairc Peninsula, Isle of Lewis
- **Muaitheabhal Windfarm** - the Beinn Mhor Power Ltd 53 turbine, 159MW windfarm on Eishken Estate, Pairc Peninsula, Isle of Lewis, and any future expansion of this project.
- **Lewis Windfarm** - the Lewis Wind Power Ltd 181 turbine, 651MW windfarm on Barvas Moor/Lewis Peatlands SPA, Isle of Lewis
- **transmission line upgrades** – proposed by the developers and SHETL including overhead lines and a massive converter station complex for a subsea cable landfall in the Gravir township.

Individually and in combination (291 turbines) these windfarms will cause unacceptable damage to:

- the landscape and visual amenity of communities across the Isles of Lewis and Harris, with associated impacts on existing local businesses that are tourism dependent.
- the noise amenity of dozens of communities in the areas affected by these proposals, as well as the wider Lewis moorland - an integral and important part of local life and valued by visitors.
- the agricultural and crofting interests of residents on the affected estates – legally and materially.
- the cultural heritage of Lewis, including archaeological sites and sheiling settlements.
- EU protected peatland habitats - a natural carbon store, through excavation and peatslide risk with associated risks to local residents, water courses and river ecology.
- EU protected species including Otters, Golden Eagles, White-tailed Sea Eagles, Red-throated and Black-throated Divers, Merlin, Corncrake, Golden Plover, Dunlin, Greenshank.

I further object on the grounds that the applicants have:

- inadequately assessed the cumulative impact of currently proposed windfarms on the communities, the environment and protected areas and species of Lewis and Harris.
- failed to assess the impact of the proposals' required transmission lines and associated infrastructure – these projects must be considered as a whole.

Additional comments:.....
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These environmentally damaging proposals are not required to meet national renewable energy targets

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