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Comments were submitted at 31/10/2025 4:26 PM from . STRUAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL (Not Available) on behalf of Struan Community Council.

Application Summary

Reference: 23/05638/FUL

Address: Land 1600M NE Of Sumardale Croft Struan

Proposal: Beinn Mheadhonach Wind Farm Redesign - Erection and operation of a wind farm for a period of 25 years, comprising of 5 wind turbines with a maximum blade tip height of 149.9m, access tracks, borrow pits, substation, control building, and ancillary infrastructure.

Case Officer: Mark Fitzpatrick

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Comments Details

Struan Community Council, through community liaison has formulated the following view on wind farm developments and major infrastructure projects (e.g. SSEN Skye reinforcement project) in the area:

1) Struan Community Council considers that none of the projects have a comprehensive transport management plan, and in all cases the little that is available fails to address or quantify the level of disruption that the volume of HGVs and AILs will cause to the residents of Struan and the wider communities of Skye. This is compounded by the lack of a consolidated traffic management plan that takes into account all the developments proposed. Struan Community Council considers that a consolidated traffic management plan should be produced prior to any of the proposed developments, and/or at least the Traffic Management Plan for any of the developments, are approved. The consolidated plan should be required to

demonstrate that journey times on the Isle of Skye and to surrounding areas will not be increased by more than 10% between the hours of 05:00 and 23:00. This plan should include, but not be limited to, SSEN Skye Reinforcement Project, Glen Ullinish II, Ben Sca, Balmeanach, Ben Aketil repowering, Edinbane/Struan repowering, Beinn Mheadhonach.

2) Struan Community Council considers that the level of Community Benefit on offer from each of the Wind Farms is inadequate and they should all provide 5% of revenue as a contribution to the local communities (in line with the recommendation in Equitable Energy Research CIC published in May of this year, document reference EER-25001). Likewise, SSEN should be providing a similar level of contribution to the affected communities as the project massively increases its capacity with no material benefit to Struan or residents of Skye.
