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Planning Application for Gartree Wind Turbines Ref 09/01220/FUL

Dear Sir,

I support the concept of renewable energy.

However I believe there are reasonable grounds to object to the inappropriate location of the proposed Gartree wind turbines:

1. **Too High:** The turbines would without doubt be intrusive and visually dominant, overwhelming the local environment, particularly the southern aspect. There are serious concerns about shadow flicker. (Planning refs EV1,EV5(2),EV11.)
2. **Too Close:** The proposal will place turbines too close to local residents. Guidelines in Scotland and many European countries are to place turbines at a distance no nearer than 2 kilometres from residents. Most of Gartree is within 1 kilometre of the proposed turbines. The high pressure gas pipeline running between the turbine site and the settlement is classified as a major accident hazard pipeline. Placing large turbines so close to homes threatens residents safety and peace of mind. (Planning refs EV5(2)(3) EV11)
3. **Wildlife:** It would represent a major hazard for the wildlife in the area, particularly local colonies of bats, some quite rare. Otters range the area as do various reptiles. Red Kites, Hawks, Skylarks and other less common birds are also found locally. (Planning refs RM/6, RM/9, RM/11.)
4. **Amenity:** Local Public Footpaths whilst still being useable may be at risk form ice throw and debris. The risks however small will detract from this popular amenity. (Planning refs EV5(2)(3)(11) RM(6))

I reserve the right to comment further.

Yours sincerely

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