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Dear Planning Officer,

Planning Application 13/P/2/0284

**Erection of 7 x 132m wind turbines and associated
infrastructure at Knockendurric, Irelandton, Twynholm**

I object to this application on the following grounds:-

- Approval of this scheme would set a precedent and open the area to further large scale turbines.
- The proposed size of turbine is contrary to the detailed guidance in the Dumfries and Galloway Wind Farm Landscape Capacity Study which concludes “***There is no scope for siting the large typology within this landscape due to the scale of these foothills and their likely prominence from adjacent sensitive landscapes.***”
- The height of these turbines will diminish the scale of the landmark hills of Knockendurrick, Cairntosh, Fuffock and Bengray. Scottish Natural Heritage advises turbines should not be more than one third of the height of key landscape features.
- The predicted significant adverse impact on approximately **one fifth** of the Fleet Valley National Scenic Area is unacceptable and I disagree with the applicant’s conclusion that (6.318 *Environmental Statement*) “*This leads to the conclusion that the effects would not be significant overall.*” Turbines would be highly visible from Vennie Hill, Rutherford’s Monument, Cardoness Castle, Mossyard and around Sandgreen
- The development will have a wide visual impact affecting parts of Kirkcudbright, Twynholm, Gatehouse of Fleet, Borgue and Ringford (including Neilson’s Monument at Barstobrick) as well as more distant settlements and visitors driving in and around the National and Regional Scenic Areas.
- There are over 30 properties within 2km and **15 properties will suffer significant adverse visual effects** (*ref Appendix 6.7*). Local people face a potential reduction in their quality of life, property values and tourism businesses. Emerging evidence indicates that wind turbines can impact indirectly on health due to disrupted sleep, stress and annoyance from

noise. These effects can then cause problems such as loss of concentration and cardiovascular problems.

This proposal breaches SPP 127, 187 and local policies S21, E3, E6, GP7, GP24, D36 and the IPP.

I do not believe the benefits of this development will outweigh the negative impacts and hope you refuse this application.

Yours faithfully,

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