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Dear Ian

Following previous discussions and Gate Check, please find enclosed an application for consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 and for a direction that planning consent be deemed to be granted under Section 57(2) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended) for the proposed development of Quantans Hill Wind Farm (the Proposed Development). The Proposed Development is located in the Dumfries and Galloway local authority area and lies northeast of the village of Carsphairn and east of the A713. The application for consent is being submitted by Natural Power Consultants Limited (Natural Power) on behalf of Vattenfall Wind Power Ltd (the Applicant).

The Proposed Development may comprise the following main elements:

- Up to 14 turbines
 - Turbine foundations
 - Crane pads
 - Associated infrastructure
- Substations, control building and compound
- Potential for battery/energy storage infrastructure of up to 50MW
- Approximately 15 km of new access tracks, with 31 watercourse crossings identified
- Underground electricity and telecommunication cables
- Up to one anemometry mast
- Signage
- Temporary borrow pits
- Temporary construction and storage compounds, laydown areas and ancillary infrastructure
- Drainage and drainage attenuation measures (as required)

Any public road required for access to the site entrance may be utilised subject to upgrades where necessary. Habitat management will be undertaken within the Proposed Development Area or, alternatively, offsite within the broader region. A portion of the Proposed Development Area where turbines would be erected has been recently planted with commercial forestry and further forest development has been consented, although not yet commenced at the time of writing, and, as such forest, felling and replanting may be undertaken to facilitate the Proposed Development.

In addition to this covering letter, the application is supported by a Planning, Design & Access Statement (PDAS), a Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) Report and an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR). The EIAR comprises of four volumes as follows:

- Volume 1 presents the 15 Chapters of the EIAR.
- Volume 2a of the EIAR presents the technical figures associated with the EIAR Chapters except for Chapter 5 (Landscape & Visual Impact Assessment).
- Volume 2b of the EIAR presents the technical figures associated with EIAR Chapter 5.
- Volume 2c of the EIAR presents the visualisations produced for EIAR Chapters 5 and 10 (Landscape & Visual Impact Assessment and Cultural Heritage).
- Volume 3 presents the Technical Appendices associated with the EIAR Chapters.
- Volume 4 of the EIAR presents the Non-Technical Summary (NTS)

Attached for reference Annex 3: Site Layout and location which illustrates the Proposed Development for which consent is sought. In addition a Draft Annex 1 and 2: Proposed Conditions is included with EIAR for consideration.

All of the above documents (besides the confidential figures) have been submitted to the ECU Portal and the Applicant's website: <https://group.vattenfall.com/uk/what-we-do/our-projects/south-west-scotland/quantans-hill-wind-farm>

The Applicant intends to advertise the application as follows:

- Glasgow Herald (for one week beginning 14/02/2023)
- Edinburgh Gazette (for one week beginning 15/02/2023)
- The Galloway News (for one week beginning 16/02/2023 and again 23/02/2023)

Yours sincerely



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Encl. Annex 3: Site Layout

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