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Johnston, Charles

From: Wanless, Martin
Sent: 03 March 2014 09:02
To: Johnston, Charles
Subject: FW: LDP consultation
Attachments: MHCG response to LDP Consultation.doc

Chic,

I've e-mailed him to confirm receipt, it now needs to go into the system.

Martin

-----Original Message-----

From: Andrew Illius [REDACTED]
Sent: 02 March 2014 21:37
To: Wanless, Martin
Subject: LDP consultation

Dear Martin

please find attached our submission. In view of the closeness to the deadline, I'd be much obliged if you could acknowledge receipt

thanks and best wishes
Andrew Illius

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SCOTTISH BORDERS PROPOSED LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Comments on the Proposed LDP by Minto Hills Conservation Group

1. Minto Hills Conservation Group welcomes the improvements made in the proposed LDP 2013. We have a high regard for the Council's formulation of Planning Policy.
2. One of the areas of concern to us is policy ED9 Renewable Energy Development. We think it is vital that the 'cluster and space' approach is defended, or far more widespread damage to Borders' landscapes will ensue from wind turbine proliferation. The LDP should make explicit reference to 'cluster and space' as a policy that is designed to localise and hence limit impacts of wind energy developments.
3. In 'LDP Proposed_Plan_Volume_1_-_Policies.pdf' Figs ED9b-e there is poor correspondence between the colours used in the maps and those in the keys. For example, the colour used in Fig ED9b for the area around Midlem appears to fall between 'Areas with Very Limited Capacity' and Areas with No Capacity.
4. It is hard to understand the correspondence between Figs ED9c-e. For example, in Fig ED9c the area south west of the words 'Central Southern Uplands' is coded as Low Capacity for Medium turbines, but in Fig ED9d it is coded as having Medium Capacity for Large turbines. How can it have greater capacity for large than for medium turbines?
5. Given that the area around Midlem is shown as having only Low Capacity for even Medium turbines (ED9c), how can it be regarded in ED9a as falling in an 'Area of Search'? In the light of the Ironside Farrar work (ED9c-e), is not ED9a redundant?
6. There are disparities between some of the Council's publications in the categorisation of turbine typologies (*ie*, height). These should be rationalised to avoid confusion. LDP Proposed_Plan_Volume_1_-_Policies.pdf uses 25-50m for Medium, 50-100m for Large, and >100m for Very Large. This should be adopted as the current and future standard.