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Dear Sir,

Proposed Wind Turbines at Breaker Hill, by Colmonell, Ayrshire: Application No. 13/01310/APP

I am writing to object to the above proposal for the following reasons:

1. The application is for a huge development of nine 86.5 metre tall turbines, the equivalent in height of 28 storey office blocks, in a prominent site within the Stinchar Valley, one of the prettiest in Ayrshire. The turbines would brutally dominate the landscape, contrary to STRAT5.
2. The valley already attracts many visitors. As its natural beauty and serenity become increasingly appreciated, and with the advent of the Biosphere, it offers great potential for increased and sustainable development, if left alone.
3. The turbines would tower over this beautiful valley, classified as Sensitive in the Structure Plan. They would be damaging to the immediately adjacent Special Area of Conservation and two SSSI's, both of which are to be protected under PAN45. The development is therefore contrary to one of the key stated objectives of the Structure Plan, 'to safeguard and enhance the quality of the environment' and to ECON7B.
4. The scheme would have a brutal and adverse impact on a landscape designated as Sensitive and is therefore contrary to many Structure and Local Plan policies, including ECON7 and STRAT1.
5. The turbines would destroy the sense of ancient peace and the setting of many listed buildings and archaeological sites. The scheme is therefore contrary to ECON 7 E (1) and BE2 of the South Ayrshire Local Plan.
6. The site is not within the Areas of Search in the Supplementary Guidelines for Wind Farm Development in Ayrshire adopted by South Ayrshire Council.
7. The proposal is contrary to ECON7 F. In any test of reasonableness it must be recognised that this part of Scotland has a huge number of giant wind turbines. It has contributed greatly more than its fair share to renewable targets.
8. The application is contrary to ECON7 C and ECON7 G. NPPG14 stresses the importance of safeguarding and enhancing natural heritage beyond the confines of designated areas. Red squirrels, hen harriers, bats and skylarks would be harmed.
9. The cumulative impact, taking into account nearby consented, operational and planned new turbine developments, would be dreadful. The scheme is therefore contrary to ECON7 D. The moving blades exaggerate the visual intrusion.
10. Many of the photomontages are grossly misleading. We all know how dominant turbines really are.
11. Noise levels would be very high compared to the low background noise of this peaceful valley. One local resident in Pinmore likened the noise from Hadyard Hill to 'like having a plane in trouble and wondering where it's going to come down'. The plan is thus contrary to ECON7 G and ECON7 E (4).
12. The scheme is contrary to the ideals of sustainable development promoted by Biospheres. We are all pleased that the UNESCO Biosphere designation was confirmed. It is also contrary to ECON7 E (5) (Buffer zones).
13. No tourists, and residents moving away because of noise and visual intrusion, will result in reduced employment. The plan is contrary to ECON12 and ECON13. In the absence of turbines, we have a great potential for increased tourism and with it sustainable prosperity.
14. The scheme is contrary to ENV8. The proposal would have a significant adverse effect on the landscape.