

West Lothian Council Howden South Road Livingston EH54 6FF 29/07/2016

Dear Sir or Madam,

Muirhall Energy is investigating the possibility of applying for planning permission for the construction and operation of approximately four wind turbines for Tormywheel Wind Farm Extension located on land at Levenseat, Forth, South Lanarkshire, ML11 8EP. The potential development is located west of the 15 turbine Tormywheel Wind Farm, which is currently under construction, and will appear visually as an extension to the Wind Farm. Please see the attached Site Boundary plan. It is anticipated that each turbine will have a maximum tip height of up to 126.5m (in keeping with other wind turbines in the area).

Muirhall Energy formally requests a Scoping Opinion for the potential Tormywheel Wind Farm extension in accordance with Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2011.

The land where the turbines are proposed is predominantly rough grazing with the exception of the most southerly turbine which is in an area of conifer plantation. ithin the land boundary there is currently an operational land fill and an Energy from Waste plant under development. A significant proportion of the proposed access tracks is shared with the existing land fill tracks.

There are no international or national, ecological or landscape related designations within the site boundary. At regional and local levels, there are no ecological or landscape designations. According to the West Lothian and Scottish Natural Heritage Landscape Capacity for Wind Energy Development in West Lothian, December 2011, the Landscape Character Type is Upland Hill Fringes: Gladsmuir / Woodmuir / Camilty Fringe, which is evaluated as having medium sensitivity (lowest classification) Landscape with potential for wind energy development.

The following environmental aspects (topics) have been identified as those for which it is considered significant environmental impacts could arise and thus will be assessed for the purposes of the EIA:

- · Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment
- · Socio-economics, Tourism and Recreation
- Ecology
- Ornithology
- · Hydrology, Hydrogeology and Geology
- · Cultural Heritage
- Noise
- Traffic and Transport
- Other Considerations (including Aviation, Telecommunications and Carbon Savings, Climate Change and Atmospheric Emissions)



A figure showing the proposed viewpoints for the Landscape and Visual Assessment is also attached.
I look forward to your response
Yours sincerely,
Mike Molleson
Project Manager



