



## MORAY LOCAL REVIEW BODY

### SUMMARY OF INFORMATION FOR CASE No 007

#### 1. Ward 2 : Keith & Cullen

Planning application 09/00247/FUL – Planning permission for the erection of two 800kw wind turbines at Myreton Crossroads, Keith

2. Planning permission was refused under the Statutory Scheme of Delegation by the Appointed Officer on 10 December 2009 on the grounds that:

*The proposal is contrary to policies 2(b) and 2 (l) of the Moray Structure Plan 2007 and policies ER1 and IMP1 of the Moray Local Plan 2008 for the following reasons:*

1. *The proposal to erect 2 large wind turbines (and associated infrastructure including 1.5km of overhead power lines) in a prominent elevated location does not fall within one of the preferred search areas, as identified in the Wind Energy Policy Guidance and as such is a departure to policy ER1. The proposed turbines by virtue of their scale and position would also be contrary to policies MSP 2(b), 2(l) and MLP IMP1, as these are not considered to be in scale, or character with the surrounding area nor integrated sensitively into the landscape.*
2. *Furthermore, the proposal taken together with the consented turbine to the north, the 2 proposed turbines and Aultmore wind farm currently pending consideration to the west and constructed turbine at Balnamoon to the southwest, would be likely to lead to an unacceptable cumulative impact of turbines in the area. The resultant potential number of turbines spread across the valley, which would be visible both together and sequentially from various vantage points in the area, would give rise to a cluttered appearance in contrast to the current simplistic landscape character. Such an impact would detrimentally affect the character of this part of the countryside to an unacceptable degree.*
3. *Approval of the application would create a serious and undesirable precedent for further ad hoc applications to be submitted in the surrounding area, which would undermine the Council's strategic objectives for directing wind energy development to preferred search areas that seeks to avoid the proliferation of commercial turbines across Moray.*

3. The Report of Handling on the application subject of Review is attached as **Appendix 1**
4. A copy of the Notice of the Review together with an index of attachments including the Grounds for Review is attached as **Appendix 2**
5. There were no further representations from interested parties.