

PROCEDURAL MEETING CONCERNING AN APPLICATION (UNDER SECTION 36 OF THE 1989 ELECTRICITY ACT) TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE A WIND FARM, NEAR DUFFTOWN, MORAY

AGENDA FOR PROCEDURAL MEETING: 24 JUNE 2010

1. Introduction and purpose of procedural meeting.
2. The Reporter's provisional assessment of the issues to be addressed (see item 4 below plus hydrology, salmon fisheries, aviation safety, cultural heritage, noise, telecommunications, road and traffic matters, drainage arrangements, private water supplies, and economic benefits).
3. The application of the new (2008) planning appeal regulations.
4. The Reporter's provisional assessment of issues requiring further procedure:
 - written submissions (potentially addressing wildlife and habitats [except ornithology], and peat related issues)
 - hearing sessions (potentially addressing national planning, development plan and national energy policies, the council's strategy for wind farm location, ornithology, and possible conditions to be imposed if consent is granted)
 - inquiry sessions (potentially addressing tourism and recreation, and landscape and visual issues [including cumulative impact and impact on the Cairngorms National Park]).
5. Participation of interested parties in further procedures:
 - written submissions
 - hearing sessions
 - inquiry sessions.
6. The hearing of evidence:
 - hearing sessions
 - inquiry sessions.
7. Dates, location and likely duration of inquiry/hearing sessions (it is proposed that the hearing/inquiry sessions start on 7 September 2010; an alternative starting date would be 12 October 2010).
8. Procedures for the inquiry (including arrangements for the distribution of paperwork):
 - written submission procedure
 - prior disclosure of case
 - updating of Environmental Statement (ornithological and cumulative landscape and visual impacts)
 - pre-hearing procedure
 - pre-inquiry procedure
 - scope for agreed statements.
9. Housekeeping matters:
 - facilities
 - daily programme.
10. Miscellaneous:
 - site inspections
 - DPEA contact
 - note of meeting.
11. Any other relevant matters.