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Dear Sir

AYRSHIRE JOINT STRUCTURE PLAN 2025: CONSULTATION DRAFT

I refer to the above advent of the Consultation Draft Structure Plan to which you have requested further comment from interested parties by way of representation.

I have been instructed by my clients, Elderslie Renewables Limited to make representations to the plan as follows:-

1. It is recognised within the Structure Plan at paragraph 3.34 that the key aim is to facilitate renewable forms of energy within communities in ways that will allow it to act as an economic and sustainable driver of local economies in the future.

It is acknowledged that Ayrshire has above-average mean wind speeds and as such, is an attractive location for wind farm development. A number of large-scale commercial wind farms have already been developed and more proposed.

The Scottish Executive has set targets of 80 % of electricity production from renewable energy by 2010 and 40 % by 2020 which falls within the timescale of this Structure Plan. In order to secure these targets at a local level, significant expansion in the number of wind turbines is required. This however, has to be balanced against the capacity of the landscape to absorb this type of development.

2. Paragraph 3.36

The Structure Plan puts the onus on wind farm operators to come forward with locations over and above those two already identified in the Structure Plan.

3. Representation

The area identified to the north/north-east of Kilmarnock as a preferred commercial wind farm is supported. **Representation is made to the Structure Plan to increase this area to the north/north east Kilmarnock as being suitable in landscape terms for wind farm development.** This proposal also addressed any possible conflict with Glasgow International Airport.

I would be obliged if you could acknowledge receipt of this representation requesting an expansion of the area of preferred commercial wind farms to the north/north east of Kilmarnock.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

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