

BANKS RENEWABLES (HARTING RIG WIND FARM) LIMITED

ELECTRICITY ACT 1989 (SECTION 36C)

**THE ELECTRICITY GENERATING STATIONS (APPLICATIONS FOR VARIATION OF
CONSENT) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013**

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

**THE ELECTRICITY WORKS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) (SCOTLAND)
REGULATIONS 2017**

Notice is hereby given that Banks Renewables (Harting Rig Wind Farm) Limited, a company incorporated under the Companies Acts with company number 08791006 and having its registered office at Inkerman House, St Johns Road, Durham, DH7 8XL has applied to the Scottish Ministers to vary the section 36 consent to construct and operate the Kype Muir Wind Farm Extension at land approximately 6.5 km to the south-west of Strathaven and 4.5 km south-east of Drumclog (Central Grid Reference NS 69832, 37323) previously consented on 16 September 2016 by Scottish Ministers (“the variation application”). The variation application also requests that a direction be made by the Scottish Ministers under section 57 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997. Once varied the proposed extension would have a generating capacity of over 50MW and be comprised of 15 turbines with a ground to blade tip height of between 156 and 220 metres. The proposal is subject to Environmental Impact Assessment.

The variation application seeks to make the following variations to the consented Kype Muir Wind Farm Extension: a) A wind farm of generating capacity exceeding 50 MW; b) Increase the maximum tip height and rotor diameter of the turbines; c) Minor alterations to turbine foundations, crane pads and track orientation; d) Update the draft Habitat Management Plan (HMP) and associated forestry plan; e) Increase the duration of consent from 25 to 30 years; and f) Vary the time period for commencement of development from five years to seven years.

Banks Renewables (Harting Rig Wind Farm) Limited has now submitted additional information to Scottish Ministers, which includes information relating to landscape and visual effects in East Ayrshire and other environmental information consisting of the documents previously submitted with the application for consent to construct and operate the Kype Muir Wind Farm Extension.

Copies of the additional information are available for public inspection in person, free of charge, during normal office hours at:

- South Lanarkshire Council, Montrose House, 154 Montrose Crescent, Hamilton, ML3 6LB; and
- Strathaven Library, Glasgow Road, Strathaven, ML10 6LZ

The additional information can also be viewed at the Scottish Government Library at Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ; on the application website at:

www.banksgroup.co.uk/projects/renewables/kype-muir-extension/ or at www.energyconsents.scot.

Copies of the additional information are available from Banks Renewables (telephone: 0191 378 6100) as follows: information on landscape and visual effects in East Ayrshire may be obtained at a charge of £10 hard copy and £1 on CD. The information consisting of the original Kype Muir Wind Farm Extension Environmental Statement may be obtained at a charge of £250 hard copy and £5 on CD. Copies of the original non-technical summary are available free of charge.

Any representations to the variation application may be submitted via the Scottish Government Energy Consents Unit website at www.energyconsents.scot/Register.aspx; by email to the Scottish Government at representations@gov.scot; or by post to the Scottish Government, Energy Consents Unit, 4th Floor, 5 Atlantic Quay, 150 Broomielaw, Glasgow, G2 8LU, identifying the proposal and specifying the grounds for representation.

Written or emailed representations should be dated, clearly stating the name (in block capitals), full return email and postal address of those making representations. Only representations sent by email to representations@gov.scot will receive acknowledgement.

All representations should be received not later than 2nd April 2019, although Ministers may consider representations received after this date.

Any subsequent additional information which is submitted by the developer will be subject to further public notice in this manner, and representations to such information will be accepted as per this notice.

As a result of a statutory objection from the relevant planning authority, or where Scottish Ministers decide to exercise their discretion to do so, Scottish Ministers can also cause a Public Local Inquiry (PLI) to be held.

Following examination of the environmental information, Scottish Ministers will determine this application for consent in two ways:

- Consent the proposal, with or without conditions attached; or
- Reject the proposal

All previous representations received in relation to this development remain valid.

General Data Protection Regulations

The Scottish Government Energy Consents Unit processes consent applications and consultation representations under the Electricity Act 1989. During the process, to support transparency in decision making, the Scottish Government publishes online at www.energyconsents.scot. A privacy notice and a fair processing notice are published on the help page at www.energyconsents.scot. These explain how the Energy Consents Unit processes your personal information. If you have any concerns about how your personal data is handled, please email us at: Econsents_admin@gov.scot or write to Energy Consents Unit, 4th Floor, 5 Atlantic Quay, 150 Broomielaw, Glasgow, G2 8LU.