

HOW WILL CARR BAN WIND FARM AFFECT YOU?

How will it affect my view?

Landscape quality

These are huge structures out of all scale to the Strath in which we live. They will be highly visible and wheeling continually

Key objection point: at 126.Sm (415ft) high these turbines will be up to 100 m (328ft) above the existing treeline, trees many of which have already been granted felling licences. If all proposed wind farm applications are approved there will be over 130 turbines encircling **Strathnairn**.

What will I hear?

Noise

Strathnairn residents are not new to turbines and many of you already hear the Farr turbines that are some distance away. Many of you live considerably nearer to these turbines so you can imagine the noise levels...

Key objection point: the application has not provided clear information on what percentage of time residents can expect to hear the turbines and to what intensity.

How will it affect wildlife?

Ornithology

Rare species affected - slavianian grebe, capercaillie, red kite, black grouse, hen harrier, curlew, osprey and breeding red- and black-throated divers.

Key objection point: the majority of the UK's slavianian grebes breed in Strathnairn. Despite the risks of Carr Ban turbines to this night-migrating species and RSPB and SNH asking for special consideration, developers have done nothing to address the issue.

What about the environment?

Peat Soils

The presence of deep peat soils on site impacts the carbon effectiveness of the development in any case. The excavation of peat soils on the Carr Ban site hold risks for the River Nairn, Loch Bunachton and associated fisheries and other wildlife.

Key objection point: the site holds extensive areas of peat deeper than 5m! Excavation and drainage of vast amounts of peat (to fill with concrete) will release greenhouse gases that negate the environmental benefits of the wind farm.

How will it affect my house?

Flicker

A high number of houses are sited within 2 km of the turbines which is contrary to the Onshore Wind Energy Supplementary Guidelines approved by Highland Council in 2012.

Key objection point: Properties that face west from the east side of Strathnairn may receive enhanced flicker on a summer evening when the sun is low behind the turbines.

Property Prices

Apparently this is not a legitimate reason to object, but it is a reason to resent this proposal

Who's making the money?

Profiteering

Landowners and developers pocket the money – we pick up the bills, and have to live with the consequences.

And who's paying for it?

We are all paying for this indirectly through levies on our utility bills and subsidies provided to the developers from Government

Key objection point: whilst there will be some community benefit the land owner gets an annual lump sum of tens of £1000s. They also receive £1000s per turbine installed.

How will my journey to Inverness be affected?

Transport and Access

Road closures and damaged roads – endless repairs. Highly increased risks for all road users.

Key objection point: during peak construction in one month, there will be an additional 1628 HGV lorry movements on the B851: this busy road is not suitable for this volume of heavy traffic!

How will it affect my business?

Tourism

Degrading the world famous Loch Ness brand, Culloden Battlefield and Jacobite sites, prehistoric stone circles such as Gask and Tordarroch. Damaging local tourism businesses.

Key objection point: 3%-25% of tourists have varying levels of negative feelings about wind turbines. Can you afford to lose that level of business - why risk it?

How will it affect my recreation space?

Landscape quality

Carr Ban wind farm will significantly affect the views of a large number of residents and visitors to the area. Of particular concern are the views over water from Bunachton and Clachandruim and most of the Bunachton road, a major cycling and walking route.

Key objection point: this area provides invaluable green belt recreation areas for south Inverness.

For further information visit www.strathnairn.org.uk and click SNAG button. You can object:-

- online at <http://wam.highland.gov.uk/wam/search> planning reference 14/04805/FUL
- write to the Planning department at Highland Council, Glenurquhart Road, Inverness, IV3 5NX
- attend the drop in session on Sunday 1 March 1.30-5.30pm at Farr Hall

Don't forget to persuade friends in Inverness and your relations and visitors to object too.

**You owe it to your community to make your voice heard
so put your objection in by 9 March**

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