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**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED)**  
**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE)**  
**(SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2008**

**REFUSAL OF PLANNING PERMISSION**

**REFERENCE NUMBER: 11/00653/PP**

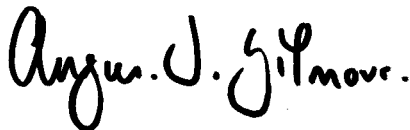
**Mr I MacRae  
V G Energy Ltd  
Waterside Farm  
Glasgow Road  
Galston  
KA4 8PB**

I refer to your application dated 21st April 2011 for planning permission under the above mentioned Act and Regulations in respect of the following development:

**Erection of 20 metre high wind turbine (24.25 metres to blade tip) at Kildavaig Farm  
Ardlamont Kames Tighnabruaich Argyll And Bute**

Argyll and Bute Council in exercise of their powers under the above mentioned Act and Regulations hereby refuse planning permission for the above development for the **reason(s) contained in the attached appendix**

Dated: 29 March 2012



Angus J. Gilmour  
Head of Planning and Regulatory Services

## REASONS FOR REFUSAL RELATIVE TO APPLICATION NUMBER 11/00653/PP

- 1 For the purposes of the document titled '*Landscape Assessment of Argyll and the Firth of Clyde*' (Environmental Resources Management 1996), the application site is located within "*Rocky Mosaic*". This character type usually forms an irregular narrow coastal or loch edge. The rolling landform of the landscape provides strong containment and the presence of small woodlands, fields and settlement reinforces its predominantly small scale. These loch shores and coastal fringes make an important contribution to the wider scenic context, forming an intricately patterned band between the foreground of sea or loch and backed by simple and more expansive upland landscapes.

Whilst there may be some scope for the smaller type of turbine such as the one referred to in this application within the "Rocky Mosaic" character type, it is considered that the proposed turbine would be located in a sky-line location that would not have rising ground as a backdrop. This sky-line appearance would be highly visible from the public road that traverses the Ardlamont peninsula and would also be viewed from the north west part of the Isle of Bute around Kildavannan, Glecknabae and Kilmichael.

On the basis of the foregoing, it is considered that the proposal would have an adverse impact upon the Area of Panoramic Quality and would be contrary to the following policies:

### Argyll & Bute Structure Plan (2002)

STRAT DC 5 – '*Development in Sensitive Countryside*'  
STRAT RE 1 – '*Wind Farm/Wind Farm Turbine Development*'

### Argyll & Bute Local Plan (2009)

LP ENV 1 – '*Development Impact on the General Environment*'  
LP ENV 10 – '*Development Impact on Areas of Panoramic Quality*'  
LP ENV 19 – '*Development Setting, Layout & Design*'  
LP REN 1 – '*Wind Farms and Wind Turbines*'

## NOTES TO APPLICANT (1) RELATIVE TO APPLICATION NUMBER 11/00653/PP

1. If the applicant is aggrieved by the decision to refuse permission for or approval required by a condition in respect of the proposed development, or to grant permission or approval subject to conditions, the applicant may require the planning authority to review the case under Section 43A of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended) within three months from the date of this notice. A Notice of Review request must be submitted on an official form which can be obtained by contacting The Local Review Body, Committee Services, Argyll and Bute Council, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, PA31 8RT or by email to [localreviewprocess@argyll\\_bute.gov.uk](mailto:localreviewprocess@argyll_bute.gov.uk)
2. If permission to develop land is refused or granted subject to conditions and the owner of the land claims that the land has become incapable of reasonably beneficial use in its existing state, and it cannot be rendered capable of reasonably beneficial use by the carrying out of any development which has been or would be permitted, the owner of the land may serve on the planning authority a purchase notice requiring the purchase of the landowner's interest in the land in accordance with Part 5 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended).

## APPENDIX TO DECISION REFUSAL NOTICE

Appendix relative to application 11/00653/PP

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**(A)** Submitted Drawings

For the purpose of clarity it is advised that this decision notice relates to the following refused drawings:

Location Plan (Scale 1:5,000); Site Plan (Scale 1:1,000); Elevation Drawing (Scale 1:100)

**(B)** Has the application been the subject of any “non-material” amendment in terms of Section 32A of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended) to the initial submitted plans during its processing.

No