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Dear Mr Reppke,

**LOCAL REVIEW BODY REF. 12/0009/LRB
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997
APPEAL REF. 12/00012/REFPLA
ERECTION OF 20 METRE HIGH WIND TURBINE (24.25 METRES TO BLADE TIP) AT
KILDAVAIG FARM, ARDLAMONT, BY KAMES**

I refer to the AB 7 form dated 16th August 2012 in which further information was requested by the Local Review Body prior to making a determination on the appeal. Please accept the following as this Department's response to this request.

Visual Impact

Members requested photographic evidence of the visual impact of the proposed turbine upon the Area of Panoramic Quality from the farm houses on the Island of Bute and around the Ardlamont Peninsula.

In the Report of Handling and the reason for refusal, mention was made of the visual impact of the proposed turbine from the "*north west part of the Isle of Bute around Kildavannan, Glecknabae and Kilmichael*". To clarify this point, the places that were mentioned were meant to indicate the particular area of the island and it is agreed that the turbine would not necessarily be visible from each of the farmhouses.

In this respect, photographs have been taken from four vantage points between Kildavannan Point and Glecknabae and these are included as part of the further information. There are also photographs showing the site from various locations within the Ardlamont peninsula.

Rural Opportunity Area

A plan is enclosed which identifies the location of the proposed turbine together with the boundary between '*Rural Opportunity Area*' and '*Sensitive Countryside*'. The Members of the LRB will note that the turbine itself would be located within land designated as '*Sensitive Countryside*'.

I would be grateful if you could convey the above comments and the enclosed paperwork to the Local Review Body.

Yours sincerely

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