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Dear Sirs

Town And Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2008 Land North East Of Ardyne Farm, Toward, Dunoon

Thank you for your consultation dated 20 June which we received on 20 June.

We have considered your consultation and comment as follows:

The proposed wind turbine is located within the northern edge of Castle Toward designed landscape, which is included in the *Inventory of Gardens and Designed Landscapes in Scotland*. I note that we were previously consulted on a planning application for a larger single turbine (40m to blade tip) in the same location in December 2011 (your ref 11/02335/PP) and that application was subsequently withdrawn. Although the present proposal is for a slightly smaller turbine (27m to blade tip), we have the same concerns that we expressed when consulted in December:

The proposed wind turbine is likely to impact on important views to Castle Toward within its designed landscape from the Clyde and it would have been helpful to see some visualisations of those views as part of the submission. While we do not wish to raise a formal objection to the proposal, we would advise that your Council and the applicant continue to explore alternative locations for the turbine.

Notwithstanding our comments above, we confirm that your Council should proceed to determine the application without further reference to us.

If you require any further information, please contact Catherine Middleton.

Yours faithfully

Catherine Middleton

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