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Subject : Re: Leithenwater Wind Energy Hub - Response to ScotWays Consultation - [10293]
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Good morning Donald,

Thank you for your email and the accompanying response to the points raised by ScotWays in our objection to the proposed Leithenwater Wind Energy Hub.

We note the comments regarding access management and the use of the existing forestry track network where possible to avoid the need for additional new access track formation.

With regard to turbine separation distance however and the proposal to '*seek to implement appropriate set back distances from the routes where possible*' (my underlining) we need to state that ScotWays does not regard that a 20m setback is 'appropriate' and additionally setback should apply to all turbines/routes and not just 'where possible'.

To reiterate, we use this starting principle in considering what could be reasonable with regard to the siting of turbines in relation to established paths and rights of way:

"a minimum distance, equivalent to the height of the blade tip, from the edge of any public highway (road or other public right of way) or railway line."

The Leithenwater proposal is for turbines with 180m or 200m tip heights, therefore we consider a 20m setback is not reasonable/appropriate. It remains our contention that our recommended minimum setback distance is a valid principle and we continue to object to this proposal on the grounds previously stated.

Kind regards,

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