

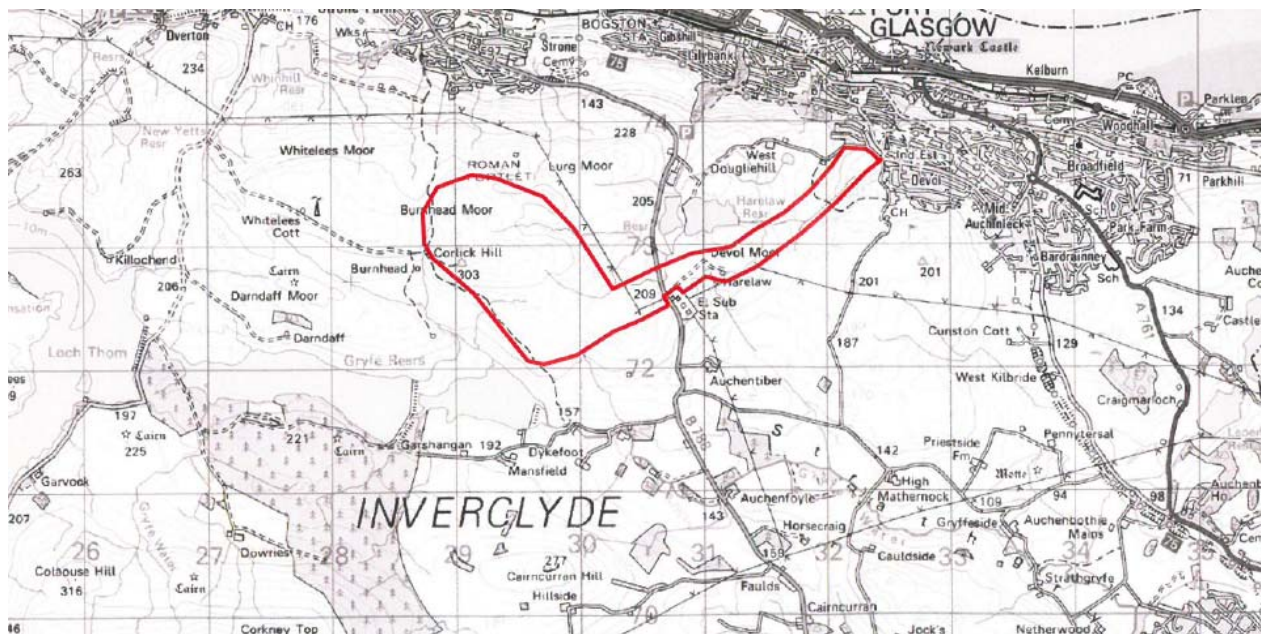
Report To: The Planning Board Date: 3 June 2015

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Report By: Head of Regeneration and Planning Report No: 13/0199/IC
Plan 06/15
Major Application
Development

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Subject: Notification of Planning Appeal: Erection of 8 wind turbines, the construction of access tracks and ancillary development (including crane hardstandings, cabling, transformers and culverts), the formation of a borrow pit, the erection of a sub-station and control building, the formation of a car park and the erection of temporary construction compounds at
Land north and east of Corlic Hill, Greenock



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SUMMARY

- The planning application has been refused by Inverclyde Council.
- The applicant has appealed the decision to the Scottish Ministers.

INTRODUCTION

In December 2014 planning permission was refused for a proposed windfarm as:

1. The proposed wind farm may adversely impact on the safe operation of Glasgow Airport and en-route traffic to the detriment of public safety.
2. It is contrary to Policies ENV1, criterion (b)(i) and ENV2, criterion (i) of the Inverclyde Local Development Plan as it will adversely impact on visual amenity and, in the case of the latter, is not capable of satisfactory mitigation.
3. It is contrary to Policies ENV2, criterion (f) and INF1, criterion (b) of the Inverclyde Local Development Plan as it will adversely impact on landscape character.
4. It is contrary to Policy INF1, criterion (c) of the Inverclyde Local Development Plan as it will adversely impact upon neighbouring settlements in terms of their visual outlook and enjoyment of the landscape.
5. It is contrary to Policy INF1, criterion (d) of the Inverclyde Local Development Plan as it will adversely impact on the enjoyment of the landscape by recreational users of Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park.
6. It is contrary to Policies INF1, criterion (e), ENV2, criterion (e) and HER6 of the Inverclyde Local Development Plan in that the proposal will have an adverse impact on the setting of the scheduled monument of Lurg Moor Roman Fortlet and Roman Road.
7. The visual impact and impact on landscape character of the proposed development would also be contrary to Scottish Natural Heritage guidance on "Siting and Designing Wind Farms in the Landscape", Scottish Government online guidance "Onshore Wind Turbines" and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Plan Authority guidance "Landscape Capacity Study for Wind Turbine Development in Glasgow and the Clyde Valley".

NOTIFICATION OF APPEAL

Notification has been received that an appeal against the refusal has been lodged with the Scottish Government. A final decision on procedures is awaited, however it is indicated that the appeal is to be considered by a combination of public inquiry and public hearing.



View from Corlic Hill

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board notes the position.

Stuart Jamieson
Head of Regeneration and Planning

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 – Background Papers. For further information please contact David Ashman on 01475 712416.