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Dear Sir/Madam

Proposed Carland Cross Windfarm redevelopment – Local resident consultation

Driven by our commitments to sustainable development and government requirements to produce 10 per cent of the UK's electricity from renewable resources, ScottishPower has been undertaking a search for potential windfarm sites across the UK. The existing Carland Cross windfarm was one of the first windfarms installed in the UK, and has been operating successfully since 1992. It is approaching the end of its lifespan and has been identified as a site with good potential for redevelopment.

We are at an early stage in the redevelopment and are keen to ensure that local residents are kept informed about our intentions and progress.

As turbines of the scale currently installed at the site are no longer commercially available, any redevelopment of the site will use turbines which are larger than those currently installed. ScottishPower Renewables are also looking at the potential to extend the site to the west onto Newlyn Downs. As yet no decisions on the scale or locations of the turbines have been taken as the proposal is in its infancy. It is likely that any redeveloped site would comprise either around ten turbines of 2MW scale or around twenty-five turbines of 0.85MW scale. This will give a windfarm of around 20MW which is just over three times the capacity of the existing site. Trewithen Estate, as owners of the land, are supportive of this proposal and are being kept fully informed. As well as providing a significant increase in Cornwall's green energy contribution there will also be a community benefit package associated with the windfarm which will provide funding for projects in the local community

Any proposal for redevelopment will need to be approved by Carrick District Council's planning authority under the Town and Country Planning Act. A requirement of this is that ScottishPower Renewables conduct a thorough Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) in order to identify any potential environmental issues at the site and to eliminate or mitigate these as far as possible.

The EIA process will require that independent specialists undertake detailed studies of the environment at the site. These will include investigating ecology, hydrology, noise and visual amenity issues. In addition during the EIA process we are keen to engage with interested parties including local residents, statutory bodies such as Natural England, and other non statutory bodies. The input from stakeholders plays a key role in shaping the proposed development.

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The findings of the EIA process will then be presented to the planning authority and other consultees in the form of an Environmental Statement (ES) that will also be publicly available. This ES will accompany any planning application to the council.

ScottishPower Renewables are keen to understand the views of all residents in the area and will be holding a drop in day in the local area in March. In addition, we are keen to listen to the views of those closest to the site. As one of the closer properties to the site we would be happy to meet with you to discuss this proposal and answer any questions that you may have. If you would like to meet with someone from ScottishPower Renewables, please contact me to arrange this. Alternatively please feel free to contact us by email or telephone to discuss any issues that you may have.

I look forward to speaking to you in the near future

Yours faithfully,

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