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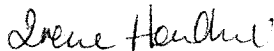
Dear Mrs Hendry

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 PLANNING APPEAL: HILL OF STROUPSTER, AUCKENGILL, WICK, CAITHNESS

Thank you for your letter dated 3 July 2009.

Please see attached a precognition of the evidence I intend to give along with a copy of the document I will refer to.

Yours sincerely



JG John Green
Chairman

cc Mr Fraser Gilles Wright Johnston and Mackenzie LLP
Mr David Shaw, Scottish Natural Heritage
Mr Stuart Young, Caithness Wind Farm Information and Wayfarer
Ms Karen McLeod, Highland Council Legal Services (two copies)

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 PLANNING APPEAL:
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Precognition

In November 2007 Dunnet and Canisbay Community Council held a community wide ballot conducted by the Electoral Reform Society. The ballot was on an almost identical planning application, by nPower Renewables, to the one we are considering here. The ballot was conducted following a public meeting where the developers and the opponents of the scheme were given equal opportunity to make their case.

There was a 63% participation rate with 61% of those who voted opposing the wind farm application. The ballot result detailed in this letter from the ERS is a clear indication of the communities' objection to a wind farm at Stroupster.

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12th November 2007

Dear Mr Green,

DUNNET & CANNISBAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL - STROUPSTER WIND FARM BALLOT

The report of voting in the above ballot, which closed at Noon on Friday 9th November 2007, is as follows:

QUESTION

Are you in favour of the Wind Farm?

Total number of ballot papers despatched	1,267
Total number of ballot papers received	801
Overall rate of participation	63.2%
Total number of spoilt/blank ballot papers	0
Therefore, total number of valid votes counted	801

Result

Number voting YES	310	(38.7% of the valid vote)
Number voting NO	491	(61.3% of the valid vote)
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TOTAL	801	(100% of the valid vote)
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Ballot papers will be stored securely for six months before being destroyed.

Yours sincerely

Max Farrell
Project Manager

