

## Directorate for Planning and Environmental Appeals

Appeal by Npower Renewables Ltd against the refusal of planning permission by  
The Highland Council for the erection of a wind farm consisting of 12 wind turbines and associated  
infrastructure at Hill of Stroupster, Auckengill, Wick  
(P/PPA/270/431)

Public local inquiry commencing on Tuesday 27 October 2009  
Mackays Hotel, Union Street, Wick

### PROGRAMME

Tues 27 Oct	Introduction & Preliminary Matters  Planning and related issues (Inquiry) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Case for the appellant (David Stewart)</li><li>• Case for the council (Gordon Mooney)</li><li>• Case for CWIF-W (Stuart Young)</li></ul>
Wed 28 Oct	Accompanied inspection of the appeal site and other locations, as agreed
Thurs 29 Oct	Planning and related issues ( <i>Continued as necessary</i> )  Landscape and Visual Impact (Inquiry) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Case for the appellant (Lindsey Guthrie)</li><li>• Case for CWIF-W (Stuart Young)</li></ul>
Fri 30 Oct	Landscape and Visual Impact ( <i>Continued as necessary</i> )  Impact on local tourism/businesses (Hearing)
Mon 2 Nov (from 2.00 pm)	Impact on local tourism/businesses (Hearing) ( <i>Continued</i> )  Nature conservation/ecological issues (Hearing) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The impact of the development on the SAC/SPA/SSSI</li><li>• The habitat management proposals for the cleared site</li><li>• The impact of the development on hen harriers or other birds</li><li>• The impact of the development on otters</li><li>• Peat stability</li><li>• SNH's recommended conditions</li></ul>
Tues 3 Nov	Nature conservation/ecological issues (Hearing) ( <i>Continued as necessary</i> )  Remaining hearing topics <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Impact on the general amenity of the area and local residents</li><li>• Draft conditions/legal agreement</li></ul>
Wed 4 Nov	Remaining accompanied site inspections ( <i>As necessary</i> )
Thurs 5 Nov	Summary closing submissions (if presented orally)  Close of inquiry