

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

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

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| Tues 27 Oct | Introduction & Preliminary Matters

Planning and related issues (Inquiry) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Case for the appellant (David Stewart)• Case for the council (Councillor David Bremner (?) and Gordon Mooney)• Case for CWIF-W (Stuart Young) |
| Wed 28 Oct | Accompanied site inspection |
| Thurs 29 Oct | Planning and related issues (<i>Continued as necessary</i>)

Landscape and Visual Impact (Inquiry) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Case for the appellant (Lindsey Guthrie)• Case for the council (?)• Case for CWIF-W (Stuart Young) |
| Fri 30 Oct | Landscape and Visual Impact (<i>Continued as necessary</i>)

Impact on local tourism/businesses (<i>Hearing</i>) |
| Mon 2 Nov
(from 2.00 pm) | Nature conservation/ecological issues (<i>Hearing</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The impact of the development on the SAC/SPA/SSSI• The habitat management proposals for the cleared site• The impact of the development on hen harriers or other birds• The impact of the development on otters• Peat stability• SNH's recommended conditions |
| Tues 3 Nov | Remaining hearing topics <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Impact on the general amenity of the area and local residents• Draft conditions/legal agreement |
| Wed 4 Nov | Remaining accompanied site inspections (<i>As necessary</i>) |
| Thurs 5 Nov | Summary closing submissions (if presented orally)

Close of inquiry |