

Agenda Item	4
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HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Committee: North Planning Applications Committee

Date: 22 January 2025

Report Title: Major Development Update

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Purpose/Executive Summary

This report provides an update on progress of all cases within the 'Major' and 'National' development categories currently with the Planning and Development Service for determination. The report also details progress on proposals submitted under S36 or S37 of the Electricity Act 1989 on which the Council is consulted.

Recommendation

Members are asked to note the current position of these applications.

1. Update on Progress

- 1.1 Appendix 1 and 2 contains a list of all applications for Major Development currently with the service and awaiting determination. A brief update on the progress of these applications is provided, including a likely timescale for each case to be determined.
- 1.2 Appendix 3 provides a list of all significant Electricity Act applications. For many of these the Council has already provided its response to Scottish Government. Only once Scottish Ministers determine these cases will they be removed from the list. In terms of performance reporting, for these type of applications the Council is not required to meet the same target timescales as expected with planning applications.
- 1.3 Appendix 4 provides a list of all major scale planning permissions and Electricity Act consents issued within the last two years to provide members with an update on the status of these developments.
- 1.4 Details for any of these applications can be obtained through the Council's eplanning portal <http://wam.highland.gov.uk/wam> by entering the respective case reference number. The following abbreviations have been used in the appendices:
- PCO – Pending Consideration
 - PDE – Pending Decision
 - S36RO – Raised an objection to an application for energy generation under the Electricity Act
 - S36RNO – Raised no objection to an application for energy generation under the Electricity Act
 - S37RO – Raised an objection to an application for energy transmission under the Electricity Act
 - S37RNO – Raised no objection to an application for energy transmission under the Electricity Act

2. Delegated Refusals of Major Applications and Current Appeals / Judicial Reviews Related to Major Applications

- 2.1 Since the Major Developments Update Report presented to the last committee, the following major application has been refused using delegated powers:
- None
- 2.2 Progress with applications under the Electricity Act where the Council has raised objection:
- 22/04580/S37 - Skye Reinforcement Project - Construct and operate approximately 110 kilometres (km) of new double circuit steel structure 132 kV overhead transmission line and associated infrastructure. Following joint meetings of North and South Planning Applications Committees on 22 March 2023 and 08 November 2023, contrary to Planning Officer's recommendation, the Council raised an objection to the application. We await details of any further procedure from the Scottish Government's Energy Consents Unit, ahead of Scottish Government's decision on the application. A progress update request was sent to the Energy Consents Unit on 9 August 2024 and with their 12 September 2024 response stating:

‘Scottish Ministers are currently considering the application alongside all stakeholder responses and representations received, and a decision will be made in due course on whether a public inquiry should be held.’

- 21/01921/S36 - Garvary Wind Farm - Erection and operation of wind farm for a period of 30 years, comprising of 25 (as amended) wind turbines with maximum blade tip height of up to 180m, access tracks, up to 6 borrow pits, substation, battery storage compound, control building, 4 meteorological masts, and ancillary infrastructure. The application was reported to committee in February 2021 and June 2023 where, in line with the Planning Officer’s recommendation, members raised an objection. A public inquiry was held in March 2024 covering matter including policy, landscape and visual. Thereafter, a decision will be made by Scottish Ministers.
- 22/05533/S36 - Kirkton Energy Park - Erection and operation of a wind farm comprising of 11 wind turbines of up to 149.9m blade tip height, battery energy storage system, access tracks, substation, control building, 2 borrow pits, temporary construction compound and associated development for a period of 30 years. The application was reported to committee in January 2024 where, in line with the Planning Officer’s recommendation, members raised an objection. Following UNESCO’s decision to inscribe the Flow Country World Heritage Site, NatureScot have subsequently also raised an objection and will present evidence on behalf of the Council at Public Local Inquiry which commenced on 20 November 2024. Post inquiry Scottish Minister’s will determine the application.
- 23/02998/S36 – Ben Aketil Wind Farm - Decommissioning and removal of 12 existing turbines and related infrastructure, erection and operation of 9 turbines with a maximum blade tip height of 200m, up to 20MW Battery Energy Storage System, anemometer mast, access tracks, up to two borrow pits, and all associated infrastructure. The application was reported to committee in June 2024 where, in line with the Planning Officer’s recommendation, members raised an objection. A subsequent detailed report on handing was reported to committee in August 2024 which updated and refined the reasons for objection. A mandatory public local inquiry procedure has now been instigated with a Pre-Inquiry Meeting scheduled for w/c 13 January and provisional inquiry anticipated in April 2025. This case will be determined by Scottish Ministers.
- 21/04984/S36 - Tormsdale Wind Farm - Erection and operation of wind farm for period of 30 years, comprising of 10 wind turbines with maximum blade tip height of 149.9m, access tracks, substation, control building, Battery Energy Storage System, and ancillary infrastructure. The application was reported to committee in June 2024 where, in line with the Planning Officer’s recommendation, members raised an objection. A mandatory public local inquiry procedure has now been instigated and we await details of the Pre-Inquiry Meeting. This case will be determined by Scottish Ministers.
- 23/02320/S36 - Melvich Wind Energy Hub - Erection and operation of a wind farm for a period of 40 years, comprising 12 wind turbines with a maximum blade tip height of 149.9m, energy storage facility, access tracks, borrow pits, substation, and ancillary infrastructure. The application was reported to

committee in December 2023 where, in line with the Planning Officer's recommendation, members raised an objection. The Council awaits details of further procedure ahead of Scottish Minister's decision on the application.

- 23/03945/S36 - Glen Ullinish II Wind Farm - Construction and operation of a wind farm for a 40 year operational period, comprising 47 wind turbines with a maximum blade tip height of 200m, access tracks, borrow pits, battery storage, up to 2 anemometer masts, substations and ancillary infrastructure. The application was reported to committee in August 2024 where, in line with the Planning Officer's recommendation, members raised an objection. Application anticipated to be amended and re-consulted upon in early 2025. Thereafter, it will be reported back to committee in mid to late 2025.
- 24/02094/S36 - Acheilidh Wind Farm - Erection and operation of a wind farm for a period of 35 years, comprising of 12 wind turbines with a maximum blade tip height of between 200m and 230m, battery energy storage system (BESS), access tracks, borrow pits, substation, control building, and ancillary infrastructure. The application was initially reported to committee in October 2024 where, in line with the Planning Officer's recommendation, members raised an objection. The detailed Case Officer's Report on Handling will now be reported back to committee to ratify the reasons for objection in Q1 2025 and thereafter, the Council shall await details of further procedure ahead of Scottish Minister's decision on the application.

2.3 For those cases under the Electricity Act where no objection was raised, and we are awaiting the decision of the Scottish Ministers, or we are awaiting the instruction on next steps following an objection being raised to an application, those cases will be listed in the appendix to this report only.

2.4 Progress with planning applications which are at appeal / have been called in for Scottish Minister's determination:

- 23/00580/FUL - Coull Links Golf Course - Construction of an 18 hole golf course, practice area, access, parking, ancillary infrastructure and the change of use of existing buildings to form clubhouse, pro shop, maintenance shed and ancillary facilities. The application was reported to committee in December 2023 where, contrary to Planning Officer's recommendation, members were minded to grant planning permission. Due to the unresolved NatureScot objection, the decision on the application has been called in by Scottish Ministers. A public local inquiry took place in November 2024 and we now await Scottish Minister's decision on the application.
- 22/05178/FUL – Fearn AD Plant - Erection and operation of an anaerobic digestion plant and ancillary infrastructure. The application was refused under delegated powers in October 2023. An appeal has since been lodged and the appointed reporter requested an Environmental Impact Assessment which has been provided by the applicant and we await Scottish Ministers decision on the application.

2.5 The Planning Authority are not currently subject to any applications to the Court of Session for Judicial Review of decisions on major / national application in the north area.

3. Recent Decisions by Scottish Ministers

3.1 The following decisions on major / national scale developments have been issued by Scottish Ministers / the Directorate for Planning and Environmental Appeals in the North Planning Applications Committee area since those reported to the last committee:

- 23/05188/S36 - Goticlay Wind Farm Redesign - Erection and operation of a wind farm for a period of 35 years, comprising up to 13 wind turbines, 11 with a maximum blade tip height of 200m, 2 with a maximum blade tip height of 180m, access tracks, borrow pits, substation, control building, metrological mast, and ancillary infrastructure. The application was reported to committee in May 2024 where, in line with Planning Officer's recommendation, members were minded to raise no objection subject to all turbines having a maximum blade tip height of 180m. On 4 December 2024 Scottish Government proceeded to issue a varied consent in line with Highland Council's consultation response.
- 22/02717/S36 - Strath Oykel Wind Farm and battery storage, 11 wind turbines of up to 200 metres and associated infrastructure. The application was reported to committee in October 2022 and January 2023 where, contrary to the Planning Officer's recommendation, members raised an objection. A public local inquiry took place in October 2023 covering matters including policy, landscape and visual impact. On 8 December 2024 Scottish Ministers issued consent for the development.

4. RECOMMENDATION

4.1 That Members note the current position with these applications.

5. IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Resource: Not applicable.

5.2 Legal: Not applicable.

5.3 Community (Equality, Poverty and Rural): Not applicable.

5.4 Climate Change/Carbon Clever: Not applicable.

5.5 Risk: Not applicable.

5.6 Gaelic: Not applicable.

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APPENDIX 1 - MAJOR APPLICATIONS PRE 2009

OFFICER	PROPOSAL	ADDRESS	APPLICANT	PROGRESS	REFERENCE	STATUS	WARD
Mark Fitzpatrick	Erection of 100 houses and formation of roundabout onto the B817. Associated amenity areas, roads, footpaths and cycleways.	Land North And East Of Highland Park Retirement Village Barbaraville Highland	The Ross Estates Company	The applicant has indicated their intention to progress the proposal taking account of Opportunity Cromarty Firth (ICF) and NPF4. Determination will follow further submissions after consideration of public and consultee comments on any revised information.	08/00253/OUTSU	PCO	08

APPENDIX 2 - MAJOR APPLICATIONS POST 2009

OFFICER	PROPOSAL	ADDRESS	APPLICANT	PROGRESS	REFERENCE	STATUS	WARD
Lisa MacDonald	Erection of temporary worker accommodation base, comprising modular accommodation, welfare and recreational buildings for staff, formation of access, parking and associated works	Land 220M SW Of Tigh Na GreineBroadfordIsle Of Skye	Sodexo Ltd	Application received and is undergoing consultation. Anticipated to be reported to committee in mid 2025.	24/05143/FUL	PCO	10
Craig Simms	Swarclett Wind Farm - Erection and operation of a wind farm for a period of 30 years, comprising 2 turbines with a maximum blade tip height of 149.9m, battery storage and ancillary infrastructure	Land 975M SE Of Mains Of DurranCastletown	Swarclett Wind Energy Limited	Application received and has been validated pending consultation. Anticipated to be reported to committee in late 2025.	24/04932/FUL	PCO	02
Jenna Baldie	Banniskirk Substation - Erection and operation of an Air Insulated Switchgear 400kV substation and HVDC converter station with associated buildings, installation of new platforms, drainage infrastructure, temporary construction compound, landscaping, mounding and other ancillary works	Land 360M NE Of Achalone CottageAchaloneHalkirk	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission Plc	Application received and is undergoing consultation. Anticipated to be reported to committee in late 2025.	24/04898/FUL	PCO	03
Claire Farmer	Construction and operation of a Battery Energy Storage System with a capacity of 49.9MW consisting of battery storage modules and associated infrastructure including fencing, control buildings, substations and CCTV	Land 190M West Of Lythmore House South Wing21 Forss Business And Technology ParkForssThurso	Forss Energy Storage Limited	Application received and is undergoing consultation. Anticipated to be reported to committee in Q2 2025.	24/04585/FUL	PCO	02
Laura May	Sallachy Wind Farm - Application under Section 42 for non-compliance with conditions Condition 15 (Construction Traffic Management Plan) and 25 (Removal of Redundant Turbines) and to amend wording of Conditions 1, 3(i) and 12 of planning permission 21/01615/FUL	Land At Sallachy EstateLairg	WKN Sallachy Limited	Application received and is undergoing consultation. Anticipated to be reported to committee in Q2 2025.	24/04118/S42	PCO	01
Craig Simms	Construction and operation of a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), accommodating 64 battery storage cabinets, landscaping and ancillary infrastructure	Land 530M South Of Geiselittle FarmThurso	Whirlwind Energy Storage Limited	Application received and is undergoing consultation. Anticipated to be reported to committee in early 2025.	24/03500/FUL	PCO	02
Craig Simms	Erection and operation of battery energy storage system (BESS) up to 49.9MW, substations, control buildings, landscaping, fencing and ancillary infrastructure	Land 100M East Of Caithness Flagstone LimitedSpittal Mains QuarrySpittal	Fig Power Ltd	Application received and is undergoing consultation. Anticipated to be reported to committee in early 2025.	24/02827/FUL	PCO	03

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Mark Fitzpatrick	Lochend Wind Farm extension - Erection and operation of a Wind Farm for a period of 40 years, comprising of 5 Wind Turbines with a maximum blade tip height 149.9m, Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), access tracks and ancillary infrastructure	Land 600M NE Of10 Lochend HoldingBarrock	Constantine Wind Energy	Application received and is undergoing consultation. Anticipated to be reported to committee in Q2 2025.	24/02641/FUL	PCO	02
Craig Simms	Erection and operation of a 34MW capacity battery energy storage facility (BESS) with ancillary infrastructure	Land 590M NE Of Isauld CottageReay	Reay Power Ltd	Application received and is undergoing consultation. Anticipated to be reported to committee in early 2025.	24/01669/FUL	PCO	02
Mark Fitzpatrick	Ben Sca Redesign Wind Farm - Erection and operation of a wind farm for a period of 40 years, comprising of 9 wind turbines with a maximum blade tip height of 149.9m, access tracks, borrow pits, substation, control building, and ancillary infrastructure.	Land 2800M SW Of Edinbane Primary SchoolEdinbanelsle Of Skye	Ben Sca Wind Farm Ltd	Application received and is undergoing consultation. Anticipated to be reported to committee in Spring 2025.	24/01404/FUL	PCO	10
Craig Simms	Erection of up to 250 houses, associated community uses, open space and business/tourist related uses.	Land At Knockbreck Farm And Burgage FarmKnockbreck RoadTain	Cairngorm Properties Ltd	Application received and is undergoing consultation. Anticipated that the application will be reported to committee in early 2025, with this timescale subject to ongoing review.	24/00865/PIP	PCO	07
Craig Simms	Proposed development of a battery energy storage system with a capacity of 49.9MW comprising storage containers, control building, transformers, fencing, CCTV, access, landscaping and associated works on land 500m east of Glengolly Farmhouse, Thurso, KW14 7XL	Land 500M East Of Glengolly FarmhouseThurso	Ecocel Energy (Storage) Ltd	Application received and is undergoing consultation. Anticipated to be reported to committee in early 2025.	24/00561/FUL	PCO	02
Liam Burnside	Battery energy storage facility comprising a compound of battery and electrical equipment, access track, landscaping and ancillary works	Land 420M SW Of SSE Alness Grid Sub StationMid BalnacraigAlness	Renewable Energy Systems Ltd.	Application received and is undergoing consultation. Anticipated to be reported to committee in late 2024.	23/05999/FUL	PCO	06
Mark Fitzpatrick	Beinn Mheadhonach Wind Farm Redesign - Erection and operation of a wind farm for a period of 25 years, comprising of 5 wind turbines with a maximum blade tip height of 149.9m, access tracks, borrow pits, substation, control building, and ancillary infrastructure.	Land 1600M NE Of Sumardale CroftStruan	Wind Harvest	Application received and is pending consideration. Anticipated to be reported to committee in mid 2025 following the submission of further Environmental Information in early 2025.	23/05638/FUL	PCO	10
Claire Farmer	Erection of 66 no dwelling houses comprising 2 storey, 2, 3, and 4 bed flats and villas with associated road, drainage and services with various landscaped recreation areas and retained woodland	Land 190M East Of House Of RosskeenInvergordon	Capstone Connect	Application reported to committee in April 2024, where members were minded to grant planning permission subject to conclusion of a Section 75 legal agreement which is progressing.	23/05466/FUL	PDE	06

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Liam Burnside	Erection and operation of a 47MW capacity battery energy storage facility, comprising containerized battery storage units, inverters, transformers, switch room, site access, landscaping, fencing and ancillary infrastructure.	Land 170M SE Of Mybster CroftSpittal	Potencia Energy Limited	Application pending consideration. Application anticipated to be presented to Committee in Q1 2025.	23/05424/FUL	PCO	03
Peter Wheelan	Erection of a hydrogen production and storage facility (Class 5 - General Industry), road haul tanker loading facility, underground electricity connection, import substation, access road upgrades, site offices, parking, gatehouse, fencing, temporary construction and laydown area, and ancillary infrastructure	Land 2480M East Of Beinn Tharsuinn WindfarmEdderton	Scottish Power Energy Retail Limited	Application is pending consideration. Anticipated that further information will be submitted in Q4 2024 and thereafter to be reported to committee in early 2025.	23/05242/FUL	PCO	04
Mark Fitzpatrick	Balmeanach Wind Farm - Erection and Operation of a Wind Farm for a period of 40 years, comprising of 10 Wind Turbines with a maximum blade tip height 149.9m, access tracks, borrow pits, substation, control building, and ancillary infrastructure.	Land 2400M NE Of An Cleireach8 BalmeanachStruan	Balmeanach Wind Farm Limited	Application received and is pending consideration. It is anticipated to report the application to committee in Q1 2025.	23/04194/FUL	PCO	10
Claire Farmer	Erection of 99 No dwellings, associated infrastructure and public open space	Land 220M East Of Obsdale Primary SchoolMilnafuaAlness	Pat Munro (Alness) Ltd	Application permitted at 5 March 2024 North Planning Applications Committee, subject to conclusion of Section 75 legal agreement.	23/00997/FUL	PDE	06
Gillian Pearson	Construction of an 18 hole golf course, practice area, access, parking, ancillary infrastructure and the change of use of existing buildings to form clubhouse, pro shop, maintenance shed and ancillary facilities	Land 1700M NW Of Embo Community CentreSchool StreetEmbo	Communities For Coul Ltd	The application was reported to committee in December 2023 where, contrary to Planning Officers recommendation, members were minded to grant planning permission. Due to the unresolved NatureScot objection, the decision on the application has been called in by Scottish Ministers. PLI has been scheduled for November 2024.	23/00580/FUL	PDE	04
Peter Wheelan	Extension of Broadford Substation including creation of substation platform, substation buildings, SUDS basin, formation of access junction, temporary construction compound, landscaping and other ancillary works	Land Beside Existing Broadford SubstationBroadfordIsle Of Skye	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission PLC	Application reported to committee in April 2024, where in line with Officer's recommendation, members were minded to grant planning permission, subject to the conclusion of a Section 75 which is progressing.	23/00069/FUL	PDE	10

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Mark Fitzpatrick	Construction and operation of a business park and low carbon industrial hub comprising up to 325m2 of Class 1 Food Retail, 2786m2 of Class 4 Business Use, up to 7432m2 of Class 5 Industrial Use, up to 7432m2 of Class 6 Storage and distribution, Class 7 Hotel with up to 61 bedrooms, 100 car parking space, park and ride, access, roads, landscaping and ancillary infrastructure	Land 320M SW Of Tore RoundaboutToreMuir Of Ord	Springfield Properties PLC	Additional information has been sought from the applicant in relation to traffic and transport, and infrastructure capacity. Once the information is submitted and assessed, it is anticipated the application will be determined in early 2025.	22/04104/PIP	PCO	08
Mark Fitzpatrick	Cairnmore Hill Wind Farm (Re-design) - Erection and Operation of a Wind Farm for a period of 35 years, comprising of 5 Wind Turbines with a maximum blade tip height 138.5m, access tracks, substation, control building, battery energy storage system, and ancillary infrastructure.	Land 1580M SE Of SchoolhouseForsThurso	RES UK & Ireland Ltd	It is anticipated the application will be determined before end of Q4 2024.	22/03558/FUL	PCO	02
Katie Tolley	Section 42 application to amend condition 1 of planning permission 05/00126/FULRC to extend operational life of quarry by 10 years	Land 500M NW Of Kilmore HouseWester LonvinInvergordon	Munro Construction (Highland) Ltd	Members of the June 2023 committee were minded to grant permission, subject to a Section 75 legal agreement. Awaiting confirmation of the value of the financial guarantee in order to conclude legal agreement.	22/03414/S42	PDE	07
Mark Harvey	Mixed use development comprising up to 248 residential units, business unit, community shop, care village, landscaping and associated infrastructure	Land 380M NE Of Portree NHS Dental ClinicSraid An EornaPortreelsle Of Skye	Lochalsh & Skye Housing Association	Permission granted by North Planning Applications Committee in June 2022. Awaiting conclusion of Section 75 legal agreement.	21/05962/PIP	PDE	10
Gillian Pearson	Causeymire Wind Farm - Application for non-compliance with Condition 1 (Operational Timescales) attached to Planning Permission ref. 01/00361/FULCA to allow the development to operate to 02 September 2038	Achkeepster Wind FarmSpittal	Beaufort Wind Limited	The application was approved subject to conclusion of a modified legal agreement in September 2021. Work on the legal agreement is progressing.	21/01987/S42	PDE	03
Peter Wheelan	Application under Section 42 of the Act for non compliance with Condition 1 of Planning Permission 09/00008/FULSU to extend the period of time for extraction.	Ardchronie QuarryArdgayIV24 3DJ	Breedon Northern	Following the minded to grant decision at North Planning Applications Committee in April 2021, the process of modifying the legal agreement is ongoing.	20/01684/S42	PDE	01
Claire Farmer	Application for non compliance with Condition 1 of Planning Permission ref. RC/1995/421 to allow and extend the operational period of Novar Windfarm from 25 years to 35 years	Novar Wind Farm Novar EstateEvanton	Beaufort Wind Limited	Minded to grant planning permission in April 2020 subject to conclusion of updated legal agreement. Legal agreement is progressing.	19/05504/S42	PDE	06
Claire Farmer	Application for non-compliance with condition 3 (Operational timescale) of planning permission 98/00164/FULSU	Ledmore QuarryElphinLairgIV27 4HJ	Limehillock Quarries Ltd	Minded to grant planning permission in April 2020 subject to conclusion of updated legal agreement. Legal agreement is progressing.	19/05228/S42	PDE	01

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Gillian Pearson	Permission in principle for mixed use development including residential and commercial elements (renewal of previous permission 14/01808/PIP)The application renewal seeks to secure approval for a period of 5 years.	Land NW Of Seaview HotelJohn O'Groats	JOG 2 Ltd	Presented to NPAC Jan 2019 where committee were minded to grant the permission subject to conclusion of a legal agreement. Discussions on legal agreement are ongoing.	18/02634/PIP	PDE	03
Lisa MacDonald	A mixed use development for Non-food Retail (class 1), Business (class 4), General Industrial (class 5), Storage and Distribution (class 6) and Assembly and Leisure (class 11). New access from A87 and service road, extension to Leasgeary Road and provision of open space and a green corridor.	Land East Of Portree Industrial EstateStaffin RoadPortreelsle Of Skye	Oatridge Limited Allan Campbell	The agent has been provided with an opportunity to address identified requirements for further information from consultees.	13/03980/PIP	PCO	10

APPENDIX 3- APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED UNDER THE ELECTRICITY ACT 1989

OFFICER	PROPOSAL	ADDRESS	APPLICANT	PROGRESS	REFERENCE	STATUS	WARD
Laura May	West of Orkney Wind Farm - Erection and operation of a offshore wind farm comprising of 125 fixed bottom wind turbines with a maximum blade tip height of 360m, cabling and associated ancillary offshore infrastructure.	Land 50KM NW Of Pennyland Primary SchoolTrostan RoadPennylandThurso	Offshore Wind Power Limited (OWPL)	Application pending consideration. Further Environmental Information received and application anticipated to be reported to committee in Q1 2025.	23/04930/S36	PCO	02
Peter Wheelan	Watten Wind Farm - Erection and operation of a wind farm for a period of 35 years, comprising of 7 wind turbines with a maximum blade tip height of 220m, access tracks, borrow pits, substation, control building, battery storage and ancillary infrastructure. This case will be determined by the Energy Consents Unit. Please visit Energy Consents Unit at https://www.energyconsents.scot/ApplicationSearch.aspx?T=2 using reference number ECU00004509.	Land 3670M SW Of Watten Village HallWatten	EDF Energy Renewables Ltd	Proposals are undergoing consultation and initial assessment findings have been communicated with the applicant. It is anticipated the application will be subject to further amendment and re-assessment ahead of being reported to committee in Q2 2025.	23/04113/S36	PCO	03
Mark Fitzpatrick	Glen Ullinish II Wind Farm - Construction and operation of a wind farm for a 40 year operational period, comprising 47 wind turbines with a maximum blade tip height of 200m, access tracks, borrow pits, battery storage, up to 2 anemometer masts, substations and ancillary infrastructure. This case will be determined by the Energy Consents Unit. Please visit Energy Consents Unit at https://www.energyconsents.scot/ApplicationSearch.aspx?T=2 using reference number ECU00004829.	Land 3070M North Of Amer Farm5 TotarderStruan	Muirhall Energy Ltd	The application was reported to committee in August 2024 where, in line with the Planning Officers recommendation, members raised an objection. Application anticipated to be amended and re-consulted upon in early 2025. Thereafter, it will be reported back to committee in mid / late 2025.	23/03945/S36	S36RO	10
Mark Fitzpatrick	Ben Aketil Repowered and Extended Wind Farm - Decommissioning and removal of 12 existing turbines and related infrastructure, erection and operation of 9 turbines with a maximum blade tip height of 200m, up to 20MW Battery Energy Storage System, anemometer mast, access tracks, up to two borrow pits, and all associated infrastructure. This case will be determined by the Energy Consents Unit. Please visit Energy Consents Unit at https://www.energyconsents.scot/ApplicationSearch.aspx?T=2 using reference number ECU00004552	Land 1800 M NE Of12 Upper FeorligDunvegan	Renantis UK Limited	Committee agreed to Raise an Objection to the Scottish Ministers at its meeting dated 04 June 2024. PLI proceedings have commenced ahead of Scottish Ministers determination.	23/02998/S36	S36RO	10
Mark Fitzpatrick	Abhainn Dubh Wind Farm - Erection and operation of a wind farm for a period of 30 years, comprising of 9 wind turbines with a maximum blade tip height of 149.9m, energy storage facility, access tracks, borrow pits, substation, anemometer mast, control building, and ancillary infrastructure. This case will be determined by the Energy Consents Unit. Please visit Energy Consents Unit at https://www.energyconsents.scot/ApplicationSearch.aspx?T=2 using reference number ECU00004732	Land 3450M North Of KaytooHeights Of DochcartyDingwall	E Power Ltd	Application has undergond a re-design with 4 of the 13 proposed turbines removed. Amended scheme undergoing re-consultation and thereafter it is anticipated that the application will be reported to committee in Spring 2025.	23/02754/S36	PCO	06

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Jenna Baldie	Melvich Wind Energy Hub - Erection and operation of a wind farm for a period of 40 years, comprising 12 wind turbines with a maximum blade tip height of 149.9m, energy storage facility, access tracks, borrow pits, substation, and ancillary infrastructure	Land 1500M SW OfMelvich	Belltown Power UK Wind Ltd	The application was reported to committee in December 2023 where, in line with the Planning Officers recommendation, members raised an objection. The Council awaits details of further procedure ahead of Scottish Ministers decision on the application.	23/02320/S36	S36RO	01
Peter Wheelan	Kirkton Energy Park - Erection and operation of a wind farm comprising of 11 wind turbines of up to 149.9m blade tip height, battery energy storage system, access tracks, substation, control building, 2 borrow pits, temporary construction compound and associated development for a period of 30 years	Land 1800M SW Of Kirkton CemeteryMelvich	Kirkton Wind Farm Ltd	Application was reported to committee in January 2024 where, in line with the Planning Officers recommendation, members raised an objection. PLI scheduled for November 2024 ahead of Scottish Ministers decision.	22/05533/S36	S36RO	01
Peter Wheelan	Skye Reinforcement Project - Construct and operate approximately 110 kilometres (km) of new double circuit steel structure 132 kV overhead transmission line and associated infrastructure	Ardmore Sub-StationArdmoreHallinDunvegan	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission Plc	The application was reported to joint meetings of North and South Planning Applications Committee on 22 March and 08 November 2023. Members raised an object to the application. We await details of any further procedure ahead of Scottish Government's determination.	22/04580/S37	S37RO	10
Jenna Baldie	Strath Oykel Wind Farm and battery storage, 11 wind turbines of up to 200 metres and associated infrastructure.	Land 1700M SW Of OapeArdgay	Energiekonter Uk Ltd	The application was reported to committee in October 2022 and January 2023 where members raised an objection. A public local inquiry took place in October 2023. We now await the decision of Scottish Ministers.	22/02717/S36	S36RO	01
Laura May	Tormsdale Wind Farm - Erection and operation of wind farm for period of 30 years, comprising of 10 wind turbines with maximum blade tip height of 149.9m, access tracks, substation, control building, Battery Energy Storage System, and ancillary infrastructure	Land At Tormsdale 1500M South Of Bridge Of WesterdaleHalkirk	Arise AB	Application reported to committee in June 2024 where members raised an objection, in line with officers recommendation. Awaiting public local inquiry procedures ahead of Scottish Ministers determination.	21/04984/S36	S36RO	03
Mark Fitzpatrick	Garvary Wind Farm - Erection and operation of wind farm for a period of 30 years, comprising of 25 (as amended) wind turbines with maximum blade tip height of up to 180m, access tracks, up to 6 borrow pits, substation, battery storage compound, control building, 4 meteorological masts, and ancillary infrastructureGarvary Wind Farm Appeal Details at https://www.dpea.scotland.gov.uk/CaseDetails.aspx?ID=123955 , DPEA ref. WIN-270-20	Land 4600M NE Of Invershin Community HallInvershin	Garvary Wind Farm Limited	An objection was submitted to the Scottish Government's Energy Consents Unit in February 2021 and June 2023. A PLI took place in March 2024 and we await Scottish Ministers decision.	21/01921/S36	S36RO	01

APPENDIX 4 - MAJOR APPLICATIONS CONSENTED POST 2019

OFFICER	PROPOSAL	ADDRESS	APPLICANT	PROGRESS	REFERENCE	DECISION DATE	WARD
Laura May	West of Orkney Wind Farm - construction of onshore transmission infrastructure comprising up to two cable landfalls, an onshore substation and up to five associated export circuits	AC Site Spittal Sub StationHalkirkKW12 6XA	Offshore Wind Power Limited	Members of the June 2024 committee granted planning permission. Awaiting applications for matters specified in conditions.	23/05353/PIP	18/06/2024	03
Peter Wheelan	Pentland Offshore Wind Farm redesign - Erection and Operation of an offshore floating wind farm for a period of 25 years, comprising up to 6 floating wind turbines with a maximum blade tip height of 300m, associated floating substructures with mooring lines and anchors / piles, inter-array cables, 2 export cables, landfall, and associated scour and cable protection measures.	Development Site 9KM NW OfDounreay Nuclear Research EstablishmentDounreay	Highland Wind Limited	Application reported to Committee on 30 January 2024 where, in line with the Planning Officers recommendation, members did not raise any objection. Scottish Ministers granted consent in April 2024 and we await the satisfaction of conditions.	23/05263/S36	03/04/2024	02
Claire Farmer	Residential Development of 160 affordable and private dwelling houses with infrastructure, open space and landscaping	Land 155M South OfRowan GardensConon Bridge	Tulloch Homes Ltd	Decision issued July 2024 following conclusion of Section 75 legal agreement. Awaiting satisfaction of conditions.	23/02147/FUL	02/07/2024	08
Mark Fitzpatrick	Creag Riabhach Wind Farm - S36 Variation to extend operational life from 25 years to 40 years (14/00004/S36)	Creag RiabhachLairg	Creag Riabhach Wind Farm Limited	The officer recommendation to Raise No Objection to Scottish Ministers was upheld by Committee in August 2023. The Decision Notice from Scottish Ministers was issued on 26 March 2024 whereby the Section 36C application to vary the 14/00004/S36 consent and extend the operational life time to 40 years is approved.	23/01517/S36	26/03/2024	01
Roddy Dowell	Extension of Edinbane Substation including creation of substation platform, substation buildings, SUDS basin, realignment of track, formation of access junction, temporary construction compound, landscaping and other ancillary works	Land 1120M West Of GlenvicaskillBalmeanachStruan	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission Plc	Planning permission granted February 2024.	23/00070/FUL	09/02/2024	10
Laura May	Erection of whisky maturation warehouses, gatehouse, office/welfare and associated infrastructure	Land 300M West Of Unit 3-7Cromarty Firth Industrial ParkInvergordon	Whyte & Mackay	Planning permission granted at the North Planning Applications Committee on 19 April 2023. Pre start conditions satisfied and work is currently underway on site.	22/05454/FUL	28/04/2023	06
Sile Tang	Battery energy storage facility comprising access track, compound of battery and electrical equipment, meter building, stores, fencing, security cameras and landscaping	Land 260M SW Of Alness Grid Sub StationMid BalnacraigAlness	Balnacraig Battery Storage Limited	The application was granted by committee in December 2023. Applicant is looking to satisfy the pre-commencement conditions.	22/05167/FUL	11/12/2023	06

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Jenna Baldie	Erection and operation of Onshore Substation, Underground Electricity Cables, Cable Landfall, Transition Joint bay, Cable Joint Bays, construction compounds, new and upraded access tracks and associated infrastructure.	Land At The Dounreay Coast In Caithness, Immediately Adjacent To The Western Boundary Of The Vulcan Naval Reactor Test Establishment (Vulcan NRTE)	Highland Wind Limited	The application was approved at North Planning Applications Committee on 25.01.2023	22/04722/PIP	30/01/2023	02
Peter Wheelan	Pentland Offshore Wind Farm - Erection and Operation of an offshore floating wind farm and associated offshore infrastructure comprising up to seven floating wind turbines of up to 300m to blade tip height, seven floating substructures with associated mooring lines and anchors / piles, inter-array cables, two export cables , landfall, and associated scour and cable protection measures.	Development Site 9KM NW OfDounreay Nuclear Research EstablishmentDounreay	Highland Wind Limited	Approved by Scottish Ministers in July 2023 and variation to application approved by Scottish Ministers in April 2024.	22/03864/S36	27/07/2023	02
Peter Wheelan	Erection and operation of whisky distillery with associated warehousing, bottling facility, tank farm, energy centre, landscaping and associated infrastructure	Land 470M NW Of FarmhouseEaster FearnArdgay	Midfearn Distillery Company Limited	The application was granted by the North Planning Applications Committee in September 2022. Awaiting satisfaction of planning conditions.	22/02261/FUL	28/09/2022	04
Mark Fitzpatrick	Chleansaid Wind Farm - Erection and Operation of a Wind Farm comprising 16 turbines 12 turbines at 200 metres and 4 turbines at 180 metres, generating around 96MW and associated infrastructure (access tracks, borrow pits, substation, control building) and includes battery energy storage facility 20MW	Land 2375M NW Of Keepers CottageDalnessieLairg	ESB Asset Development UK Limited	Scottish Ministers granted consent on 15 December 2023. Await submission of pre-development comencement planning condition requirements.	22/01635/S36	15/12/2023	01
Mark Harvey	Masterplan for erection of 66 residential units	Land 80M North Of9 Storr RoadPortree	Compass Building And Construction Services Ltd	The application was reported to the December 2022 North Planning Applications Committee for determination where Members granted planning permission subject to prior conclusion of a legal agreement to secure developer contributions. The legal agreement is now concluded and the permission issued.	22/00221/PIP	06/07/2023	10
Mark Harvey	Erection of 14 residential units and associated infrastructure - Phase 1 of Home Farm Development	Land 80M North Of9 Storr RoadPortree	Compass Building And Construction Services Ltd	The application was approved by committee in December 2022, subject to prior conclusion of a legal agreement to secure developer contributions. The legal agreement is now conclued and permission has been issued.	21/05951/FUL	05/07/2023	10

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Mark Fitzpatrick	Development of 47 holiday lodges, conversion and extension of existing building to form spa, gym, offices, restaurant and ancillary facilities, car parking and access	Land 150M NE Of Gledfield Farm CottageArdgay	Gledfield Highland Estate Ltd	Planning permission granted in September 2023.	21/05786/FUL	19/09/2023	01
Claire Farmer	Construct and operate a 132 kilovolt (kV) switching station and associated infrastructure	Land 500M West Of Philips MainsMey	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission Plc	Planning permission granted July 2022.	21/05536/FUL	26/07/2022	03
Mark Fitzpatrick	Limekiln Wind Farm - Application under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 to vary the consented Limekiln Wind Farm to increase the blade tip height from 15 turbines at a mximum blade tip of 130m and 6 turbines with a maximum blade tip height of 126m to 21 turbines with a maximum blade tip height of 149.9m	Land 2870M SE Of Borlum HouseReay	Limekiln Wind Ltd	The development was consented by Scottish Ministers on 17 May 2022.	21/03750/S36	17/05/2022	02
Laura May	Achany Extension Wind Farm - Erection and Operation of a Wind Farm for a period of 50 years, comprising of 20 Wind Turbines with a maximum blade tip height 149.9m, access tracks, borrow pits, substation, control building, and ancillary infrastructure	Land 2km NE Of Glencassley CastleRosehall	SSE Generation Limited	Members of the North Planning Applications Committee raised no objection to the application in December 2021, the applicant submitted further environmental information. This was considered by officers, and an updated response was submitted to the Energy Consents Unit in June 2022. The application was again reported North Planning Applications Committee in January 2023 to consider the provisions of NPF4 and Members raised no objection to the application. The Energy Consents Unit granted Section 36 consent on 22 May 2023.	21/03695/S36	22/05/2023	01
Laura May	Moray West Off-shore Wind Farm Variation - Application to increase turbine blade width from 6m to 6.6m and remove reference to the developments maximum generating capacity in the description of development	Moray West Offshore WindfarmUlsterLybster	Moray Offshore Windfarm (West) Limited	The applicant submitted a variation application seeking to change the blade width of the turbines and remove the limit on generating capacity as originally put before the North Planning Applications Committee under 18/03309/S36 This was reported to North Planning Applications Committee in September 2021 and was approved by Scottish Ministers in December 2022. Construction commenced, as notified to local authorities by applicant, on 1 June 2023.	21/03368/S36	01/06/2023	03

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Roddy Dowell	Lochluichart Wind Farm Extension II Redesign - Erection and Operation of a Wind Farm for a period of 40 years, comprising of 5 wind turbines with a maximum blade tip height 149.9m, access tracks, borrow pits, substation, control building, and ancillary infrastructure.	Land 1.9Km SW Of Aultguish InnGarvelV23 2PQ	Bluebell Wind Limited	The application was approved by the North Planning Applications Committee in January 2023. Details for the satisfaction of pre-start planning conditions are pending consideration.	21/02985/FUL	30/01/2023	05
Gillian Pearson	Extension of buildings, construction of buildings for fabrication of offshore renewables structures	Nigg Fabrication YardNiggTainIV19 1QY	Global Energy Nigg Ltd	The application was determined in September 2021. The applicant recently had a non-material variation granted for modifications to the structures on the site in advance of construction commencing on site.	21/02981/FUL	20/09/2021	07
Claire Farmer	Sallachy Wind Farm - Erection and Operation of a Wind Farm for a period of 30 years, comprising of 9 Wind Turbines with a maximum blade tip height of 149.9m, access tracks, temporary borrow pits and construction compound, substation compound, and ancillary infrastructure.	Land At Sallachy EstateLaigr	WKN Sallachy Ltd	Planning permission was granted in May 2022. Awaiting satisfaction of pre-commencement condition requirements.	21/01615/FUL	05/05/2022	01
Mark Fitzpatrick	Limekiln Extension Wind Farm - Erection and Operation of a Wind Farm for a period of 30 years, comprising of 5 Wind Turbines with a maximum blade tip height 149.9m, with access tracks, hardstanding areas, substation, battery storage facility, control building compound, borrow pits and cabling	Land 3080M West Of Shepherds CottageShebsterThurso	Infinergy Limited	Scottish Ministers granted consent on 06 May 2022. Pre-start conditions have been satisfied.	20/01905/S36	06/05/2022	02
Claire Farmer	Construction of vertical launch space port with launch operations control centre, site integration facility, launch pad complex, antenna park, access road, fencing, services and associated infrastructure	Land 2600M SW Of DunbuieTalmineTongue	Orbital Express Launch Limited	Planning Permission was granted in August 2020. The applicant has commenced site investigation works in line with a schedule of mitigation agreed with NatureScot and the Planning Authority and is working with officers on satisfaction of conditions. Work commenced on the development in Spring 2023. A Non Material Variation for changes to the access routes and launchpad was approved in March 2024. A further planning application has been granted for changes to the infrastructure arrangement and relocation of tracking equipment to atop Ben Tongue.	20/00616/FUL	05/08/2020	01
Peter Wheelan	Kirkan Wind Farm - Construction of wind farm comprising of 17 turbines (height to hub 104m, height to blade tip 175m), associated access tracks, borrow pits, compounds, substation and 104m high met mast	Land 3015M SE Of Aultguish InnGarve	Kirkan Wind Farm Limited	Scottish Government issued consent on 25 July 2023. Awaiting submission of pre-development planning condition requirements.	19/01861/S36	25/07/2023	05

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Claire Farmer	Lairg 2 Wind Farm - Construction of wind farm comprising 10 turbines (7 turbines to a maximum tip height of 180m and 3 turbines to a maximum tip height of 150m), associated crane pads, tracks, substation, battery storage compound, 2 borrow pits and upgrade of access track	Land 2400M SE Of CracrailTorobollLairg	Energiekontor	On review of the consent, the applicant has chose to make modifications to the proposed development. This was approved in October 2021 and discussions with the applicant are ongoing with regard to next steps for the development.	19/01096/FUL	24/06/2020	01