

I am opposed to the Viking Energy project. A Danish firm has already said they can deliver a much cheaper liquefied natural gas (LNG) plant. Another option is small community wind farms to reduce extreme fuel poverty. My main concern is the impact on the environment, particularly wildlife whose habitat will be destroyed during construction. The Scottish government has just given protected species status to mountain hares. There are mountain hares in the area and the project needs to be re-evaluated. Viking is not the only wind farm project for Shetland, there are multiple others including Energy Isles for North Yell where I live, that also plans to use the inter-connector. At this rate there will be nowhere left in Shetland for wildlife.