

**Subject: Transmission links to Shetland**

Dear Sir/Madam

I object to to proposal to build the “Viking” wind farm on Shetland to supply the rest of the UK.

The building of this monstrosity will destroy Shetland as I have known it for 63 years. The roads and borrow pits let alone the turbine bases will completely change the character of these isles for ever. The turbines themselves will be an eternal eyesore.

The disruption it will cause to life on the Shetland mainland will be terrible for it’s human occupants and the ongoing misery it will bring to people living in and around it doesn’t bear thinking about.

The pretence that this is for the benefit of Shetland is laughable.

This should never have received planning permission - our council ignored the advice of it’s own planning department and the population it was supposed to represent helped no doubt by the determination of the SNP to get it built. The SNP are on record that they wanted wind power to soak up the “English subsidies” first and foremost claiming it was for the good of the planet.

The logistics involved in bringing all the materials, equipment and workforce here should have made the plan a non-starter. It could and should have been built elsewhere.

SSE renewables, owned by OVO Energy, a subsidiary of Imagination Industries Ltd. with Stephen Fitzpatrick the man who will benefit the most. The monetary costs will be borne by the consumer but the ruination of lives will be borne by the population of Shetland.

We are well aware we were lied to about the scale of this development. We are also well aware that should the interconnected be hooked up many other developers are waiting to build wind farms here.

Please do not allow this to go ahead.