

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to object to the Viking Energy wind turbine proposals for the Shetland Islands - something that I have been doing for the last decade, however it seems that nobody is truly listening.

The project is simply too large for our small islands and not at all suitable for the type of land they propose to build on.

The irreversible damage to the peat is going to be horrendous, not to mention the flora and fauna. Our peatland is unique, why choose our fragile land to destroy, especially considering the carbon release?

Work is also currently being undertaken during bird nesting season - surely this cannot be legal?

Shetland is well known for being a windy place - the turbines cannot operate in high winds which really brings into question how well they will be able to fully operate, not to mention how long they would take to construct. We are also very concerned that the hills will not be able to cope with the weight of the tonnes of concrete and heavy vehicles needed to erect them, plus the 'scars' the roads will leave forever, long after the wind turbines lives have come to an end.

Another concern is how this will affect tourism to our Isles and in turn our economy. We rely so heavily on tourism; who wants to visit a giant windfarm? particularly as tourists come here for the scenery and the peace and quiet - that will be destroyed.

We are not against wind power at all - we have our own personal wind turbine but this project is wrong on so many levels.

We beg you to please consider rejecting this proposal. There are other options. Time is moving forward and we know that there are better ways of making renewable energy - we all want to help the environment and move forward in the most modern and efficient way possible.

This is our Islands, our lives, our future. We have protested for so long but it has fallen on deaf ears.

Please, we plead with you to listen to us islanders who have lived here for generations and understand our landscape. We feel utterly ignored and are helpless. You are our last hope.

I thank you for taking the time to read this.

Kindest regards,