

HILLCREST ENTERPRISES (YELL) LTD

We have invested in the Energy Isles wind project in Yell and therefore it is important to our investment that a large enough transmission link is built to ensure that investment is not wasted

We believe a larger link as the 600MW link proposed is required therefore we support a larger more economic and efficient 800MW/1000MW link. With a 800MW link only costing 6% more and a 1000MW link only costing 12% more it surely makes economic sense for a 1000MW link as it would appear that capacity and more will be required in future years, and that would bring greater benefit to Shetland Islands economy and community.

Shetland is certainly now in great need of a suitable grid connection to Scotland.

The diesel power station in Lerwick Shetland is now nearing the end of its use full live and very polluting.

Renewable energy potential cannot be exploited in Shetland without a link to mainland Scotland.

Shetland is unable to contribute to UKs decarbonising goals without a link, no more renewables can connect to current grid either.

Shetland has great potential to develop tidal generation also offshore generation.

A suitable sized cable to Scotland would help facilitate further connection to Norway and help secure a supply to Shetland.

There is far more developments planned in Shetland at this present time as a 600MW link can accommodate with Viking 457MW .

Peel Energy with two farms planned for a total of 131MW and Energy Isles has planning applied for 200MW besides other smaller developments and most likely more to follow.

With oil and gas depleting a transmission link is essential for the future of Shetland to replace this with renewable energy and create jobs as well as bring returns to investors and to the whole community in community benefits.

We are concerned that high capital costs with a 600MW will create higher transmission costs as a 800MW/1000MW and make Energy Isles wind farm a less competitive project , putting our investment at risk . Ofjem should ensure that a larger link is built to ensure that final design in the most effective.

We do not agree with Ofgems position to approve a 600MW link. Ofgem we think you should demand the development of a 800MW or more appropriately a 1000MW link .

Yours sincerely