

I am writing to you about the Viking Wind farm proposed for Shetland.

I can't see how this is the best way to produce power for the Shetland Islands. Wind power only works when the wind is blowing in a certain range. The wind does not always blow to order, even on Shetland. There are long spells when the wind is either too strong or not strong enough resulting in the wind turbines not producing any power at all.

As a result of this there will have to be another power source. This undersea cable apparently. So meaning that the people of Shetland will not only have their environment destroyed by the wind farm; their industry destroyed because no visitors in their right minds will want to visit to see a huge wind farm; and their health destroyed by the Low Frequency Noise from the wind turbines; but they will also have to pay for their electricity twice. This at a time of severe economic stress due to Covid-19.

It would surely be better all round, for the people, animals and environment of Shetland who would all be badly, and irreparably damaged if this wind farm should go ahead and be built, it would surely be better to build a gas powered station to produce power for Shetland.

Wind farms are not green, they are not environmentally friendly. They destroy huge areas of valuable carbon-sink peat-land which, once damaged can never be repaired. Shetland can better 'do its bit' towards 'saving the planet' by protecting the peat-lands, investing in tidal power and further insulating the houses than building vast, out of scale wind farms.

I hope you are sensible and really wish to do the best for Shetland and the environment and stop the building of this utter desecration of a wind farm.

Yours,