

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please accept this email from me and my husband as an objection to the SSEN Application for the Inter Connector Cable and Windfarm proposed to be built on mainland Shetland.

The whole idea of using mainland Shetland as a Windfarm to supply the rest of the Scotland/UK is abominable for so many reasons.

The cost - it will cost more than the £709 million quoted , as they already want a larger cable and they will also need 2 incase of break downs. A new power station will have to be built and/or masses of generators will be required to be placed all over Shetland for back up. How will this be cost effective?

Disruption - there is only one main road that connects one end of the Isle to the other and this will be clogged with slow moving large traffic. The side roads that connect to the main will have to be used and this will add to extra fuel costs and travel time.

Health issues- we live next door to a retired Director of Public Health and she wrote a paper on the effects the turbines have on health. I have neighbours who have serious health issues that will be affected by the turbines.

Danger to wildlife, sea life, fauna and flora is beyond comprehension. Shetland is well known for its great variety of wildlife and is home to rare plants, moss and is covered in peat land that needs to be preserved. The Weisdale Voe where this cable is proposed to be laid into, is a beautiful picturesque area surrounded by many many homes. The subsequent power cables that will be joined from there to the Converter Station will be laid through a stunning valley, which is home to 7 tree plantations, 3 of which will be in line with the trench for the cable! As you are well aware Shetland is not known for its trees and we work hard to preserve them. 17 homes are in the valley and nearly all the residents are opposed to this project! There are also many salmon and mussel farms in the sea route proposed that will be affected. This could lead to the death of the sea life and the loss of many jobs.

This is not a project to help Shetland and its inhabitants, this is a project to line the pockets of all money making Companies involved. This not a project for Islands that are revered the world over for its wild beauty, wildlife in and out of the water , its seafood, it's wool, it's music etc, etc. Neither inhabitants nor visitors want to see 103+ turbines and the destruction that will happen to erect them destroy the beauty and all that the Shetland Islands have to offer.

This is a project is made up of pure greed and will be of no benefit to the islanders as we will spend the next 25years (life span of the turbines) paying for it and be left with a pile of rusting turbines scarring the horizon.

The Government is already paying out multi millions of pounds in compensation to SSEN and other Windfarms owners as the national grid cannot cope with the input and the turbines are being switched off. Where is the logic and cost effectiveness of this?

Please, please do not give permission for this project. The cost is astronomical and will only continue to grow and grow and we , the consumers will be liable. Please do not let our beautiful Islands be scarred for eternity by this ill thought out project.

We would be grateful if you could acknowledge receipt of this objection please.

Regards