

**Objecting to: Temporary lay down and storage area for wind farm components, Broadford Aerodrome, Ashaig Airfield, Breakish - 24/05026/FUL.**

## **KEY ISSUE:**

**Proposal by the Highland Council to use land at Broadford Aerodrome for temporary storage of wind farm components. It is anticipated that this facility would be used for wind farms on the mainland where components are unloaded at Kyle Harbour, and for the wind farms proposed on Skye.**

The advertised cut off date for objections/representations is 7th February 2025 although we can object until the Planning Committee meeting where the application is considered.

**The planning application can be viewed here:**

<https://wam.highland.gov.uk/wam/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=SNV6SEIHGWG00&activeTab=summary>

## **HOW TO OBJECT**

Email [eplanning@highland.gov.uk](mailto:eplanning@highland.gov.uk) or write to The Highland Council Eplanning, Headquarters, Glenurquhart Road, Inverness. IV3 5NX.

Need to quote reference 24/05026/FUL and your name and address.

Start "I wish to object to "Temporary lay down and storage area for wind farm components (24/05026/FUL) , then give your reasons as briefly or in as much detail as you like.

## **Key Points (Suggest you concentrate on the issues of most concern to you)**

1. There is a clear conflict of interest as the Highland Council will make planning decisions on wind farms both on Skye and the mainland, yet this proposal will allow the council to profit from these wind farms. How will the Highland Council be able to impartially judge wind energy developments, if it has a direct financial interest in that development proceeding?
2. No traffic assessment has been provided with the application. No analysis of the impact on Kyle of turbine component delivery or impact on users of the Skye Bridge which will need to be closed to allow Abnormal Indivisible Loads to cross. No planning or mitigation provided for the impact on emergency services needing to use the A87 and the bridge - the only road on and off Skye and a major route for access to the mainland from the Western Isles.
3. No analysis of changes to the access junction with A87 needed to allow turbine blades up to 80m long to access site - nor the site entrance proximity to the Kylerhea junction and to the proposed Balfour Beatty Temporary Workers Accommodation proposed at by Balfour Beatty at the croft opposite the access junction.
4. The application contains no details of necessary security measures such as fencing of the site and flood lighting.
5. The planning application contains no impact assessment on, or acknowledgement of, nearby houses - noise, lighting, traffic disruption etc.
6. No onsite welfare facilities are proposed for staff and drivers.
7. The proposed site is close to the remains of Ashaig church and burial ground, shell midden and Tobar Aiseig well. Historic Environment Scotland recognizes this location as a designated scheduled monument. The monument comprises the remains of an early medieval church, burial ground, shell midden and holy well, likely dating from the 7th-13th century and should not be disturbed by industrialisation. The site is also close to Ashaig Cemetery which should be

respected and not disturbed by noise, light pollution and movement of huge wind turbine components.

8. If the proposed Broadford Aerodrome storage facility is necessary for the construction of wind farms both on Skye and on the mainland then this proposal should be included as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment for each of these projects and not be presented as yet another separate “salami sliced” planning application.

Then copy in our Councillors

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