RENEWABLE ENERGY

SYSTEMS (RES) LTD

ELECTRICITY ACT 1989

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

THE ELECTRICITY WORKS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2017

Notice is hereby given that Renewable Energy Systems (RES) Ltd, ("the Company") with company registration number 1589961, having its registered office at Beaufort Court, Egg Farm Lane, Station Road, Kings Langley, Hertfordshire WD4 8LR has applied to the Scottish Ministers for consent under section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 to construct and operate a wind farm known as Torfichen Wind Farm, south of Gorebridge, Midlothian (Central Grid Reference 33932 654430). The installed capacity of the proposed generating station would exceed 50 MW, comprising up to 18 turbines with a maximum ground to blade tip height of 180 metres. The proposed development is subject to Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and an EIA Report has been produced.

The Company has also requested a direction under section 57(2) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 that planning permission for the development be deemed to be granted.

The Company has now submitted additional information to Scottish Ministers, which includes information relating to landscape and visual impact assessment, cultural heritage, ecology and biodiversity, ornithology, peat management, and private water supplies.

Copies of the additional information, the application and the EIA Report ('the information') are available for public inspection in person, free of charge, during normal office hours at:

Location	Opening Hours	Address
Gorebridge	Mon & Fri 10:00 – 17:00	98 Hunterfield Rd,
Library	Tue & Thu 10:00 – 19:00	Gorebridge EH23 4TT
	Sat 10:00 – 13:00	
	(Closed Wed & Sun)	

The information can also be viewed on the application website at <u>https://www.torfichen-windfarm.co.uk/</u>; or at <u>www.energyconsents.scot</u> under application reference ECU00004661.

Copies of the information may be obtained from RES (telephone: 0141 404 5500/email rebecca.randall@res-group.com) at a charge of £220 per hard copy and free on CD, DVD or USB storage device.

All previous representations received by Scottish Ministers in relation to the application remain valid.

Any new representations on the application may be submitted by email to the Scottish Government via <u>representations@gov.scot</u>; or by post to the Scottish Government, Energy Consents Unit, 4th Floor, 5 Atlantic Quay, 150 Broomielaw, Glasgow, G2 8LU, identifying the proposal and specifying the grounds for representation.

Written or emailed representations should be dated, clearly stating the name (in block capitals) and full postal address of those making representations. Emailed representations should also include the full return email address of those making representations. Only representations sent by email to representations@gov.scot will receive acknowledgement.

All representations should be received not later than **30th April 2025** although Ministers may consider representations received after this date.

Any subsequent additional information submitted by RES will be subject to further public notice in this manner, and representations to such information will be accepted as per this notice.

Where Scottish Ministers are required to, or decide to exercise their discretion to do so, they can cause a public inquiry to be held.

Following examination of the environmental information and all views and representations received, Scottish Ministers will determine this application for consent in one of two ways:

- Consent the proposal, with or without conditions attached; or
- Reject the proposal

General Data Protection Regulations

The Scottish Government processes representations under the Electricity Act 1989. To support transparency in decision making, the Scottish Government publishes online at <u>www.energyconsents.scot</u>.

A privacy notice is published on the Help page at <u>www.energyconsents.scot</u>. This explains how the Scottish Government processes your personal information. If you have any concerns about the processing of your personal information by the Scottish Government, please email <u>EconsentsAdmin@gov.scot</u> or write to Scottish Government, Energy Consents Unit, 4th Floor, 5 Atlantic Quay, 150 Broomielaw, Glasgow, G2 8LU.