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Dear Emma

**Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997  
Notice of Intention to Adopt – Stirling Local Development Plan**

I refer to your correspondence of 16 May 2018, certifying notice of Stirling Council's intention to adopt the Stirling Council Local Development Plan.

Scottish Ministers have decided that the proposed plan as notified is unsatisfactory and hereby direct under section 20(5) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, that Stirling Council consider modifying the proposed Stirling Local Development Plan as indicated in the Annex to this direction.

The modifications relate to Policy 12.1 Wind Energy Developments, sub-section c). This Direction is given to improve alignment of the policy with Scottish Planning Policy paragraph 169 relating to onshore wind.

Section 20(6) provides (subject to any further direction under section 20) that your authority may not adopt the Stirling Local Development Plan unless you satisfy Scottish Ministers that you have made the modifications necessary to conform with this direction, or the Scottish Ministers withdraw it.

Ministers' decisions as to whether they would intervene at this stage in the development planning process will be taken on a case by case basis and in light of the particular circumstances of each proposed plan.



It is the responsibility of the planning authority to comply with legislation.

I would be grateful if you would confirm that your authority will modify the plan as directed. Once adopted, two copies of the plan should be sent to Scottish Ministers.

Yours sincerely

Carrie Thomson  
Principal Planner

## Stirling Local Development Plan – Modifications

### 1) Policy 12.1: Wind Energy Developments,

At page 79, subsection c) of the above policy, include additional text as underlined below.

(c) Proposals will also be assessed against the following criteria:

- (i) Contribution to renewable energy generation targets and effect on greenhouse gas emissions,
- (ii) Landscape and visual impacts,
- (iii) Effects on natural heritage including wild land areas, the quality of the water environment and carbon rich soils,
- (iv) Historic environment,
- (v) Aviation and telecommunication interests,
- (vi) Residential and community amenity,
- (vii) Net economic impact, including local and community socio-economic benefits such as employment, associated business and supply chain opportunities,
- (viii) Public access, including impact on long distance walking and cycling routes and scenic routes identified in NPF,
- (ix) Road traffic and adjacent trunk roads,
- (x) Hydrology and flood risk,
- (xi) Cumulative impacts, arising from the above considerations,
- (xii) The need for planning conditions relating to the decommissioning and site restoration,
- (xiii) Tourism and recreation interests.