



MCofS News Release

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Time To Value What We Have

MCofS urges Councillors to reject Allt Duine wind proposals

As Highland Councillors prepare to meet to consider the visual impact of the proposed Allt Duine wind farm application, the MCofS repeats its call to members of Highland Council's Planning Committee to reject the planning application and protect the integrity of the Cairngorms landscape for Scotland's future generations.

The Highland Council Planning Committee will decide whether to accept or reject the Allt Duine wind farm proposals this coming Tuesday following a visit to Cairn Gorm in the morning. Hopefully there will be a clear view so that Councillors can understand the scale of the intrusive visual impact this proposed wind farm, if approved, would have on the landscape visible from the iconic mountains of the Cairngorms National Park. This visit will also present an opportunity for Councillors to understand the cumulative impact of the other ten proposed wind farms, which could eventually encircle the National Park.

MCofS President Brian Linington said: "Highland Councillors have an opportunity on Tuesday to demonstrate a long-sighted and enlightened approach to what is fast becoming a clash between the Scottish Government's energy policy and the superb mountain landscapes for which Scotland is internationally famous. We call on them to show leadership to the rest of the nation and demonstrate that whilst we may need renewable energy we do not need it at any price. It is time to value what we have."

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