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Dear Ms Melrose

Nathro Hill Wind Farm Scoping

The MCoFS was invited to make comment on the Nathro Hill wind farm proposal. We prioritise work based on likely significance of effects on the mountaineering environment. At this time we are unable to prioritise this development, so do not intend to make a full response.

Some very popular hill walks are likely to be affected and we would expect to see included in the visualisation viewpoints

1. Mount Keen (NO 409 869 although there is likely to be greater impact on the walking experience on the route from the south)
2. The Goet (NO 373 746)
3. Hill of Wirren (NO 522 739 although the at the peak the windfarm may be relatively obscured but very prominent on the usual routes up and down along the path to the south, so a point on this path may be more appropriate as a reflection on the change in experience of walking this popular hill)

Additionally, the landscape and visual impact of the associated tracks must be appropriately considered in the ES text and visualisations.

Please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss these issues further.

Yours sincerely

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Access & Conservation Officer