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Dear Sir or Madam,

Objection to application for wind farm at Talladh-a-Bheithe, Rannoch

This is an official objection to the application to erect 24 wind turbines on the Talladh-a-Bheithe Estate, Rannoch. The application has been made by Talladh-a-Bheithe Wind Farm Ltd, a subsidiary of Eventus BV.

Our objection is lodged on behalf of 6 adults and 5 dependant children. Although we are resident in the Netherlands, our family has visited Kinloch Rannoch annually for more than 35 years and has contributed to the tourism income generated by the area.

We were very distressed to learn that such an application has been made. While we recognise the societal need to develop wind energy, it is our submission that siting the turbines at Talladh-a-Bheithe, would impact the whole Rannoch Moor area. This is a unique region. As described on the Visit Scotland web site of the Scottish Tourism Organisation, “the Great Moor of Rannoch is one of the last remaining wildernesses in Europe”.

Our formal objection is based on the fact that the proposed wind turbines would contravene several provisions of the policy for development projects enshrined in the Perth and Kinross Local Development Plan, namely that:

1. They should not conflict with the aim of maintaining and enhancing the landscape qualities of Perth and Kinross. We submit that the proposed turbines would be an eyesore in a unique area of unspoiled wilderness.

2. They should not erode local distinctiveness, diversity and quality of Perth and Kinross’s landscape character areas, the historic and cultural dimension of the area’s landscapes, visual and scenic qualities of the landscape, or the quality of the landscape experience. We submit that the proposed turbines would do all of these.

3. *They should safeguard views, viewpoints and landmarks from development that would detract from their visual integrity, identity or scenic quality.* We submit that the proposed turbines would detract significantly from all of these.

4. *They should safeguard the tranquil qualities of the area's landscapes.* We submit that the proposed turbines would be blight on the landscape and would impact the tranquillity significantly.

5. *They should safeguard the relative wildness of the area's landscapes.* We submit that the proposed turbines would have a significant impact on the unique wildness of Rannoch Moor.

6. *They should not have a negative effect on the local or Perth & Kinross economy including tourism and recreation interests either individually or cumulatively.* We submit that the proposed turbines would have a significant impact on the attractiveness of the area for tourists and on the tourism income that would be generated.

Our family now visit Kinloch Rannoch every year, some of us for 5 weeks per year. An important reason for choosing Rannoch over other international destinations is its wildness. A particular highlight of every holiday is the spectacular walk across Rannoch Moor from Corrour Station to Rannoch Station. In our view the "Road to the Isles" is one of Scotland's crown jewels and a unique European landscape. This majestic wilderness would be severely damaged by the proposed wind turbines.

A particularly important aspect for tourists is the location of such a wild beautiful place close to Glasgow and Edinburgh and only a few hours from the European car ferries at Newcastle. If the application is approved, we are unlikely to continue our annual visits to the area and we believe that many others feel the same way. The erection of the proposed wind turbines would therefore result in a significant loss of tourism income to Kinloch Rannoch, Aberfeldy, Pitlochry and the whole surrounding region.

For the reasons outlined above we object strongly to the application for the erection of a wind farm at Talladh-a-Bheithe, Rannoch.

Yours sincerely,

NAME AND SIGNATURE