
CLYDE MUIRSHIEL PARK AUTHORITY



Report to: Joint Committee
On: 2 September 2016

Report
By
Regional Park Manager

SUBJECT: PLANNING APPEAL - CORLIC HILL, GREENOCK

1 Purpose of Report:

1.1 This report seeks to inform Members of the Park Authority on the decision issued by the Reporter appointed by the Scottish Government's Department of Planning & Environmental Appeals in relation to an Appeal submitted by Inverclyde Renewables against the decision of Inverclyde Council to refuse Planning Permission for an application for 8 Wind Turbines and ancillary equipment at land to north and east of Corlic Hill, Greenock.

1.2 Full details of the Reporters Decision are available at:

<https://www.dpea.scotland.gov.uk/CaseDetails.aspx?id=115647>

2 Recommendation:

2.1 That members of the Joint Committee:

- (i) Note that following a Public Inquiry the Department of Planning & Environmental Appeals have upheld the Appeal submitted by Inverclyde Renewables in relation to a proposal for 8 Wind Turbines and ancillary equipment at Corlic Hill, Greenock.

3 Background:

3.1 Members will be aware that a Planning Application was Refused on 4th December 2014 by Inverclyde Council for the "Erection of eight wind turbines, construction of access tracks and ancillary development (including crane hard standings, cabling, transformers, culverts), formation of borrow pit, erection of sub-station and control building, formation of car park and temporary construction compounds."

- 3.2 The Applicant; Inverclyde Renewables submitted an Appeal to the Scottish Government's Department of Planning & Environmental Appeals against the decision by Inverclyde Council and following a Public Inquiry and Site Visits in 2015, the Appeal was upheld and Planning Permission was granted subject to 32 conditions.
- 3.3 Amongst the Conditions imposed there is a requirement that the Development must be started within three years of the date of permission, the applicant is obliged to submit a Pollution Prevention Plan, Water Supply Impact Study and, a Programme of Archaeological Investigation Work.
- 3.4 The Reporter also requested that a Traffic Management Plan, Radar Mitigation Scheme and a Television and Radio Reception Survey be undertaken.
- 3.5 There are also ongoing obligations on the Applicant relating to noise control and site conditions and an obligation requiring the lodging of a Bond with Inverclyde Council to cover the costs of decommissioning and site restoration given that the consent is limited to 25 years.
- 3.6 Monitoring and enforcement of the Conditions will be undertaken by Inverclyde Council as Local planning Authority in line with the relevant legislation and guidance.