Subject: Consultation on renewable energy targets

I write to register my objection to the scale and pace of proposals for the development of windfarms in Scotland.

If these multiple proposals are implemented it is clear that the character of this country’s landscape will be changed beyond recognition and will be much the worse for it. It seems that the pressure for development has become grossly disproportionate to any putative benefit claimed in my view.

I would not wish to repeat the well rehearsed arguments in respect of the relative inefficiency of the technology, the role of entrenched political drive and the vested interests of landowners here, but I would urge you to at least seriously consider the negative effects of continued large scale developments. The impact of the multiple connections to the national grid criss-crossing the land has also to be considered.

These are going to have an increasingly detrimental effect on both the local populations who have to live with them and on those who choose to visit our country and to support its economy.

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