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After browsing through the responses to date I am astounded that so many people have signed themselves up to a round robin reply quoting Friends of the Earth, RSPB and WWF for a policy to support people and wildlife through this period of climate change.

Firstly people. Wind turbines being placed on every suitable piece of Scotland is destroying communities who fight amongst themselves. Let’s take the money they say and when it arrives they then fight again on how it should be spent.

Wildlife: Wind Turbines are not very environmentally friendly when you consider that each one sits in approx. 90 cubic feet of cement which will remain in the ground for ever whilst the turbine above may be removed or renewed after 25 years. Think of the loss of habitat for our upland bird species both during the construction phase and afterwards with loss of habitat and perhaps death if you happen to be a large bird of prey like Golden Eagle, Sea Eagle, Osprey, Common Buzzard, Red Kite, Hen Harrier or even some of the smaller species like Merlin and Kestrel.

One wonders how the RSPB could be involved in the approval of such an energy policy until you realise that they receive large amounts of money from the wind energy business.

Until we decide that Engineers should plan our energy policy with supporting financial astuteness then Scotland will become the country in Europe that killed off its tourist industry and base load energy supply in one fell swoop.

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