

Scottish National Investment Bank submission of 13 March 2023

PE1885/J: Make offering Community Shared Ownership mandatory for all windfarm development planning proposals

The Scottish National Investment Bank has been working with the Scottish Government, Local Energy Scotland and engaging with communities and developers in recent months to assess the pipeline of shared ownership opportunities and the alternative ways in which those opportunities could be financed. An important aspect of this work has been about understanding developer and funder appetite for shared ownership models and ways in which barriers can be overcome. Local Energy Scotland are conducting further research in relation to both of these aspects, the results of which the Bank expect to have sight of and to consider in the coming weeks. This will enable the Bank to develop a firmer position on the role which it can play in helping to facilitate Community Shared Ownership. We will of course stay in touch with the Committee on this issue, and will provide a written update in due course.