

Cragro  
North Tolsta  
Isle of Lewis

To whom it may concern,

Many apologies for my non-attendance but I am off island on family matters. I would like though to put my points forward.

- The project has had much less than reasonable consultation with the village population in both phase 1 and 2. A proper independent and non-biased consultation would be the best idea. This also needs to be transparent as much of the project has been carried on in quiet corners.
- The structure of the financial settlement needs to be re-addressed as the project affects the whole village - socially and financially – and into the future. Having more money is not necessarily better at the expense of social cohesion .
- The current plans are at odds with both the Scottish Government and the CNES own advice for proximity of turbines to houses.

I would like the minutes of meetings regarding this subject to be made available to the public.

Many thanks

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Eve and I will be unable to attend the meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> June as we are off island at that time.

However, that is not to say we have no interest in the meeting. Far from it. Rather than go into long and great detail of our concerns with this development, I have bullet-points below;

### **The process.**

\*The *process* for this development should be ethical, ecological, equitable and above all, totally transparent.

\*The development should be voted on by all residents in the village – not just those with a direct financial or political interest.

### **The Development**

- The development is too close to the village especially considering the size and numbers of the proposed turbines . They are currently inside the proximity to housing of the Scottish Government and CNES recommendations. This would/could be derogatory to the long-term benefit of the village and people's lives.
- *If* the development is to be on what is currently common grazings, then it should be de-crofted [*as has happened on other developments on the island*] so that the people of the community benefit equally and not some over others by virtue of historical factors.
- The impact on the wildlife should be further considered especially regarding the taller proposed turbines.
- The carbon balance of the development should be recalculated and the Scottish Government have their own website to enable this.

If these factors are taken into consideration we believe it is less likely to cause consternation in the village between the personally benefited and those who benefit solely through community income.

We welcome the input from the Community Council and look forward to any further communications from you in the future.

Yours Sincerely

Andrea Ingram & Evelyn Dunstan.

The block contains two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature on the left is 'Andrea Ingram' and the second signature on the right is 'Evelyn Dunstan'.

### **Addendum;**

**Remember that the financial incentives are paid for from subsidies. Those subsidies are paid for by us in our electricity bills. Effectively, the community is getting its own money back, minus a significant percentage to the landowner/tenants .**