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01	<p>I am writing to express my concerns in relation to the proposed Scottish Water access track at Miavaig, Uig, Isle of Lewis. 24/00283/PPD.</p> <p>I live in the nearest house directly below the chosen 2.5 m wide access track route and am in the best position to see the ground conditions in all weathers. A lot of water accumulated from higher ground following heavy rainfall flows down the sodden slope of the track's steepest part and requires three separate drains lower down to divert the water away from my house towards the shore.</p> <p>These changeable ground conditions mean the drainage of this steep slope in particular has to be given serious consideration I fear that the considerable excavating required to form this crisscrossing track could destabilise the steep terrain and cause a landslide of the peaty soil layer, gravel and any hidden boulders. leading to serious damage to the natural environment and probable flooding below.</p> <p>I'm not as a near neighbour against the Scottish Water access track My objections are confined to the excavations to the part of the track mentioned for the reasons given .and will remain until a professional survey rules out the possibility of a resulting landslide, I would like to see this issue resolved before commencement of any work.</p>
01A	<p>I wish to raise some concerns about the Scottish Water Access Track proposed at Miavaig, Uig. 24/00283/PPD.</p> <p>I've already raised concerns about the possibility of the required excavation work destabilising the steep hillside landscape directly above my home. Regretably, I've seen or heard nothing so far that fully allay such concerns.</p> <p>The 5m wide vehicular track (allowing for drainage channels ) will require excavating into the peaty rocky hillside and/or also substantial amount of retaining material presumably heavy stone boulders .This in itself would be a health C safety issue, during construction and possibly after, on such a steep incline with a dwelling house and public road directly below.</p> <p>Furthermore, the track will be a dominating imposition visible from all directions on the natural landscape of a small village.</p> <p>I don't express these concerns lightly and understand why Scottish Water wish for a shorter access than their present route to the Miavaig water tank. But it's not worth the sacrifice of the natural environment of what I'm often told by others is a scenic unspoilt waterfront village location.</p> <p>I would for the reasons stated maintain that CNES should refuse planning permission for the proposed Miavaig access track.</p> <p>PS : Everyone I've spoken to about Scottish Water's plans ,including those indirectly involved ,have said they would be of the same opinion and take the same action were they in a similar position in their home location.</p>
02	<p>Regarding Scottish Water seeking planning permission for an access track in Miavaig, I wish to object for the following reasons, there is an existing track leading from Erista and the proposed track will impact on the village landscape and the environment.</p>

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03	<p>As a resident of Miavaig, Isle of Lewis I wish to object to the above planning application. My reasons for objection are that it is unnecessary. There is already a track from Erista, Timsgrarry. Also the proposed track will have a huge impact on the landscape of the village.</p>
04	<p>I can appreciate the need for access to the water tank, and look forward to your sensible decision.</p> <p>My first thought is, "Absolutely not."</p> <p>Here are the many serious and meaningful reasons to deny this application and planning proposal:</p> <p>In my experience as a global, certified Permaculture Designer, since 2003, of regenerative food forest gardens, homes and a 40-home eco-development, on our 258-acre farming community, I stand with my neighbours in strongly suggesting that our beautiful Miavaig village hills and skyline be preserved as they are, and as they have been for centuries.</p> <p>We cherish and highly value our peaceful views, the wandering wildlife, our safety, our homes being preserved from destruction, our peace of mind, our well being and the stability of the wildlife corridor that is primarily made up of extremely large boulders atop steep, soggy peat and rocky ground on a severe incline. My home is in direct line of gravity at this location.</p> <p>Please find access from an area where no disturbances will be required.</p> <p>No road can be built in Miavaig, Uig without horrendous consequences, as listed here.</p> <p>Any excavations, disturbance or removal of stones and ground cover, as it is, and any addition of materials can alter the safety for residences below the proposed wide pavement. My home, my living room and bedroom are in direct line of any falling debris, boulders or even an avalanche of the entire hillside.</p> <p>Please consider the alternate and existing route from the other side, at Erista, where no historical homes, residents, and no peaceful village will be permanently altered for the worse, by your proposed road.</p> <p>Unseen, unimagined consequences include, and are not limited to:</p> <p>disastrous weather, beyond anything we have seen before, as witnessed across the earth now, causing deadly fires and flooding.</p> <p>We can confidently expect that we have no idea what the weather is going to bring in the near and distant future.</p> <p>I do not wish to find out with my home being dismantled by this lack of forethought or by anyone being killed here.</p> <p>When I say "absolutely not, I can offer that I am very cooperative in the face good ideas, and mutually beneficial proposals, which this is not.</p> <p>The beautiful, unspoiled views all around are crucial to all of our home here.</p> <p>Having a massive scar on the hills, weaving and winding across a beautiful mountain top valley</p>

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	<p>is cruel at best.</p> <p>The run-off, the added swiftness of the current of excessive rainfall could be a disaster and deadly to myself, and my dog, and my neighbors.</p> <p>Please reply with the relief and good sense to deny this proposal and alter it to a location that is fit for purpose, and not a potential threat to life and property, and the mental well being and peace of mind of residents and visitors of Miavaig, Uig and beyond.</p> <p>I am willing and available to be of support or to answer any questions, at any time.</p>
05	<p>Having only recently become aware of Planning Application - 24/00283/PPD, I have now read the application in full. The proposed track by Scottish Water has the potential to have a huge visual impact on the Miavaig area to the detriment of all who live around the proposal or indeed are visitors to the area.</p> <p>Within its application, Scottish Water have provided no evidence of the necessity of such a track, for example how often they require to access the site, what machinery is needed at the site during routine maintenance, what is the expected lifespan of the water tank or what consideration has been given to other solutions.</p> <p>In days gone by it was the case that not much consideration was given to where tracks such as Peat Roads were built or bulldozed and in a time where it was a necessity for people to access fuel to heat their homes that was understandable. In addition one can only imagine the beauty of the nearby Glen if it had never been quarried in the past.</p> <p>Uig is full of old access roads and disused infrastructure that sometimes scar the landscape or have been left to rot and we must be careful that we do not repeat the mistakes of the past.</p> <p>Undoubtedly the Uig area requires a reliable water supply but I would ask why Scottish Water are choosing to take the easiest but most visually detrimental approach in this case.</p> <p>I have recently walked the old road/ track that runs above the Glen from the west at Erista/ Timsgarry towards Miavaig and which passes within close proximity to the required Scottish Water site. This track is in poor condition and boggy at present but it is difficult to comprehend how it could not be upgraded to facilitate All Terrain access for Scottish Water to their required site at a potentially comparable cost. The original road/ track features on the old map on Scottish Waters application and an upgrade would have no visual detrimental impact to the area in the same way as the proposed track.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p>
06	<p>This proposal would have a negative effect on this area of outstanding natural beauty in the Bhaltos Peninsula and the effects will be visible from many vantage points.</p> <p>I take many visitors to the Uig area who are particularly interested in photographing the area of the Bhaltos - Miavaig circuit.</p> <p>There's also the risk of the excavation work causing instability due to the steep and frequently waterlogged slopes above Miavaig.</p> <p>It's not essential for Scottish Water to build this track in the first place when they already use another, longer but more stable route to the tank when required and have been doing so for many</p>

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	<p>years.</p> <p>I hope you will consider the above seriously.</p>
07	<p>I wish to object to this proposal.</p> <p>The stone aggregate constructed track will be 5 metres in width when allowing for drainage channels. An ugly, and highly visible scar on the hillside.</p> <p>It will start beside the main road in front of the old smithy ruin and rise diagonally up the slope until it reaches the route's steepest gradient and will then spiral up that very steep incline before continuing up to the tank.</p> <p>It doesn't require much imagination to predict the impact this proposal would have on the natural landscape at the head of West Loch Roag's route into the Bhalto Peninsula and whose effects will be visible from many vantage points.</p> <p>There is also the risk of the excavation work destabilising the steep and frequently waterlogged rocky, peaty ground above Miavaig.</p> <p>Is it worth all that very visible environmental upheaval and possible danger, when it's not a dire necessity for Scottish Water to build this track in the first place?</p> <p>They already use another, albeit longer, route to the tank if needed and have been doing so for the last 50+ years when they didn't have all the sophisticated all-terrain vehicles and technology they have available today.</p> <p>I respectfully suggest refusal of planning permissions for this unnecessary proposal for an ugly access road, when the site can already be easily accessed.</p>
08	<p>I would like to register my concerns vv the proposed access track at Miavaig.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Firstly, we were not informed of this proposal and found out purely by chance. All residents of Miavaig should have been informed.</li> <li>2) Why is this track needed? I understand there is another track that gives access to the water installation. Could this not be upgraded?</li> <li>3) The proposed track will form a very visible change to the landscape for ever, changing the hillside through extensive work to build it, potentially destabilising the hillside and will be in danger of erosion quite quickly from rainfall and water run off.</li> <li>4) It seems to be a considerable intrusion into the scenic aspect of Uig and Bhalto for something that will be used very few times per year.</li> <li>5) I understand from other residents that this water facility has been there for 50+ years using I assume the existing track. So why this radical and intrusive change?</li> </ol>

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09	<p>I should like to tender my opposition to this proposed development. I agree entirely with Mr Iain MacDonald's rejection of the planned route and of his assessment of the environmental impact.</p> <p>I live in Miavaig House which will directly overlook this road development and fear it will leave a substantial scar on the landscape much to the detriment of our view from the house.</p> <p>I am sure there are other routes possible which will not impact on the landscape or peoples view from their houses.</p> <p>Why not take the road from Erista where there is already a track out to the water tank and which will not impact on locals outlook.</p>
10	<p>I am writing on behalf of the Valtos Grazings Committee, to place an objection to the above planning application by Scottish Water for an access track at Miavaig, Uig, Isle of Lewis. We have not been approached or formally contacted in any way about this proposal and this track will go across our common grazings land. We are concerned about the impact on our grazing; the structure and steepness of the track; the strong potential for run-off water and road surfacing going onto the main road below. Please let me know if you require anything further and can you please acknowledge receipt of this objection?</p>
10A	<p>I refer to my recent email, dated 14th February, regarding the Formation of the Access Track by Scottish Water at Miavaig, Uig, 24/00283/PPD, and must offer our apologies and amend one of the points we made that the Grazings Committee were in fact, informed by letter, to our Clerk about this proposal. We would confirm that we are still all unanimous in our objection to the current proposed area for the track but would be very happy to meet with Scottish Water to discuss alternatives.</p>