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Subject: Archaeological Response: 24/00123/PPW – Wind Farm, Ceann an Ora, Ardhasaig. Isle of Harris

Dear Iain,
Archaeological Response: 24/00123/PPW – Wind Farm, Ceann an Ora, Ardhasaig. Isle of Harris

Thank you for consulting the Archaeology Service. This application proposes to replace three existing wind turbines of 46m with three proposed turbines of 86m height. The site is located in an elevated position adjacent to a small narrow valley; the overall environment of the area comprises of thin peat cover over glacial till and numerous rock outcrops. In terms of the elements, it is an exposed site. The overall landscape is part of the Harris hills that rise from the coast, the site in general terms is enclosed on three sides by large steep sided rocky hillsides.

Pre application discussions determined that archaeological mitigation for the existing site had been carried out previously and that the any new works required, would be unlikely to encounter any unknown archaeological deposits. The potential for indirect impact on known archaeological sites was considered to be low / negligible. For these reasons Cultural Heritage & Archaeology were screened out of the EIA report.

The ZTV study identifies that the visual impact will be contained within a relatively narrow corridor that arcs from the West through to the Southwest. All three proposed turbines will be visible from some important sites on Taransay and Toe Head; however, the distances involved are at 12km and beyond. Given the distances involved and the fact that the proposed turbines when viewed towards the East through to the Northeast will be screened by the larger hills behind them, it is considered that negative visual impact on the archaeological or historic resource is negligible.

Please be advised that this Archaeology Service does not recommend any archaeological mitigation regarding this application.

Regards

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