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DATE
13th March 2026

SUBJECT
Ceislein Wind Farm

REFERENCE
ECU00005174

Dear Debbie Flaherty,

APPLICATION FOR CONSENT UNDER SECTION 36 OF THE ELECTRICITY ACT 1989 AND DIRECTION FOR DEEMED PLANNING PERMISSION UNDER SECTION 57 OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE CEISLEIN WIND FARM INCLUDING BATTERY STORAGE AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE (ECU00005174)

RWE Renewables UK Onshore Wind Ltd (company registration number 03758407, with its Registered Office at Windmill Hill Business Park, Whitehill Way, Swindon, Wiltshire SN5 6PB) ('the Applicant') is pleased to submit an application for consent to the Scottish Ministers under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 together with a direction that planning permission is deemed to be granted under section 57(2) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (the 'Section 36 Application') to construct, operate and decommission Ceislein Wind Farm ('the Proposed Development').

The Proposed Development will comprise up to 11 wind turbines, eight with a blade tip height of up to 250 meters (m) and three with a blade tip height of up to 200 m, a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) and associated infrastructure for an operational period of up to 40 years. The Proposed Development is located at British National Grid (BNG) Reference NH 580 709 on the Novar Estate approximately 3.5 km west of Alness, and 8 km northeast of Dingwall, in the Scottish Highlands (the Site). The Site footprint is approximately 1,770 hectares (ha). The Site lies wholly within the administrative area of The Highland Council ('the Council'). A map (Figure 1.1) showing the land to which the Section 36 Application relates is provided at the end of this letter.

Application Documents

This Section 36 Application is accompanied by the following documents:

- Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIA Report):
  - Volume 1 – EIA Report Non-Technical Summary;
  - Volume 2 – EIA Main Report;
  - Volume 3a – Figures (excluding Landscape and Visual Figures);
  - Volume 3b – Landscape and Visual Figures;
  - Volume 3c – Visualisations;

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  - Volume 4 – Technical Appendices; and
  - Volume 5 – Confidential Documents.
- Planning Statement;
- Design and Access Statement;
- Pre-Application Consultation Report;
- Socio Economic Statement;
- A Report to Inform an Appropriate Assessment (RIAA);
- Marine Scotland's Checklist; and
- Planning Drawings (Included within EIA Report Volume 3a):
  - Figure 1.1: Site Location Plan;
  - Figure 3.1: Indicative Site Layout;
  - Figure 3.2: Indicative Turbine Elevation (a+b);
  - Figure 3.3: Indicative Foundation Design;
  - Figure 3.4: Indicative Crane Hardstanding;
  - Figure 3.5: Indicative Cable Trench Detail;
  - Figure 3.6: Indicative Temporary Construction Compounds;
  - Figure 3.7: Indicative Substation Compound Layout;
  - Figure 3.8: Indicative Battery Compound Layout;
  - Figure 3.9: Indicative DNO Building & Control Building Elevations;
  - Figure 3.10: Indicative BESS Elevation;
  - Figure 3.11: Indicative Access Track;
  - Figure 3.12: Indicative Culvert Detail;
  - Figure 3.13: Indicative Met Mast; and
  - Figure 3.14: Indicative Borrow Pit Layouts (Sheets 1-5).

Please note that redacted versions of the documents within Volume 5 – Confidential Documents have been made available online and at the public viewing locations detailed below. Full versions of these confidential documents have been issued separately to the relevant consultees for consideration.

Digital copies of the EIA Report and supporting documentation are available for public inspection, free of charge, in the following locations:

- Energy Consents Unit (ECU) Portal: https://www.energyconsents.scot/; and
- Ceislein Project website at www.rwe.com/ceislein

A copy of the Section 36 Application, with a plan showing the land to which it relates, together with a copy of the EIA Report discussing the Applicant's proposals in more detail and presenting an analysis of the environmental implications, are available for public inspection in person, free of charge, during normal office hours at:

Location	Opening hours	Address
Ardross Community Centre	By appointment only, contact: secretary@ardross.org	Ardross Community Centre Ardross Ross-shire IV17 0XW
Alness Library	Monday to Thursday 08:00 – 22:00 Friday 08:00 – 21:00 Saturday 09:00 – 14:00 Sunday 09:00 – 15:00	Averon Leisure Centre & Library High St Alness IV17 0QB
Cornerstone Café	Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday only: 10:00 – 14:00	16 Balconie St Evanton Dingwall IV16 9UN

A copy of the application will also be provided to the Highland Council, as the lead planning authority, in accordance with the Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017.

Hard copies of the Non-Technical Summary (NTS) are available free of charge upon request, and the full EIA Report can be provided for £1,500 per hard copy. To request a copy of the Section 36 Application, please contact RWE at www.rwe.com/Ceislein.

The Applicant has arranged for the public notice to be advertised providing notification of the submission of an application for consent in accordance with the requirements of the Electricity (Applications for Consent) Regulations 1990 and the Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017.

Copies of the notices will be provided to the ECU and posted on the Applicant's website www.rwe.com/Ceislein.

The adverts will be placed in the following papers:

- The Herald;
- The Edinburgh Gazette;
- The Press & Journal for 2 consecutive weeks; and
- The Northern Times and The Ross Shire Journal for 2 consecutive weeks.

The close of consultation for the Section 36 Application will be noted in the advert.

The required fee payment of £216,000 has been made for this application, and the ECU has acknowledged receipt of this payment via email.

I trust the information that we have provided is sufficient to enable you to commence consideration of the Section 36 Application. I would be grateful if you could confirm receipt and validation of the Section 36 Application by email.

Please do not hesitate to get in contact if you have any queries or require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

Eleanor Barton

Managing Consultant

Site Boundary

Site Location

SCOTLAND

Edinburgh

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Figure 1.1
Site Location Plan
Ceislein Wind Farm
Environmental Impact Assessment

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PROJECTION: British National Grid

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