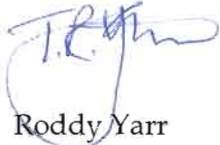


I hope this is helpful and that I have explained our position in relation to the matters you raised. Don't hesitate to contact me if I can be of any further assistance.

Yours sincerely



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We are also liaising with Scottish Natural Heritage, the British Trust for Ornithology and Fife Council's Biological Records Centre on this survey. Wherever possible, for this survey, we intend to use local and professionally qualified experts to carry out the work and to include staff from the University.

2. Wind Monitoring

It is the University's intention to apply for planning permission to install a suitably sized wind monitoring mast at Kenly Farm. Wind monitoring data that includes the wind speed and direction is necessary in order to inform the decision on the size of turbine(s) that may be developed. It is likely that the monitoring mast would be in the order of at least 50m to 60m high to enable wind measurements to be taken at a range of heights. It would be a temporary structure that would be in place for between 12 and 24 months, depending on the results obtained.

Ongoing Community Consultation

As you are aware, we have made a start in talking to the community by visiting those people who live and work adjacent to or at Kenly Farm. Given the feedback to what we realise is a limited but important start to our discussions with the community, it seems to us that issues like machine numbers, location, heights, potential income and the uses of renewable energy are all aspects that members of the local community would want to be aware of and be able to have input to as early as possible. We are therefore still keen to discuss these and related aspects with the local community to help to obtain feedback and to help shape future plans and designs.

It remains our view that if we were to strictly follow the existing planning process, it is possible that formal consultation could simply involve being invited by the planning authority to comment on a set of finalised proposals. That is why we think it so important that long before we consider formal planning permission for any development, we give the community the opportunity to influence the size, scale, look, outputs and potential community benefits of any scheme.

In order to facilitate and start this discussion of scale, look and so on, I would therefore be grateful if you would assist us by communicating the contents of this letter to the members of the Community Council and also by posting it on your website and if possible, on the village noticeboard. The University continues to be enthusiastic about ongoing consultation with the community and we are able to come and meet with you at short notice. If you prefer, an open forum meeting might also enable more community members to ask questions and to discuss what could be a very exciting development. I would welcome your views on this as a future consultative approach. The University would be happy to help organise a venue for this. A similar letter will be sent to those who we have been in contact with and including Kingsbarns Community Council

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For the attention of Louise Roger, Secretary

Dear Louise

WIND SCOPING STUDY AND MONITORING AT KENLY FARM

Thank you for your letter of 10th June to which I am now able to reply. We have taken account of your request to work up our proposals in more detail and there are two areas of work that we intend to progress. The first of these is a scoping study and the second is the erection of a wind monitoring mast. I would also like to reinforce that the University remains very open to community involvement in this proposed development and I will comment further on this at the end of the letter.

1. Scoping Study Work

We need to address the wide range of issues that a wind development raises in the form of a 'scoping study', a key part of the planning process. There are many aspects that will need to be considered and one might consider a top 5 list as immediately including:

1. Landscape and visual impact
2. Ecology and ornithology
3. Socio-Economic Implications – tourism and employment aspects
4. Aircraft Safeguarding – commercial and military activity
5. Noise and Vibration

As a first step the University intends to commence work on the ecology and ornithological studies in autumn 2008. This work will start to inform our knowledge and also helps us to fulfil our statutory requirement to understand the biodiversity of University-owned land under the Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004. The survey work will require ecologists and other experts to visit the land at Kenly Farm in order to conduct the survey and record the results. This result will be made freely available to the general public.