

WIN-270-10 PROPOSED GOLTICLAY WIND FARM

INQUIRY TIMETABLE

The inquiry, including the evening session, will take place in the Mackay Hotel, Wick.

The reporter will start the inquiry at 10 am on Monday 8 October. He proposes that the inquiry will run from 10 am to about 4.30 pm every day from Monday to Wednesday, with a break for lunch at a convenient point around 1 pm. There is likely to be one break in the inquiry in each of the morning and afternoon sessions. On Thursday the inquiry will run from 10 am to about 1 pm, if there is still business remaining from the previous day to deal with. On that day, there will be no session in the afternoon, if it can be avoided. There will be an evening session, from 7 pm to 9 pm.

For the site inspection on Friday, the reporter would like to commence at 10 am from the Village Hall at Lybster. It will proceed according to the itinerary agreed between the applicant and council. The itinerary is attached. It may be possible, within reason, to vary the itinerary, if others request it.

With the exception of the start-time for the inquiry and the times of the evening session, this timetable is approximate. Exact times will depend upon progress of inquiry business.

The order of the inquiry will be as follows:

Monday, Tuesday:

- Landscape and visual inquiry session
 - Applicant's evidence
 - Council's evidence

Wednesday:

- Completion of landscape and visual inquiry session
- Hearing on residential visual amenity
 - Applicant and Mrs Bowd / Mrs Cowin to take part
- Hearing on environmental effects of works to the C1053
 - Applicant and representative of RAW to take part
- Hearing on planning policy
 - Applicant and council to take part
- Hearing on conditions and planning obligations
 - Applicant, council and Forestry Commission Scotland to take part

Thursday

Morning

- Completion of any business from Wednesday – aiming for finish by 1 pm.

Evening (7 pm to 9 pm)

- Evening session

Friday

- Site inspection

Evening session

The evening session on Thursday 11 October is an opportunity for individuals to make statements in support of written representations they have previously made on the windfarm proposal.

The following rules will apply in the evening session:

- Speakers may speak to issues they raised in their previous written representations. They may not raise new issues.
- The evening session is not an opportunity to produce new evidence of a technical nature (for instance on noise, traffic, birds or other wildlife). Any such technical evidence is dealt with in the daytime sessions on specific topics.
- Speakers will get only one opportunity to speak, and should be brief: as a guideline, no more than five minutes.
- The reporter will not allow cross-examination of those making statements. However, it is possible he may have questions for them himself.
- It would be helpful if those giving a statement could provide a written copy to the reporter.

The reporter would be grateful if anyone who would like to speak in this session could, if possible, **let the DPEA case officer, Jane Robertson, know by Thursday 4 October** (email Jane.Robertson@gov.scot, tel. 03002446668).