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Purple Renewables
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Our ref: NA-PAK-020
Planning Authority Reference: 18/01656/FLL
12 November 2020

Dear [REDACTED]

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997
THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (NEIGHBOURING PLANNING AUTHORITIES
AND HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT SCOTLAND) DIRECTION 2015
ERECTION OF A WIND TURBINE AND ANCILLARY EQUIPMENT AT AVIVA UK
INSURANCE BUILDING (FORMER GENERAL ACCIDENT FIRE AND LIFE ASSURANCE
CORPORATION HEADQUARTERS), PITHEAVLIS, PERTH**

1. This letter contains Scottish Ministers' decision on the above application submitted to Perth and Kinross Council by Purple Renewables on behalf of Aviva Ltd. The application was called in for Scottish Ministers' determination on 21 January 2020.
2. The application was considered by means of written submissions and an accompanied site inspection, which took place on 10 March 2020, conducted by [REDACTED] BSc (Hons) MRTPI, a reporter appointed for that purpose. A copy of the reporter's report is enclosed.

Consideration by the Reporter

3. The reporter's conclusions and recommendations are set out in Chapters 5 and 6 of the reporter's report. The reporter recommended that planning permission be refused.

Scottish Ministers' Decision

4. Scottish Ministers have carefully considered the report. They agree with the reporter's overall conclusions and recommendation that planning permission should be refused and adopt their reasoning for the purpose of their own decision, which is summarised below:

5. Scottish Ministers agree with the reporter and conclude that the proposed development is contrary to the development plan, Scottish Planning Policy and the guidance and policies of Historic Environment Scotland. Ministers also accept the reporter's conclusion that the proposal would have a detrimental effect on the setting of the listed building that cannot be mitigated and that the potential benefits in relation to climate change are not sufficient to outweigh the adverse impact of the development on the listed building.

6. Accordingly, for the reasons set out in the reporter's report and as summarised above, Scottish Ministers hereby refuse planning permission for the erection of a wind turbine and ancillary equipment at Aviva UK insurance building (former General Accident fire and life assurance corporation headquarters), Pitheavlis, Perth.

7. This decision of Scottish Ministers is final, subject to the right conferred by Sections 237 and 239 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 of any person aggrieved by the decision to apply to the Court of Session within 6 weeks of the date of this letter. If such an appeal is made, the Court may quash the decision if satisfied that it is not within the powers of the Act, or that the appellant's interests have been substantially prejudiced by a failure to comply with any requirements of the Act, or of the Tribunals and Inquiries Act 1992, or any orders, regulations or rules made under these Acts.

8. A copy of this letter and the report has been sent to Perth and Kinross Council, Historic Environment Scotland and those parties who lodged representations.

Yours sincerely

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