

Mr Andrew Mackay  
Chair of Lairg Community Council  
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7th September 2018

### **Strath Tirry Wind Farm - Local Infrastructure Fund**

Dear Mr Mackay,

Following on from our meeting on 25th July, I am writing to you in connection with the development proposed by REG Windpower for Strath Tirry woodland. My partner and I would like to reconfirm our commitment to match the equivalent of one year's community benefit funding offered by REG Windpower when a planning application for the wind farm be approved.

I am fully supportive of REG Windpower's proposal. In addition, I would like to make an offer in my capacity as landowner and as a future resident of your community. This money is not to replicate what is being provided by REG, instead, we would like to commit to a donating towards a Local Infrastructure Fund for the benefit of the immediate environment around the land and wind farm.

REG Windpower has offered a Community Benefit Fund of £5,000 per MW of installed capacity. Based on current predicted capacity of no less than 10 MW and no more than 16 MW this would translate into a fund of between £50,000 and £80,000. I would make that fund available in the first 6 years of the operational life of the project, with 25% available in the initial year and 15% available in each of the further 5 years.

Our offer is over and above the REG Windpower commitment. At our meeting with the Lairg and District Community Initiative, we discussed that predominantly, we would like to see this fund benefit the immediate local residents in Blairbuie and wider Shinness area. We would like to see this donation spent on improvements to local homes to protect residential amenity, improve local infrastructure in the immediate local area and support the local economic development activities. It was suggested that one immediate project could be to extend the 4G connectivity that is now available in Lairg village to the Shinness and Blairbuie. This project has been costed at around £10,000 to deliver.

I would like to discuss these local infrastructure investments with community councillors, neighbours, and the Lairg and District Community Initiatives. I will be back in the area on Thursday 13th September to facilitate a site visit to Lairg, Achany and Rosehall wind farms for local residents. The arrangements of this are as follows:

#### **Thursday 13th September 2018**

10:00am - Collect residents from Blairbuie  
10:15am - Collect members of Lairg and District Community Initiatives  
10:30am - 12:30pm - Visit Lairg, Achany and Rosehall wind farms  
1:00pm - Return to Blairbuie

If you are agreeable, we would like to arrange a follow up meeting with yourself to discuss this proposal. Please let me know if you are available.

I hope you will accept this proposal in the community minded spirit in which it is offered. If you have any queries, please feel free to contact Iona Lamont on 0141 212 7222 or at [iona.lamont@invictapa.co.uk](mailto:iona.lamont@invictapa.co.uk).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Paul Adkins', written in a cursive style.

Paul Adkins