

**Email exchanges between Wind turbine noise victims and Scottish Government.**

**Note: Application refused by Local Planning Authority but consented by Ministers on the Recommendation of 2 Reporters.**

**From:** David.Reekie@gov.scot  
**Date:** 7 February 2022 at 08:16:27 GMT  
**To:** Chief.Planner@gov.scot,  
**Subject:** RE: C - Wind farm -

Dear Ms McArthur

Thank you for your e-mail regarding a windfarm at -----

While I appreciate your concerns at the impact of the wind farm in relation to noise and flicker, I regret that this is not a matter in which the Scottish Government or the Scottish Ministers can intervene.

As I understand it, the wind farm has planning permission and is now operational. As such the planning permission cannot now be withdrawn or modified.

Where the operation of the wind farm breaches any conditions imposed on it through the planning consent, it would be for the relevant planning authority to consider the matter and if the authority consider that the operations are in breach of conditions, they have a range of enforcement powers at their disposal to mitigate the impact of the breach and resolve the matter. It would be for the planning authority to consider any individual case and to take whatever action they considered appropriate.

Regardless of any conditions, the grant of planning permission does not confer any right to ignore, or remove any responsibility to comply with, other legislation, such as noise and statutory nuisance legislation. Again this would be a matter for the relevant local authority to consider and for the environmental health department of that authority to take action if there was determined to be a breach of environmental legislation.

While I appreciate that this will not be the answer you would have hoped for, I trust it explains the Scottish government position.

Kind regards

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 27 January 2022 at 15:28:58 GMT  
**To:** sgcomplaints@gov.scot  
**Subject:** Wind farm

Tor the attention of  
Directorate for local government and communities planning and architecture division

Dear sir

I am writing with reference to [REDACTED] windfarm [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] farm and steading is approximately 900 metres from the nearest 3turbines. There are five residential properties on the farm and I speak for all residents with the following complaints regarding the situation of [REDACTED] windfarm.

Only now that the windfarm is up and running can we see what the real effect on our homes and place of work and day to day lives is. First and foremost is the excessive noise generated by these turbines most of the time they have been running . We are all having severe sleep problems and unless it can be remedied very soon we cannot continue living at [REDACTED] Farm which I should add has been in the family ownership since the late 1940's and never in my life did I dream that we could possibly be subjected to such horror as could make us consider selling up and moving , which brings me to the point of dramatic de-valuation of our property by this development.

We also have an issue with serious blade flicker which I believe and hope can be rectified by [REDACTED] . This point was made by us when the reporters were here at [REDACTED] but cannot have merited their consideration. The sun most of the winter passes low above the hill directly behind the turbines and at least 10 of these create blade flicker which affects us here at the farm. Lastly the visual impact has to be seen to be believed. The photomontage we were led to believe was genuine looked nothing like the real thing.

Finally I should repeat what was told to the reporters that one of our grandchildren living here at [REDACTED] has severe Autism and the effect on her is very damaging to herself and causing great distress to her whole family.

My daughter who lives on the farm suffers from MS and suffers severe headaches and loss of co-ordination when subjected to prolonged blade flicker

We have had discussions with [REDACTED] (operator) regarding all the points and they have installed a sound monitor at one of the dwellings and

we are at present trying to find an independent firm who would install same to give a genuine picture.

I send you this in an official capacity and assure you that these are the views of all residents here at [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]