

Suggested Decommissioning Bond Wording

(extracted from Tom nan Clach Wind Farm planning conditions/Appeal Reference PPA-270-2150 (28/10/16))

3. No development shall start on site until evidence of a bond or other financial provision to cover all decommissioning and site restoration costs is in place has been submitted to and agreed by the planning authority. Such agreed bond, or other such provision, shall be maintained throughout the duration of the development but will be subject to five yearly review in consultation with the planning authority.

Reason: To safeguard the proper restoration of the site.

4. No development shall commence until a draft Decommissioning and Restoration Plan (DRP) for the site has been submitted to, and approved in writing by, the planning authority in consultation with SNH and SEPA. Thereafter: i. No later than 3 years prior to the decommissioning of the development, the draft DRP shall be reviewed by the Wind Farm Operator and a copy submitted to the planning authority for their written approval, in consultation with SNH and SEPA; and ii. No later than 12 months prior to the decommissioning of the development, a detailed DRP, based upon the principles of the approved draft plan, shall be submitted to, and approved in writing by, the planning authority, in consultation with SNH and SEPA. For the avoidance of doubt, unless otherwise stated within this decision notice, the DRP shall include the removal of all above-ground elements of the development, all new access tracks, the treatment of disturbed ground surfaces, management and timing of the works, environmental management provisions and a traffic management plan to address any traffic impact issues during the decommissioning period. The detailed DRP shall be implemented as approved.

Reason: To ensure the decommissioning and removal of the development in an appropriate and environmentally acceptable manner and the restoration of the site, in the interests of safety, amenity and environmental protection