



**NATURAL ENGLAND'S RESPONSE TO SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED FROM APPLICANT/AGENT SUBSEQUENT TO WRITING OF COMMITTEE REPORT**

1. Impacts on blanket bog

Paul Thomas and Ruth Benson from Natural England had a useful meeting with Coronation Power's ecologist and hydrologist on 15th November, but there has been insufficient time, following receipt of the additional information from the developer which you have forwarded recently, for Natural England to fully consider any response to this or to seek advice from national specialists. Our previous advice therefore still stands.

The letter from Dulas of 20th November indicates that they are gathering information about the effectiveness of the floating tracks. We haven't received this information - have the local authority?

2. Carbon budget

The figures given are said to be based on SNH guidance but there is insufficient information to show exactly how this was applied to the present scheme.

3. Landscape and visual

The reduced size of turbine (from 125 to 110 m) will reduce the visual impact slightly. There is no information on the implications e.g. reduced ZTV, closer spacing, shorter access track.

On balance, as there has not been a realistic timescale for the developer to submit a coherent amended scheme, or for us to fully consider it, we do not feel we are in a position to make any further response which could affect the outcome of the planning application. We would be happy to discuss a modified scheme in advance of any future resubmission.

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