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ECU Ref: ECU00003426

**Additional information to support an application for consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 and direction for deemed planning permission under Section 57(2) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, as amended (ECU case reference: ECU00003426) to construct and operate the Millmoor Rig Wind Farm in the Scottish Borders Council (SBC) Area.**

Dear Mr Abernathy,

Please find enclosed supplementary information provided to support an application for consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act (1989) and deemed planning permission for the proposed Millmoor Rig Wind Farm. The application is made by ESB Asset Development UK Limited (the Applicant).

The Applicant is applying to construct and operate, a renewable energy development, known as Millmoor Rig Wind Farm, located at Wauchope Forest, south of Bonchester Bridge in the Scottish Borders (central grid reference 362640 606752). The site is currently comprised of commercial forestry, is privately owned and covers an area of approximately 922 ha. It is proposed that up to 13 turbines will be constructed, five with a maximum tip height of 180 metres (m), two with a maximum tip height of 200 m, four with a maximum tip height of 210 m and two with a maximum tip height of 230 m. The individual turbine generating capacity is anticipated to be approximately 6 Megawatts (MW), with the total installed capacity for the Proposed Development of approximately 78 MW. The application also includes an indicative system of approximately 20 MW of proposed battery energy storage (BESS).

The Proposed Development is anticipated to have an operational life of 35 years.

RSK are acting as the agent and lead consultant for this application and hereby submit this application to the Scottish Ministers on behalf of the Applicant.

#### Changes to Millmoor Rig Windfarm

Previously, it was proposed to reuse the existing crossing at Carter Burn for access to site. Following consultation with Historic Environment Scotland (HES), the Applicant have realigned the site access at the Carter Burn crossing in order to go around and avoid the potential for direct impacts on a Scheduled



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Monument. Further detailed design of the watercourse crossing at the Black Burn has resulted in a new layout. Turbines T9 and T11 have been moved in order to address comments from HES and SBC. Turbine T13 has subsequently moved maintain appropriate turbine spacing. The changes to these turbine locations has resulted in the requirement for one less lit turbine (five compared to six previously), as agreed with the Civil Aviation Authority. These changes have also resulted in minor amendments to the ancillary infrastructure layout. The Applicant have also increased their proposals for biodiversity enhancement and habitat management in response to the greater requirement under National Planning Framework 4 Policy 4.

#### Additional Community Engagement

The Applicant held an additional public event at Southdean Village Hall on 11 June 2025. This event was to present the revised proposals and provide an opportunity to ask representatives of the Applicant questions about the project.

#### Additional Information

Although the submission of the additional information is voluntary, it has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 19 of Part 6 Additional Information of the Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 ('the EIA Regulations').

A Further Environmental Information (FEI) Report has been prepared to provide additional baseline data and report on likely significant environmental effects following design changes to the proposed Development and should be read as an addendum to the EIA Report. The FEI Report allows for comprehensive consideration of environmental matters related to construction, operation and decommissioning of the now revised Proposed Development. The FEI Report includes three volumes: Volume 1 – Main Text, Volume 2 – Figures and Visualisations, and Volume 3 – Technical Appendices. A standalone Planning Statement has also been prepared.

#### Advertisement

RSK has arranged for a Public Notice, which was approved by the ECU, to be advertised providing notification of the submission of an application for consent in accordance with the requirements of the Electricity Act (Applications for Consent) Regulations 1990 (as amended) and the Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017. Copies of the notices will be provided to the ECU once advertised.

The newspaper adverts will be published as follows:

- The Edinburgh Gazette – 24<sup>th</sup> September 2025;
- The Southern Reporter – 25<sup>th</sup> September 2025;
- Border Telegraph – 24<sup>th</sup> September 2025; and,
- Hawick Paper – 26<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

The closing date for responses to the advertisements is **27th October 2025**.

Application Documents

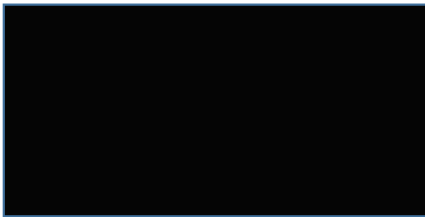
The additional information has been uploaded to the ECU's Portal ([www.energyconsents.scot](http://www.energyconsents.scot)) and the application webpage (<https://www.esbenergy.co.uk/millmoor-rig-wind-farm>).

I trust the information provided and set out above is sufficient for you to validate and commence consideration of the application. I would be grateful if you could confirm receipt and validation of the application by email.

Please do not hesitate to get in contact with me if you have any queries or require any further information

Yours sincerely,

**For RSK Environment Limited**



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