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Dear Mr Hiscox

APPLICATION 13/00789/FUL (revised scheme)
PROPOSED WINDY EDGE WIND FARM

OBJECTION

The Association for the Protection of Rural Scotland objects to the above application, on the grounds that the proposed development:

- Would be located in an area identified as having moderate constraints in Scottish Borders Council's Wind Energy Supplementary Planning Guidance Spatial Strategy map;
- Would generate significant adverse impacts on the landscape setting of and approach to Hermitage Castle, a Scheduled Ancient Monument and A-listed building;
- Would damage the valued qualities of wildness widely present in the area, in particular due to the sheer size of the proposed turbines and access roads;
- Risks damaging the integrity of the internationally significant Langholm Special Protection Area and in particular its important hen harrier population;
- Would generate damaging levels of heavy traffic on a local road network largely unsuited to this purpose, including narrow, single-track roads and hump-backed bridges;
- Would generate unknown additional levels of environmental impact arising from the inevitable electricity transmission grid connection, details of which have not been provided.

Please contact me if you feel that I could provide any additional information or clarification. Please keep me informed of any further developments relating to this application.

Yours sincerely

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Director