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Longmuir Energy Park consultation feedback from Lauderdale Community Council

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Feedback following the second round of consultation on the Longmuir Energy and Biodiversity project.

Lauderdale Community Council would like to raise the following main points, following the second round of community consultation. We are keen to maintain ongoing dialogue regarding these and other points. In particular we would appreciate the sharing of any relevant information as it becomes available rather than having to wait until any ECU submission, in order to mitigate the concentration of time and effort involved once an ECU response deadline is in effect.

1. Biodiversity. The biodiversity enhancement plans shared during the consultation phase have caused concern to those familiar with the area. Whilst we recognise that your published consultation plans indicate that the biodiversity proposals "will be reviewed and refined as the project progresses and new environmental data is gathered", the indication that Longmuir Moss requires "restoration and enhancement" suggests that no expert opinion has been sought with regard to the existing state of this valley mire, which we believe to be in an excellent and largely unspoiled state. These concerns have been shared with the project team by members of the community and the community council, and the impression is being given by the developer that the concerns are now being taken seriously. We look forward to hearing details of refined proposals regarding preservation of this rare natural habitat. We are concerned that Longmuir Moss now has wind turbines planned on both the west and east sides, whereas previously they were just on the west side. We would like to hear details of measures that will be taken to mitigate any damage to Longmuir Moss that could result from the erection of these turbines.

2. Community Benefit. We have indicated that we expect to be involved in discussions regarding community benefit. We are aware that the development team has already engaged in discussions with other community representative bodies in the area. We noted your proposal to favour cheap electricity within a 7km radius over community benefit, on the basis that Stow and Oxtun already benefit from considerable community benefit funds. This proposal would exclude Lauderdale from cheaper electricity. We would also draw your attention to the fact that Lauderdale currently has access to no community benefit funds.

3. The community council has a list of questions for the developer, which was prepared in advance of the developer's presentation at the CC meeting in March 2026. The questions which had not been addressed were sent to the developer, as agreed at the CC meeting. No response has been received, either to the email or the outstanding questions. These questions are attached again, and we would welcome replies to some or all of them.

Jane Elliott (Vice Chair LCC)
On behalf of Lauderdale Community Council

cc LCC Chair, LCC Secretary, LCC Energy Sub Group, SBC Ward councillors

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