

LANDSCAPE INSTITUTE TECHNICAL AND PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEE

RESPONSE TO ALAN MACDONALD'S REVIEW OF THE SCOTTISH NATURAL HERITAGE DOCUMENT VISUAL REPRESENTATION OF WIND FARMS 2014

The Landscape Institute (LI) notes Alan Macdonald's Review of the SNH Visual Representation of Wind Farms 2014 (SNH 2014) and the views expressed in this self published document.

The LI is satisfied that the guidance given in SNH 2014 is fit for purpose and refutes the claim, made by Alan MacDonald, that:

*"...the planning system is being dictated to by a small group of landscape consultants working in conjunction with SNH and the windfarm industry who clearly have got things seriously wrong in the past and continue to be involved directly or indirectly in the process. **They have simply developed another way of misleading the wider audience through Local Authority ePlanning portals.**"* (Extract from Conclusion page 24 paragraph 3 of Alan Macdonald's Review October 2015)

The LI has endorsed SNH 2014 for use in Scotland and the rest of the UK subject to SNH's two caveats (SNH 2014 paragraphs 6 and 7).

LI Advice Note 1/11 Photography and Photomontage in Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment remains current and having endorsed SNH 2014 the LI continues to advise members to follow this where applicable in preference to any other guidance or methodology (Advice Note 1/11 Section 2 Current Guidance paragraph 2).

LI Technical Committee is currently producing guidance on Proportionality in Visualisation and is about to undertake a review of LI Advice Note 1/11. These documents will be published in 2016 and will be informed by relevant sources of information and guidance regarding photography and visualisation.

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