

5 PROPOSED WIND TURBINE AT SMEATON ROAD, WESTER GOURDIE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, DUNDEE (AN14-2009)

On 25th November 2008 R D Energy Solutions made a formal request to the Council for a Screening Opinion under the terms of Regulation 5 of the Environmental Impact Assessment (Scotland) Regulations 1999 (as amended). The request has been made on behalf of Dundee Cold Stores Ltd who are proposing to submit a planning application for the development of a medium scale wind turbine on their site on Smeaton Road, Wester Gourdie Industrial Estate, Dundee.

At this stage, it is proposed to install a medium scale wind turbine on an area of ground adjacent to the main Dundee Cold Stores Warehouse to the east of Smeaton Road. A specific type of turbine has not been selected at this stage but it is expected to range from approximately 66 metres from ground to blade tip to approximately 91 metres from ground to blade tip depending on the type and brand chosen.

R D Energy Solutions have submitted an Environmental Study Report in order to assist the Council in the formation of their Screening Opinion. Members will already have had access to this report.

The report describes the proposed development and outlines a range of environmental issues which the proposed development is likely to raise.

This request for a Screening Opinion has been assessed in terms of the Regulations including Schedule 3 to the Regulations and the advice offered by the Scottish Government in Circular 8/2007. On the basis of the information submitted it has been concluded that the proposal is not likely to give rise to significant environmental effects. Accordingly, it is considered that the submission of a formal Environmental Statement is not required in this case and in respect of the proposed development outlined in the submitted study. The Regulations provide that if the party making the request for the Screening Opinion is not satisfied, they may seek a Direction from the Scottish Ministers. Such a Direction may support or alter the local authorities opinion.

In conclusion it is recommended that the Committee remits the Director of Planning and Transportation to issue a Screening Opinion to R D Energy Solutions in the above terms and based on the Director's assessment of the proposals..