

**PE1469/J**

Petitioner Email of 9 December 2013

Dear Committee Members

I am grateful to have the opportunity to make this final submission in support of my petition and to the committee for their consideration.

I was initially asked by the Committee if I could refer to any good practice elsewhere that would underpin my belief that the present neighbour notification criteria is not fit for purpose where wind turbine development is concerned. None was available at the time.

However Westminster has recently introduced legislation details which go very much further than the reasonable amendment to criteria that I seek - to notify the 10 nearest neighbours to a wind turbine development of any scale.

You will have seen Falkirk Council's comment and while we are aware that COSLA take the view that the present neighbour notification is proportionate I do not know if that view is based on consultation across all local planning authority areas or if Heads of Planning has been consulted.

I consider that the matter is so simple to grasp and so reasonable that to deliberate further is a waste of the Scottish Parliament's time and in the meantime revised guidance should be issued forthwith pending secondary legislation.

Best wishes,

Aileen Jackson

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/wind-turbine-proposals-to-be-seen-by-communities-first>