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dear sir,

Thank you for your response to my email regarding the non-availability of the information referred to. I note that you refer to checking with Amec regarding the availability of the supplementary environmental information and you state that it was available at certain public offices including the Post Office from 23 December. It seems I must point out to you that the advert indicating availability appeared on Friday 23 Dec. The Post Office has no reading room available for interested parties to read a very long document and to suggest anyone would be well advised to seek to read such a document in a Post Office at its busiest time in the year is nonsense. In any case, most people would not read the advert until Saturday 24th which is Christmas Eve. May I also point out that the Post Office, in common with other public buildings was then closed for a substantial period of the time which should be available for people to read the document. The advert also said that the information would be available on cd from Amec at a cost of £10. I ordered two copies of this cd on 23 Dec. When I followed up with a telephone enquiry to Amec after Christmas I was told that they had not yet prepared the cd. Eventually one was delivered to me during the week commencing 9 January - at a time when I was away from home - at least two weeks into the period allowed for response.

Whatever Amec have told you it surely is obvious that they have not made satisfactory arrangements to allow proper consideration of this information and although you refer me to the Scottish Executive, with whom I will most certainly take up the matter, your department is once again remiss as the planning authority 'on the spot' for not assuring itself that proper arrangements were made. The suspicion remains that the timing of this exercise and its subsequent mishandling, which is to the benefit of Amec, is not coincidental.

yours sincerely

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attention emma butler

Clashindarroch Windfarm Application

Dear Ms Butler

I mailed you previously about the difficulties local people were encountering in attempting to get information about the application to put an access road over Wellheads and the difficulties we were having in obtaining copies of the Supplementary Environmental Information from Amec.

You will see from the attached mail that Aberdeenshire Planning Department have accepted that in regards to the Wellheads application they should allow another 14 days for comment due to the non-availability of the application details over the Christmas period due to the closure of public offices and their failure to put the application on their website.

I am now asking you to agree to a similar arrangement in respect of the Supplementary Environmental Information. This is a lengthy and complex document which requires careful reading. It was advertised in the Huntly Express on Friday 23 December, the paper being read by most people on Saturday 24. This was Christmas Eve. Most of the public buildings it mentioned as having copies of the information were closed and remained so at least for the rest of the following week. It is fatuous to suggest that people could have gone to the Post Office on Christmas Eve and sat down in an open public area to read such a complex and weighty document.

Therefore, in practice no-one could have read the documents for at least one week, very probably more.

Amec advertised that a CD containing the information would be available from them for £10 per copy. I ordered two copies on 23 Dec and sent off my cheque. When I followed up with a phone call to Amec on Thursday 5 January I was told that the cd had not yet been prepared. I was away from home the following week and sometime during that week - the week commencing 9 January, the cd was delivered by hand. Thus it was at least two weeks into the period allowed for comment before the information was available on cd as had been indicated in the advert on 23 Dec.

The effect of this is to shorten by two weeks the period allowed for comment, a delay which advantages Amec and disadvantages all those who would like to comment. This is widely seen locally as a subversion of the proper democratic process and as sharp practice by Amec.

I am writing on behalf of the many local people and organisations with an interest in this matter to ask you to now readvertise the Supplementary Environmental Information with an extended deadline for comment.

If this is not a decision you can make I would be grateful if you would direct me to the proper authority as a matter of urgency.

Yours Sincerely

Richard Hammock