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Dear Nicola,

Case Ref: Request for scoping opinion for proposed Section 36 Application for Liddesdale Wind Farm

Scotland's Garden and Landscape Heritage is grateful to be included in the scoping consultation for Liddesdale Wind Farm. We have reviewed the scoping report and as requested have provided advice on the scope of the environmental impact assessment for this proposal. Specifically, we were asked to advise whether there are any further matters we would like Ministers to highlight for consideration and inclusion in the assessment, particularly site-specific information.

We have reviewed the study areas and have not identified any historic gardens and designed landscapes included on HES Inventory of Gardens and Designed Landscapes within the red line boundaries of the proposed sites.

Through desk-based research, first referring to OS 6-inch map series 1888-1913 and subsequently Peter McGowan Associates 'Borders Designed Landscapes Survey: Schedule of ID sites' 2009 which accompanied a report 'Borders Designed Landscapes an Outline Strategy'

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2008 prepared on behalf of Scottish Borders Council, we did identify two non-inventory designed landscapes near Hyndlee adjacent to the Wauchope Forest red line study boundary.

In the schedule of ID sites, Peter McGowan notes Wauchope & Wolflee Ref. 113 as *'two neighbouring designed landscapes in upper Rule Valley of little distinction'* to which he assigned a significance of local and some.

Based upon desk-based research, we note the Wolflee designed landscape as being extant with the policies appearing consistent with those recorded on the OS 1st Edition Map series, whereas the policies of Wauchope appear to have been eroded and the mansion house demolished.

On the basis of the above information, we would ask that both sites, Wauchope and Wolflee are added to Table 6.4 – Scoped in assets within 10Km (Scotland) contained in Chapter 6 Cultural Heritage.

Further, we consider historic and designed landscapes to be a cultural heritage asset. Therefore, we would ask that historic and designed landscapes are considered within Chapter 6 Cultural Heritage and not Chapter 5 Landscape of the scoping report.

I trust that the above is of interest. Please do not hesitate to contact me if SGLH can be of any further assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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