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A dramatically different proposal?

| Original proposal (Nov 2004) | Revised proposal (Dec 2006) |
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| 234 turbines, 100m blade diameter on 90m towers - tip height 140m | 181 turbines, 107m diameter on 86.5m towers - tip height max 140m |
| Turbine foundations, each approximately 1000 cubic metres | No change |
| 169km (105 miles) of roads | 141km (88 miles) of roads |
| 9 electrical substations | 8 electrical substations |
| 32.5km (20.2miles) of overhead cables on 141 pylons (27m high) | 30.6km (19 miles) of overhead cables on 137 pylons (27m high) |
| 28.4km (17.6 miles) of underground cables | 29.6km (18.3 miles) of underground cables |
| 5 rock quarries | No change |

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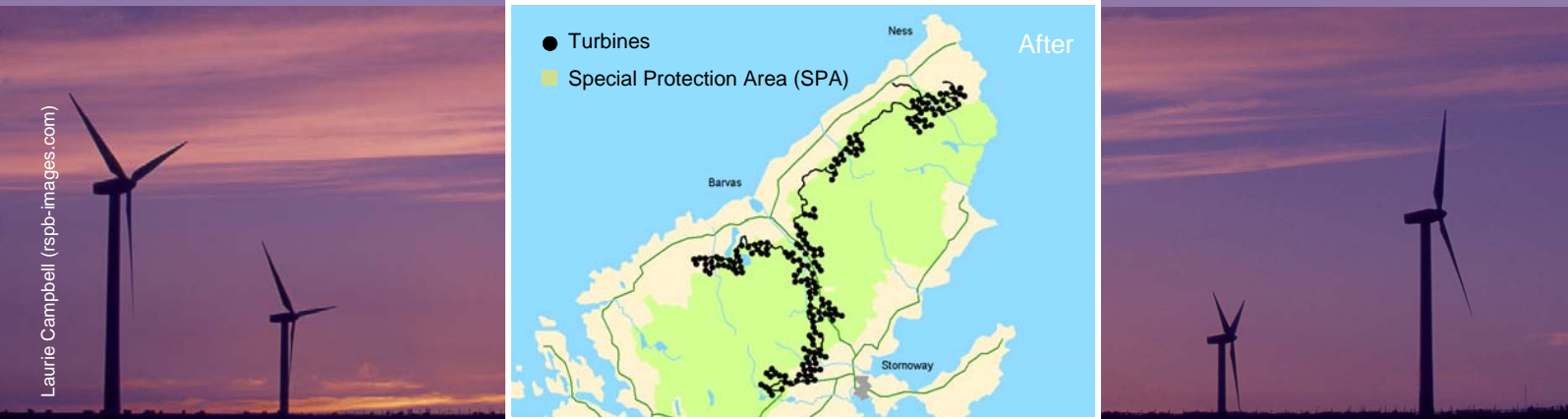
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Lewis Wind Power have made changes - but they still want to build an industrial-scale wind farm on Lewis

They may have reduced some of the impacts, but a development of this scale in this location cannot avoid damaging this special place forever.



Since the original proposal 2 years ago, we have stressed the problems of development on this site. Despite changes to the layout, the impacts would still be devastating.





Lewis needs jobs.
Scotland needs renewables.

But not at any cost.

Renewable energy targets can be met without damaging our most important wildlife areas.

What are the benefits?

The developers argue that the benefits of the wind farm - notably an interconnector to the mainland and jobs - justify the damage it will cause.

The RSPB supports the case for an interconnector to the Western Isles, but it can be delivered without a wind farm of *this* scale in *this* sensitive location. There are viable alternatives.

Our experts advise that the economic benefits have been exaggerated. We also believe that wildlife tourism will suffer.

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What are the impacts?

By removing 32 turbines specifically to reduce bird impacts, and offering mitigation measures, the developers claim to have addressed concerns about key bird species (golden eagle, black-throated diver, red-throated diver, merlin). We remain very concerned about the impacts on these species and wading birds like dunlin and golden plover, which breed here in very high densities.

The developers have created 'buffer zones' around the turbines and roads beyond which they say there will be no damage to the peatland habitat. Our experts strongly contest this and we remain concerned about the very significant habitat impacts of the proposal.

**Lewis Wind Power want to build an industrial-scale wind farm on the Lewis Peatlands.
Internationally recognised for its abundance of birds, plants and wildlife,
this fantastic place would be damaged forever.**



You can help us stop this development by objecting before 29 January 2007 to:

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