

Item 9 - Question Time

Response to Mrs G Coghill

The wind turbines that are installed and operated by the Council associated with our buildings are subject to the management processes that have been established following an independent review in 2012 and all systems are reviewed on an annual basis for suitability at each location to account for changes to the site. This process has just been completed for 2014-15. Turbines are provided with suitable fencing barriers as recommended by the review.

(http://www.highland.gov.uk/info/1210/environment/287/school_wind_turbines)

All turbines are fully serviced twice annually (once more than recommended by the manufacturers) and this includes all mechanical, electrical and battery storage elements of the units. All parts are examined to ensure good condition and the operational elements of the risk assessment are updated. The turbines are operated within a procedure of control that is determined by the forecast wind speed and strict shut-down criteria has been put in place to ensure that wind turbines are isolated and made safe before extreme conditions prevail.