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We spoke earlier in the week and you asked if you could have site of the assessment of the impact of the Lychrobbie assessment which came out of the Lossiemouth review.

The RAF have asked me to draw your attention to the following section from the Burn of Whilk assessment previously provided:

“During this visit, the ATC SMEs observed that there was an area of multiple primary radar returns that was constantly changing shape and size in the vicinity of the Burn of Whilk development. These returns cause a significant problem for RAF Lossiemouth Air Traffic Controllers when controlling aircraft inbound to the airfield from the north and north-east, particularly when other aircraft are routing in and out of Tain Range. This impacts on the provision of Air Traffic Services to aircraft operating in the Moray Bowl and the provision of Lower Airspace Service (LARS) in the area. LARS is used to help separate different flying activities and enhance flight safety in a given area. This service is available to any aircraft operating in uncontrolled airspace, from ground level up to 10,000 ft, within a 40 nm radius of Lossiemouth; however, services are often provided under the LARS scheme to aircraft beyond these limits. LARS is regarded as a very important service which is sponsored by the Department for Transport (DfT) and is determined by the Assistant Director Airspace Policy 2 (ADAP2) as key to enhancing the levels of safety of the airspace in an area that can be busy with a mixture of aviation activities.”

This rationale also applies to the Lychrobbie turbines.

Kind regards

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