

## Extract of email from Angus Robertson (BESCI) to Glengarry Community Council 4<sup>th</sup> April 2018

I have looked extensively into records of the pre-development phase with Neal Reid of Blue Energy for first mention of a winter fuel allowance. The below gives a timeline of this initiative.

i. The first mention of a winter electricity payment was made by Neal Reid when at his previous employer Ridgewind Ltd (the then developers) on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August 2010. His original suggestion is to include properties within a 5km radius that have a clear view of the site. This appears to be based on a similar scheme at one of their existing developments at Bagmoor

ii. Next mention is on 4<sup>th</sup> of February 2011 when it is suggested moving the zone out to 8km (5 miles) to cover all the properties on the “edge of Invergarry”. This must have been then passed on locally as Neal then mentions in an email on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2011 “The slight problem we have is that Invergarry is split by the 8km line, and all feedback was that we couldn’t pay half the village and not the other half.”

iii. After this a letter from Blue Energy (BE) in November 2013 to Fergus Ewing MSP details “annual contributions towards electricity bills for around 200 properties within 5 miles of the site.”

iv. In September 2017 after my appointment I started mapping all BE development sites. It became apparent (to me) that a 5 mile radius from the centre of the development split the village of Invergarry in two....one side, the north of the main road would get the allowance and the south side, where the majority of social housing was located, would not. With that in mind I asked for the map to be redrawn to 5.5 miles to include all of the village.

v. After further feedback from several parties I asked for the map to be redrawn again in February 2018 to a 5.5 mile radius from the extremities (N,S,E,W,) of the development. This new map contains 227 postal addresses within its boundaries and is the final iteration of the winter fuel allowance zone.